



JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

*Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy
New Year!*

CHAIRMANS REPORT

As many of you will know, the last 12 months have been a time of change for the Club.

Following the retirement of Linda Reynolds, our secretary, thanks must go to Hilary Casson for stepping in and getting us through the season and not least for organising last year's festival.

We have new committee members now, Jon Read, our treasurer, who will look after our accounts and Helen Davis who is our new secretary.

As a committee we intend to make ongoing improvements to the Club, including updating the website and facebook pages. Some other ideas we have are to obtain some type of mat for measuring sharks aboard the boats. We feel this would add additional support to membership and trophy claims. More news to follow when we have researched this possibility.

We also have joined a tagging programme, more details of this are in the newsletter. The last year has seen a significant increase in our membership and we would like to welcome all new members to the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain. We hope to see some of you in this year's Festival, and also at our Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation Night in October.

Last year also saw an increase in the number of sharks caught from Looe, almost 800. We hope the trend continues and we can better that number this year.

We are actively trying to recruit members and skippers, as we do receive some information from other ports with reports of some big fish.

On a sad note, Jack Cottle, one of our long standing members, passed away in November last year. He will be sadly missed.

All that is left for me to say is tight lines and some big sharks for this year.

Bob Woodman.

Chairman

MEMBERSHIP SUBS

Firstly, a reminder to all members that Membership fees are now due. The cost is £15.00. You can either pay by cheque or postal order, made payable to Shark Angling Club of Great Britain. Alternatively, if you have internet banking facility, you can pay online. Should you wish to do this, the bank details to make your payments to are as follows:

Lloyds Bank

Acc Name: Shark Angling Club of Great Britain

Sort Code: 30-95-08

Account Number: 00692083

Please remember to enter your FULL name as a reference, so that we can correctly identify and allocate your payment.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2016 SHARK ANGLING FESTIVAL

July 6th / 7th / 8th – More details further on in the newsletter

AGM – Thursday 7th July – Looe Social Club

ANNUAL DINNER AND TROPHY PRESENTATION

NIGHT - Saturday 22nd October – Portbyhan Hotel, Looe

SHARK TAGGING SCHEME

It is with great pleasure that the SACGB can announce that we are now part of a new tagging scheme!

The tagging scheme that the SACGB is now part of is the NMFS Co-operative Shark Tagging Programme. This tagging programme, based in America, has been running since 1962. Between 1962-2013, over 243,000 sharks of 52 species have been tagged through this programme, and more than 14,000 sharks of 33 species have been recaptured. This is fantastic news and we are delighted to say we are part of this programme! If you want to find out more, please visit: www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsc/Narragansett/sharks/tagging.html

ANNUAL DINNER AND TROPHY PRESENTATION EVENING



The silverware shining and ready for presentation!

The Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation evening was held on the 24th October at the Portbyhan Hotel and proved to be great evening.

Unfortunately, the President, Peter Maddock and his wife were unable to attend the evening, due to health reasons. We wish them both the best of health and hope they will be able to attend this year's event.

It was fantastic to see so many of the Clubs dedicated members turning out to both collect their own trophies and to congratulate other members and winners on their achievements.

It was in fact, such a successful event, with all attendees giving such positive feedback on both the venue and the staff, that the Portbyhan Hotel has already been booked ready for this year's Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation evening

to be held on Saturday 22nd October 2016. It would be great to see even more of you present, to make this year's Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation Bigger and Better!



Vice-President Tony Pimm, presenting Committee Chairman, Bob Woodman with Daphne Case Trophy

Please see attached for a full list of Trophy Winners for 2015.

RESULTS OF VOTES

In the last newsletter, we asked members to place their votes on two issues. The first vote was in regards to the use of power assisted reels. The options to vote on were:

- 1) SACGB should leave the rules as they are
- OR**
- 2) Re write the SACGB Angling Rules to allow the use of power assisted reels

The results of the votes were as follows:

Option 1) 45 votes

Option 2) 9 Votes.

Therefore, the Shark Angling Club's rules will remain the same. The SACGB will not accept any claim for a British or World Record catch and likewise no Club Trophy including the Festival can be awarded to any catch where a power assisted reel has been used.

The second vote was in relation to the Shark Festival. The options were as follows:

OPTION 1 - Cease paying prize money.

OPTION 2 - Increase cost to anglers. For the Festival to be self-funding increase cost to cover all expenses.

