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***“Fishing isn’t a matter of life and death.....
it’s much more important”.***

December 2016

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Ticket prices

Your committee have approved a £3.00p increase in the adult/senior subscription price for 2017 season but has held all other prices. This small increase will allow the club to cover rising rental costs in 2017. *It represents an increase of just 15p per mile of fishing for the year.*

Membership - full season (March - December 2017)

Adult/Senior	£95.00p
Life Membership (after 3 yrs)	£1,187.50p
Registered Disabled	£82.50p
Junior (<17yrs) Year 1	FREE
Junior (<17yrs) Year 2 onwards	£15.00p
Joining Fee	£15.00p

Weekly Visitor Ticket

Adult £70.00p Junior £15.00p

Day Visitor Tickets

Adult £20.00p Junior £7.50p

Application forms for the 2017 Season are enclosed with this newsletter.

**- See The Treasurers Report for further details -
what to send, where to send it etc.**

AGM Invitation

Please note that all current members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Liskeard and District Angling Club on 7th February 2017 – starting at 19:30 - Constitutional Club, 9 Market St, Liskeard, PL14 3JH - in the upstairs meeting room.

Pay your subscription, collect your ticket, hear about the club's news, (possibly) win a prize in the raffle, listen to the guest speaker, have your say and meet other members and the Committee.

Club Trophies

Members are encouraged to submit catches that could qualify under one of the four categories: the Brown trout, Sea trout, Salmon and Junior Achievement. We also welcome nominations for the Lynher/Contribution trophy.

	2016 Holder	All Time Record
Salmon	G Hake 19lbs	J Hawken 28lb
Sea Trout	J Hake 9lbs	G Hake 13lb 8oz
Brown Trout	Not awarded	G Hake 4lb 1oz
Lynher/Contribution		B Pearn
Junior		Not awarded

There is a submittal form included with this newsletter – or you can download one from the website.

All entries must be received by 31st December 2016 to enable them to be considered for award by the Committee.

Lost and Found

Don't forget to contact the Secretary at sec@ldac.org.uk if you have either lost or found any item on the clubs' waters. We can reunite any items found to their rightful owner.

Chairman's report

As this newsletter goes out we are left looking back on another difficult season with river levels in general having been low throughout most of the year. This has meant that catching fish has again been more of a challenge than we would have wished.

From the Restormel Counter figures available to date the Salmon and Sea Trout runs were both down somewhat on the 10-year average but still healthy when compared to the poor numbers recorded throughout the 1990's; notwithstanding that Salmon numbers generally continue to be of some concern.

Looking back, 2015 saw the "Declared Rod Catch" rise to 268 Sea Trout and 93 Salmon on LDAC waters alone and whilst it remains uncertain what the final figures will be for 2016, with increased awareness and continued conservation efforts both locally and nationally, I remain optimistic for the future.

This Summer we did see a steady run of Sea Trout and small Grilse on both the Lynher and Fowey so that when we did get the occasional rain fishing was good; larger fish, however, have been scarce. Unfortunately we cannot control the weather but whilst a lack of rainfall is not ideal for fishing it can be good for the fish and on a recent visit to the Draynes Sanctuary I witnessed good numbers of large Sea Trout digging redds throughout the valley. I am hopeful that if we do not get the big winter spates that we have seen of late, spawning conditions this winter will prove to be far more favourable than in recent years.

As many of you will now be aware the long-awaited FRA operated Fowey Hatchery is now up and running with brood stock being collected and eggs laid out in the trays, but I will leave it to Richard Grieve to give you the details later in this newsletter.

We must also be grateful again to the continued hard work being carried out by a small but dedicated team at the Lynher hatchery and our President Arthur White has also provided an update in this newsletter.

FRA negotiations are progressing to purchase the rights to large sections of the Draynes Valley, therefore securing them for posterity as "Spawning Sanctuary" for Sea trout. The Draynes

Valley is undoubtedly the main nursery area for the Fowey Catchment, certainly as far as Sea Trout are concerned and it will therefore be more important than ever to maintain the Sanctuary and support other conservation work using volunteers.

