



MEMBERS LETTERS NEWS

Autumn 2016

Chairman's Chat...



Lets hope we catch more of these this winter

Well, here I am sitting at my computer in late August on the hottest day of the year so far and thinking about cod fishing! I caught my first cod last winter in the second week of September fishing a DAA competition near the point. I was targeting dogfish and caught a 4lb on a small strip of frozen mackerel. I don't know who was more surprised, me or the codling?

For me, this year so far has been a bit hit and miss. The thornback ray fishing at Galloways, Dymchurch and Hythe has been outstanding. The sole fishing has been much better than last year however the bass fishing has been dismal for me and I can't claim to have caught anything over 3lb....yet!

September and October/November often throws up some special bass at Dungeness and if you fancy a bit of specimen hunting there is nothing better than a whole squid on a pennel rig fished between 10 and 20 yards out, especially over high water. You won't get

many bites, but if you do there is a real chance of a fish of a lifetime. (remember you can only kill one bass per 24 hours up to the 31st December and then release only until July 2017).

This year so far (fingers crossed and touching wood) has been a good year for the DAA with no issues to speak of. The plans for a Dungeness estate toll booth seem to have gone away with EDF being the new owners. A lot of the bad pot holes near the wooden walkway have been repaired, the road to Dengemarsh is in good shape following some smoothing by the electricity people when replacing wires, the sea defences at Camber/Jurys Gap and behind the power station are complete and the shingle movement last winter really didn't cause any headaches. The DAA junior section is now well established as is our veterans match series (contact Tony Hills for details).

I'm not sure what the quantities of cod on the beach will be this winter, but with last winters codling at Dungeness averaging over 6lb with a lot of 8 and 9lb, I'm expecting to see a good few mid doubles hit the shingle for a few lucky anglers. Big hooks, strong lines and good bait. You've got to be in it to win it!

Well, that's it from me for this issue. May I be the first to wish you a merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Tight lines and see you on the beach.

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Membership matters

Membership Fees.

The general membership fee for 2016 is £10.00. Senior membership for 65yrs and older on date of joining is £5.00. Free membership for Juniors under 16 years at the date of joining is available through

Jim McMurray 07890 003472

or Terry Carpenter 07866 514138.

2017 membership renewal is due from 1st March, membership can be renewed by post to the PO Box and at the following outlets:

Seagull Fishing Tackle, Greatstone.

Richardson Fish Shop,

The Pilot Pub, Dungeness

Micks Tackle, Hythe.

Dens Tackle, Hythe. (keys only)

Your fees continue to support our annual donation of £2,000 towards beach cleaning. We



continue to donate each year £300 to Dungeness RNLI to maintain the crew outfit we funded in 2013. You can help to minimise our administration costs by providing a current email address. If you have not had a recent email from me then you are not correctly in the web-mail contacts. All my mailing is sent out 'blind' copied so that your addresses are not available to others.

Over the last few years we have 'sold' a key to a member that has a need for one for the extra fee of £10. The process is simple, a member sends £10 and his membership details to the PO Box and I will send a key out to the return address. Remember that the padlock changes on the 1st of May each year therefore the purchased key will cease to work after that date. The benefit to the DAA is that the monies generated from the key sales funds the production of keys and padlocks.