OPTION 3 - Reduce prize money and increase cost to anglers but less than option 2

Reduce the prize money to a total of £600 (winner £250, 2nd £150 3rd £75 and most sharks £75.

Skippers prizes to be £25 for the largest & £25 for most) **AND** increase the cost to anglers by approximately £30 total £340 (this is dependent on boat costs for 2016)

The results were as follows:

Option 1) - 11 Votes

Option 2) – 6 Votes

Option 3) – 33 Votes

After reviewing all of the costs involved for the 2016 Shark Festival, the price has been set at £375.00 per angler. Should the costs come in less than anticipated, the club will distribute the difference between the competitors.

As already mentioned in the Dates for Your Diary section, the dates for the 2016 festival are Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th July.

There is a booking form enclosed, so hurry up! And get your place booked!! A deposit of £100.00 is required, and must be received by the 31st March to secure your booking.

MEMBERS CONTACT DETAILS

Do we have your correct contact details? Do we have a current email address for you?

We are currently in the process of updating our membership records and want to ensure that we have up to date contact details for all of our members, especially email addresses. Please take the time to complete the enclosed contact details form, and return it to us. Alternatively, you can email us at sharkclublooe@gmail.com with your contact details.

We want to be able to email as much correspondence and newsletters to our members as possible. This will cut down on both time and costs, as well as providing the Shark Club with a way of contacting our members quickly and efficiently with up to date news.

WHAT'S ON IN 2016!!!

The 2016 motto for the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain is **“BIGGER AND BETTER!!!”**

PROMOTION

There are plans in place to contact skippers in other ports around the country to tell them about the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain, and to tell them how people can become members.

WEBSITE

In addition to this, there are plans to improve the website. We plan to put links to membership forms online, so that any angler who catches a shark can automatically print off their application form, complete it and return it to the Shark Club.

We also aim to link our facebook page to the website, to give one streamlined online presence.



WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE???

Do you have any ideas or input as to what you want from your Shark Club? We are always open to new ideas and input, and if you have a winning idea, you'll get a mention on our website or facebook page!

On that note, we now have a new official Facebook page to replace our Facebook group page, which will be closing shortly. You can find us at www.facebook.com/SACGB Check out and 'like' our page.

2015 TROPHY WINNERS



Mitchell Hedges	Chris Avery
	Clive Read
	Des Kendall
Mickey Wonnall	David Morris
Norman Lorraine	Des Kendall
	Chris Avery
	Clive Read
Phil Heathman	Dave Keen
Auger	Nigel Birch
SACGB	David Morris
Leslie Andrews	Dave Keen
The Glaibasel	Dave Keen
Barbican	Des Kendall
	Chris Avery
RC Roberts	R Wyatt
Daphne Case	Bob Woodman
WK Wileman	Clive Read
Ron Gibson	Brian Copeland
Derek Dunne	Chris Avery
Surrey Trophy	John Lock
Cornish Trophy	Andy Adams
Redknep Trophy	Toby Dixon
Pearl Trophy	Roy Crossthwaite

Monthly Trophies

October	David Morris
June	Roy Crossthwaite
July	Steve Dawe
August	Clive Read
	Chris Avery
September	Des Kendall



SKIPPER'S TROPHIES

Cock of the fleet	Murray Collings
T Clark	Murray Collings
Fishermans Protection	Pete Davis
	Murray Collings
	Dave Bond
	Phil Curtis
	Pete Davis
Dusty Miller	
Fred & Betty Reid	
Memorial Trophy	Murray Collings
Kingerlee Trophy	Mally Toms
Chairmans Trophy	Phil Curtis

NOTABLE FISH

Blue Shark	
Rob Wyatt	192lb Est
Des Kendall	134lb est
Clive Read	134lb est
Chris Avery	134lb est
David Morris	113lb est
Steve Dawe	109lb est
Roy Crossthwaite	109lb est
David Morris	109lb est
Paul Martin	100lb est
Nigel Birch	100lb est

Please can all members inform the SACGB of any notable fish they catch, including fish caught in other countries. Don't forget, if you catch a fish that is over 110 points, of any species, fill in a declaration form. We can then ensure we have a record of your catch, and we can assess it for Trophy Claims.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

If you wish to stand for the election as a committee member at the next AGM, please forward your details, along with the name of a proposer and a seconder.