I would therefore like to compile a list of members who would be willing to give up a little of their time during the year to help with work on the spawning gravels as well as possible coppicing and river bank maintenance. The projects are usually very enjoyable and rewarding and a chance to meet up and chat with other club members, so if you would like to help please send me your contact details such as email address and mobile phone number to ra.williams@sky.com. We can then let you know when work is taking place and you can decide when and where you are able to help. As I have said before, if only half of our members gave up just one morning a year we could maintain the whole of the spawning sanctuary and fishing beats in good condition.

We are grateful to the few dedicated members who have worked very hard to restore order to "Best Pool" on the Lynher and to remove trees from the "Falls Pool" at Golitha. It has become apparent in recent years that we need to be more pro-active to prevent trees falling into the river in the first place and when they do, we need to act promptly to remove them before the problem becomes compounded by a build-up of branches and other debris. We can often spot some of these potential problems and carry out preventative work during our annual "Bank Clearance" days and a timetable of dates is printed in this newsletter so please come along and help out.

Finally I would again like to thank all the members of the committee for their continued hard work and support and to wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM.

Rob Williams



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News, new initiatives and general information

The website maps have been updated.

Litter : Littering never seemingly improves.....it remains a perennial problem at some beat access points and along parts of the rivers where we fish. *TAKE* your litter home and if you see any lying around pick it up - and help to improve your own fishing environment.

If you see litter pick it up – and if you see someone littering do something about it!

Lewarne Coombe: In January 2017 Highways England will be carrying out lengthy road works in the vicinity of Lewarne Coombe. Access will remain open for fishing but lane controls and road works means that members should exercise extra care when accessing fishing and the A38.

Club Website – www.ldac.org.uk

You can download colour maps, application forms, catch return forms, trophy forms and many other publications from the website.

Work Party Incentive Scheme

The work party incentive programme continues to run and members are using this to introduce guests and friends to our waters. There are opportunities to get a free visitor tickets in 2016 by attending 2 work parties - so come along and you can take a friend fishing for a day on the Club's waters at no cost later in the year.

When you qualify for this please contact the Secretary so you can claim your day ticket. Contact the secretary at sec@ldac.org.uk

Working Party: Dates for 2017.

Meet 10.00hrs @ each beat entry point:

RIVER LYNHER

Kingfisher	Sunday 5 th Feb 2017
Wotton	Sunday 12 th Feb 2017

RIVER FOWEY

Lewarne Coombe	Sunday 26 th Feb 2017
Wheelpit	Sunday 5 th March 2017

RIVER W LOOE

Upstream	Sunday 19 th Feb 2017
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A38 Night Closures (Date TBA)

Organiser: R Williams

Member's Trip Report

LOUGH CURRANE

I took the opportunity of visiting Co. Kerry one Spring, with a view to fishing Lough Currane for the salmon and sea-trout which run into the lough, which lies only some 400 metres from the sea at Waterville, on the Ring of Kerry, Southern Ireland.

Fishing on the Lough opens on January 17th for salmon, mid-February for sea-trout and brown trout, closing at the end of September, and is predominantly boat fishing, both trolling and fly fishing. Spring salmon can be taken from the start of the season

through to late April, followed by the grilse run which lasts into June. The larger sea-trout come early, peaking in May, at which time the smaller school fish start, and these can be taken through the Summer, with September often proving good given adequate water.

The weather in the West of Ireland can often be unpredictable, with its fair share of rain, but at the time of my visit at the end of April, I picked a week which proved to have little rain, plenty of sun, and not much wind, not the best conditions for fishing the lough. With its exposed location high winds can be problematical, so I was fortunate in this respect.

Both salmon and sea-trout are taken trolling and on the fly, weather conditions usually dictating which method is used, and both methods will take fish from early season. Toby type lures, and slim style plugs are most popular when trolling, often fished fairly close to the surface, and if you are fishing with a ghillie there is no need to bring your own equipment as they already have rods specially rigged. Fly fishing for both salmon and sea-trout uses predominantly small flies, either single or double, and in most instances a single handed rod is adequate, particularly for the sea-trout. Once again floating lines predominate, fishing the flies standard loch style, with the locals preferring a long cast of up to 5 metres with three flies.