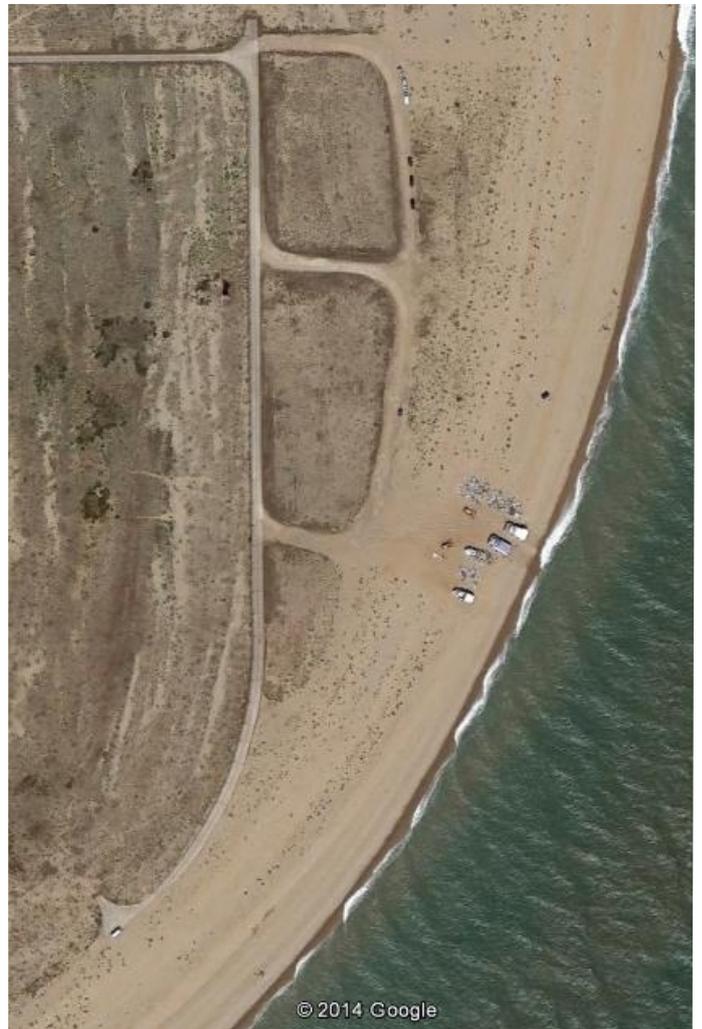
Regards **Malcolm Jones**

Shingle Recycling

Good news from the Environment Agency...

I had a call from Ian Philips of the Environment Agency with the good news that the EA do not intend to take shingle from the 'borrow pit' this winter...they have planning permission to take shingle from October to March. Last winter only 17,000 cubic metres were taken (they were allowed to take 30,000cm.), but I have been told that the shingle was too expensive and with the construction of the 'Broomhill Sands' sea defences they have no current need.

Bad News I had information from the EA that EDF will want to take shingle from the borrow pit this winter...I'm trying to confirm this, my best guess will be that if this takes place it will be after Christmas...so please keep an eye on the DAA website for more information as it becomes available.



DAA Match update

Hello folks, well another year has nearly passed, the time seems to fly nowadays, I must be getting old. The match series this year has been "up and down" really, but still going which is the important thing I guess, we have a hard core of members who turn up every match. In recent matches numbers have dwindled a bit, but I always say if you get 2 or more you got a match. At the time of writing this we have another closely fought league with a handful of anglers in with a 'shout' of winning.

As for the fishing, well its been good throughout the summer, with bass, soles, thornbacks, smoothound, plaice - amongst the usual dogfish and whiting, only recently there was a 9lb+ smoothound weighed in, in one of our matches, but it's the sea, and its Dungeness so you just don't know what will turn up next, that's the beauty of fishing...if you wish to fish any match, you need to be a member and all it will cost is a fiver.

Well that enough from me, Tight Lines. Steve Harvey DAA Match Captain.

Veterans Series

Every DAA member over sixty is welcome to take part in this friendly series of monthly matches held on Wednesdays. If you need more information just call Tony on 01797 366837. Special thanks to Alan Rudkin for compiling this years fixtures.

DAA Veterans 2016 Fixtures

Date	Fishing	High Water
October 5th	12,30 to 3.30pm	2.00
November 9th	5.00 to 8.00pm	6.20
December 7th	2.30 to 5.30pm	3.50

This is the second year of the 'Veterans' league and so far it has been a big success, we hope to have full league schedule for 2017...as will the other match sections. But remember its for the members by the members...the key word is 'member' without you we don't have a club. So don't be shy come along and support your club by taking part...you will be made very welcome and if you need any help just ask...we all had a first match once.

We still have a few matches to run this year so don't be shy come along and join the fun.

2016 Match List

SEP 11th	3:30 - 4pm	5 - 9pm	ROVER
SEP 25th	3:30 - 4pm	5 - 9pm	ROVER
OCT 9th	12:30 - 1pm	2 - 6pm	ROVER
OCT 23rd	2 - 2:30pm	3:30-7:30pm	ROVER
NOV 6th	11:30-12pm	1 - 5pm	ROVER
NOV 20th	11:30-12pm	1 - 5pm	ROVER
DEC 4th	10:30-11am	12 - 4pm	ROVER
DEC 18th	11:30-12pm	1 - 5pm	ROVER

All booking in to be done at the EA Gate except any match fished at pirate springs, Littlestone, Dengemarsh, or Galloways. Contact Steve Harvey on 07786538103. SIZE LIMITS FOR 2016-Whiting 29cm; Dabs 23cm; Bass 45 cm; Cod 45cm. Be prepared for venue change in case of adverse weather on day of match.

Junior Fixtures 2016

Juniors these matches are a great way to learn from experienced beach anglers...for free.

Sun 18th Sept 12 - 3

Sun 16th Oct 10 - 1

Sat 19th Nov 12 - 3

* Sat 17th Dec 11 - 2 * Xmas comp

Please note booking in is 1/2 hour prior to the stated start time at the Pilot car park. Membership is free new members welcome.



DAA Junior Club

We've had a up and down sort of year so far what with the weather either being scorching hot or gale force winds. The junior's have been very good, were getting between 5--7 turning up at meets. All are catching fish , species being whiting, dogfish, bass, even smoothhound pups.

So despite the weather gods not being nice they've all caught something, roll on November for the codling to move in!

If you'd like to fish with the juniors just turn up on the dates below,

It doesn't cost anything to fish

Sun 16th Oct at 9.30

Sat 19th Nov at 11.30

Sat 17th Dec at 10.30



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