Personally I find trolling rather uninteresting, although exchanging stories with the ghillie passes the time enjoyably, but this method produced the first fish, a sea-trout of 2lb 10ozs, fresh run and lively. On the first day of my visit three salmon were taken in the space of an hour by a French visitor, all to the fly, but generally the sun and lack of wind seemed to discourage the salmon. Fishing remained fairly quiet for the first two days with just the odd brown trout, but on the third day a reasonable breeze allowed us to drift near Church island, and a strong take on a size 12 Bibio fly proved to be from a sea-trout which when it jumped looked to be a good fish, after which it fought deep, circling the boat and refusing to come up for some minutes. Eventually it came to the net and proved to be a fish of over 6lbs, the Irish Specimen weight, a cause for celebration back at the bar at the end of the day! The visit to the bar, whilst not compulsory, is a pleasurable end to a day's fishing whether you are successful or not. Further sea-trout in the 2 - 3lb range came to the net during my visit, but the salmon eluded my efforts.

Whilst the season was slow in starting, with limited rainfall, there was a good run of fish later in the season, with the best salmon for the year being 15lbs 4ozs, and over thirty sea-trout over the 6lb specimen weight, largest 9lbs 8ozs.

I was well pleased with my first serious visit to Lough Currane; despite the lack of salmon a specimen sea-trout is ample compensation, and the friendly, relaxed atmosphere both during and after fishing is something which is often lacking elsewhere.

Fishing on the lough is free, although one must have a rod licence costing in the region of £40 for season, with a tag limit of 10 fish, salmon and sea trout over 40 cms. However the water can only be successfully fished from a boat, and these are available either with or without a ghillie, but the benefit of local knowledge is well worth the extra cost, particularly if you fish with another angler as the boat cost is the same whether one or two anglers fish.

I have returned to Currane several years since my first visit, and whilst it is never easy fishing, the fishery has provided me with salmon to 15lbs and sea trout to just under 10lbs on the fly, but also many blank days! None the less the water draws me back, not only for the fishing, but also in the hope of seeing the sea-eagles which inhabit the mountains around the lough.

Arthur White

Fishing Mayhem

Plymouth Road Liskeard, Cornwall PL14 3PB
(Tel: 01579 340447) .

10% discount for our members
on presentation of your LDAC season ticket.

Authorised LDAC ticket sales for visitors

Month	Time/Event	Details
FEBRUARY		
5th Feb	Lynher Working Party	Kingfisher
7th Feb	LDAC AGM	Constitution Club, 9 Market Street, Liskeard, PL14 3JH
12th Feb	Lynher Working Party	Wotton
19th Feb	W Looe Working Party	upstream of bridge
26th Feb	Fowey Working Party	Lewarne Coombe
MARCH		
1st Mar	Lynher/Inny	Salmon season opens
3rd Mar	Lynher/Inny	Sea Trout season opens
5th Mar	Fowey Working Party	Wheelpit
APRIL		
1st April	Fowey/Seaton/W Looe	Sea Trout and Salmon season opens
19th April	FRA AGM	TBA
MAY		
1st May	Camel	Sea Trout and Salmon season opens
SEPTEMBER		
30th Sept	Fowey/Seaton/W Looe	Sea Trout season closes
30th Sept	Lynher/Inny/Camel	Sea Trout season closes
OCTOBER		
14th Oct	Lynher/Inny	Salmon season closes
DECEMBER		
15th Dec	Fowey/Seaton/W Looe	Salmon season closes
15th Dec	Camel	Salmon season closes

Dates for your diary

Treasurer's report

The underlying financial position of the club remains sound but the club has run with a loss (>£1000.00) for the past year. These losses were predominantly made up of one-off legal fees associated with trustee changes and land registry issues. Excluding these extraordinary charges the clubs finances are therefore just about balanced.

As previously discussed membership levels are key to the future of the club. The Secretary has already mentioned that membership numbers could be higher but reassuringly this year we saw a very small increase in the number of members (+4).

With the inevitable rise in rental costs (c.3%) and overheads (insurance, hatchery donations, legal expenses) the Club will increase 2017 subscription prices by a small amount (£3.00p) for adults/seniors. We have kept all other subscriptions at current levels.

Despite this minimal increase the costs are still highly competitive with game fishing costs elsewhere in the county and wider afield.

Could I remind all members that they should apply directly to me for their 2017 membership as soon as possible; ensuring they enclose;

- Complete and accurate catch return form for 2016 season
- Membership renewal form duly completed (including an email address where possible)
- Cheque for appropriate amount, including any donations
- Stamped addressed envelope

The address to send it is – Trevor Sobey, LDAC. Higher Trevartha Farm, Pengover, Liskeard, Cornwall PL14 3NJ.

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Secretary's report

Yet another season has passed and it is, once again, time to reflect on how it all went.

The Committee has met on four occasions since the last AGM and their attendance has been good at over 85%. Key topics of discussion this year included

i) Land registry matters associated with some club owned fishing on the Lynher. A stretch that the Club has owned since 1967 has recently been submitted for registration but unfortunately a neighbouring property has challenged our right to ownership with the Land Registry. The matter is now in the hands of the Club solicitors and whilst the issue is taking time and money to resolve we are hopeful that all will be well. As always any changes to fishing will be advised on the Club website. Please do keep an eye on it.

ii) Compulsory purchase of Club owned roadside verge in Lewarne Coombe. Highways England have purchased just under 600m² of verge alongside the A38 in Lewarne Coombe – opposite White Lodge. This is positive inasmuch as it will reduce the roadside tree maintenance that Club members have to do along the A38 each year. The Club will receive a small amount of financial compensation and this might just offset the legal fees incurred as a result of item 1 above. *You win some and you lose some!*

iii) 2015 Catch Returns: All anglers reported compliant returns and the salmon catch/release for the Lynher was excellent. The Club also met the FRA guidelines for salmon and sea trout caught on the Fowey. Thank you for your efforts in meeting the Club's

catch/release targets – they underpin all our efforts to improve our fishing.

iv) The Club agreed to purchase a stretch of the upper Fowey and the Club's solicitors are progressing the matter. We hope to be able to announce completion of the purchase at the AGM in February 2017.

v) Membership numbers have held up this year – which is a big relief after the steady attrition of membership over the last few years. The Club is always looking for new members and we would encourage current members to approach angling friends and encourage them to be part of the largest and best game fishing Club in the southwest – LDAC.

Junior members are especially welcome

vi) Your Committee members continue to attend Fowey River Association (FRA), Lynher River Association (LRA) and Tamar and Tributaries Fisheries Association (TTFA) meetings and AGM's to ensure the Club interests are fully represented in these forums. Information from these is shared via the Club newsletters/website if relevant.

The Club website continues to enable us to reach our members in a timely and cost effective manner.

Remember: If we don't have your (latest) email address please do send it to us as you read this newsletter. Email your new address to secretary@ldac.org.uk

Those members who do not have email will continue to receive correspondence through the post – but again, **please make sure we have your up-to-date postal address so we can keep in touch.**

Your mid-year newsletter was once again published, being distributed to all members in August 2016; again mostly by email.

I hope you found it useful. If you have any views or ideas on it's future content please do contact the Secretary at sec@ldac.org.uk to discuss.

To keep abreast of any changes to your fishing please always remember to log onto the club website at www.ldac.org.uk.

Thanks to Richard Grieve for continued support in looking after all things IT in 2016. However Richard is now fully engaged in running the FRA salmon hatchery and has decided to leave the Committee in 2017. The Club is therefore urgently seeking another IT able member to step forward and assume the role.

Interested parties should contact the Secretary in the first instance. Please do so!

Paul Jordan

Conservation & Hatchery News:

FRA/Fowey Hatchery

Enclosed with this newsletter is the FRA Annual newsletter. This provides an update of the activities of the Association and we would urge you to read it and to become a contributing member of the FRA.

Its work is key in helping to improve fish stocks in the Fowey and several major accomplishments were achieved in 2016.

Firstly, It signed a final 5-year agreement with SWW to become the operator of the recently opened Colliford Hatchery. In doing so the FRA has concluded a 4-year effort working hard behind the scenes to secure necessary funding and gain EA approvals and licences; by working closely with FFRG/SWW and others. The Officers and Committee members of the FRA are thanked for their efforts. Volunteer manpower has also been critical in getting everything in place so that this important piece of Fowey fishery infrastructure is operational.

Secondly, the FRA has agreed to purchase a significant proportion of the Draynes sea trout sanctuary so that this part of the Fowey fishery can be maintained as a sanctuary in perpetuity. We hope to have concluded the purchase before year-end.

Colliford Hatchery opened in late September 2016.

That short sentence does not do justice to the efforts of the project team that has been working to get the building re-fit completed, install the new water treatment equipment, install new pipework, bring the existing hatchery equipment across from storage, installing and modify everything to work in the new building, getting the water turned on and the discharge licences in place. The headlines are:

- Water temperatures are excellent for rearing juveniles and growing fish; 7°C in December is perfect for egg development.
- There is sufficient space and water to grow the target number of fish for stocking (30,000) into the St Neot each summer into autumn
- We have a flexible layout to be able to install the right equipment in the building at different times of year - a clever and innovative way to use the space rather than have equipment installed all year for just 10 weeks use, like egg trays.

We are building a great team of volunteers from both the angling clubs but also from the surrounding villages - and already we are able to have a rota of volunteers helping with performing the morning and afternoon checks, collecting brood stock and attending regular weekly workshops carrying out maintenance, work parties and the larger tasks like stripping fish and other fish farming duties. Full training is given and if you would like to be involved please contact Richard Grieve on hatchery@riverfowey.org

Our 2016 target for brood stock is 8 hen fish and 8 cock fish – and at the time of writing we are more than half way to that target and have stripped 2 fish for a total of 12,000 eggs laid down – one of these a large hen fish donated by guests of the new owners at Wainsford together with 3 cock fish from LDAC club members.

Many thanks for all the club members who have been involved so far - if you would like to follow progress there will be updates on the Colliford Salmon Hatchery Facebook page - you do not need to have an account, simply click on www.facebook.com/colliford

R Grieve

Lynher Hatchery: 2015/16

Several thousand reared on fry were stocked in early October, and it was interesting to see the size differential amongst them, with some over three times the size of others, despite similar feeding; no doubt natural selection coming into play.

Following problems with holding brood fish for extended periods during the mild-Autumn of the last two years, an approach was made to the Environment Agency to vary our brood stock collection. We were successful in agreeing a new programme enabling later collection subject to certain criteria.

Our quota of brood fish has now been reached, and with lower river temperatures this Autumn we are hopeful that previous problems may be avoided, and that fish will strip more easily. Sadly our now ageing electrical equipment has caused one or two problems, which have hopefully now been surmounted. It has been established from contacts with Scottish hatcheries that it is desirable to slow egg development by reducing the water temperature, and we are now working on a system to allow this to be done. Chilling the water sufficiently to bring the brood fish into stripping condition is not considered practical due to the volume of water involved.

As matters stand at present we are hopeful of achieving more eggs than in the last two years, and if this is the case we will look to a mixture of stocking swim-up and reared on fry. Limited hatchery manpower remains a difficult area, and we would welcome one or two new faces to spread the workload.

Arthur White

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Season dates – Catch Limits

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River Fowey

Season dates	Sea Trout: 1 st April – 30 th September Salmon: 1 st April – 15 th December
Catch Limits	1 Salmon per day, 2 Salmon per week 5 Salmon per year 4 Sea trout per day Please release all sea trout in September

River Lynher

Season dates	Sea Trout: 3 rd March – 30 th September Salmon: 1 st March – 14 th October
Catch Limits	2 Salmon per day, 4 Salmon per week 10 Salmon per year Salmon Release Rate: 2 in 3 (66% released) 4 Sea trout per day

River Inny

Season dates	Sea Trout: 3 rd March – 30 th September Salmon: 1 st Mar – 14 th October
Catch Limits	2 Sea trout per day Return all fish over 3lbs 1 Salmon per day Return all fish over 10lb

River Seaton & West Looe

Season dates	Sea Trout: 1 st April – 30 th September Salmon: 1 st April – 15 th December
Catch Limits	1 Salmon per day, 2 Salmon per week 5 Salmon per year 4 Seatrout per day

River Camel

Season dates	Sea Trout: 1 st May – 30 th September Salmon: 1 st May – 15 th December
Catch Limits	2 Salmon per day, 4 Salmon per week 10 Salmon per year Sea Trout: 6 Sea trout per week Return all fish <1lb and >3lbs Please release all sea trout in September

Important - See Rule 17 on your season ticket for further details of the All Cornwall limits LDAC subscribe to.



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