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NEWSLETTER

The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As many of you will know 2016 was a fantastic year for sharks. 1725 sharks were caught with 77 over 7ft. This compares with 795 caught in 2015. The number of Porbeagle sharks also increased significantly with 31 being caught.

Although Pete Davis, skipper of the Force Ten, had the trophy for the most sharks in a normal 8-9 hour day, special mention must go to Murray Collings, skipper of the Swallow, for catching an exceptional 43 sharks in one day, although this was a longer than normal day. This is, as far as anyone knows, the most sharks caught in one day by a Looe skipper. Murray also lays claim to 4 Porbeagle sharks - IN ONE DAY!

Special mention must also go to Dan Gummow, skipper of the Borlewen, who in his first year skippering a shark angling boat out of Looe, caught 113 sharks including 6 qualifiers. Dan also boated a tuna measuring 5ft 2ins estimated weight 140-150lbs.

Also a mention of another tuna boated by Dave Bond on the Mystique II. The estimated weight being 160-170lbs. Let's hope that the tuna appear this year and we can have a real good go at them.

Last year's shark festival was a great success with 32 anglers catching 68 sharks. I hope to see all the regulars at this year's festival and hopefully a few new faces.

Another of our members, Andy Adams who is a very keen shark angler suffered a major stroke during 2016. Whilst Andy is now back at home recovering he has a lengthy process of rehabilitation ahead of him. I am sure all members will join me in sending Andy our best wishes and wishing him a speedy recovery.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2017 Shark Festival
12th/13th/14th July 2017

2017 AGM
Thursday 13th July 2017 – Looe Social Club

Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation
Saturday 22nd October 2016 – Portbyhan Hotel

It is with great regret that I have to inform you all of the resignation of our secretary Helen Davis, due to other commitments she has. I cannot praise the effort that Helen has put into the club enough. She took over the post at a very difficult time and has succeeded in getting the club on an even keel. Helen will stay until we appoint a replacement but believe me she will be a very hard act to follow.

Let us hope that 2017 will be as good, or even better than 2016 and I hope to see you at this year's festival.

TIGHT LINES TO ALL!!

Bob Woodman - Chairman

Online Shop and Members Log In Area

The website now has an online shop. This is password protected as it is only available to members. There is also a members log in area. Over time, we shall put past newsletters and information, only for members. The password for both of these pages is: **sacgb**
Visit the website now to take a look:

www.sharkanglingclubofgreatbritain.org.uk

STOP PRESS - **MEMBERSHIP SUBS !!!!**

Membership subs are now due, and as reported in the last newsletter, the cost for 2017 subs is **£20.00**. You will not receive a membership card until the subs have been paid in full.

If you have not yet paid your Membership subs, these need to be paid ASAP. You can renew your subs online by visiting the online shop on our website www.sharkanglingclubofgreatbritain.org.uk If you wish to pay by bank transfer, you can do so using the following account details.

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.

Alternatively, you can send a cheque made payable to 'Shark Angling Club of Great Britain'.

CLOTHING & MERCHANDISE

A reminder that we have club merchandise available to order! We have Polo shirts/sweatshirts and Burgees. You can order online and pay via paypal on our website at :

www.sharkanglingclubofgreatbritain.org.uk.

Alternatively, If you would like to place an email order, please email us at: sharkclublooe@gmail.com.

ANNUAL DINNER AND TROPHY PRESENTATION NIGHT

A great evening was had by all at the SACGB Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation evening which was held on 22nd October 2016 at the Portbyhan Hotel.



A total of 45 people attended, including our Special Guests for the evening, Looe Mayor, Armand Toms and his wife, Mayoress Rayna Toms. The food was again, outstanding, the drink plentiful, the fishing stories, never ending and of course, the company was simply the best!

For the first time also, we had a Quiz. It certainly provided us with some entertainment! The teams were asked to write down as many sharks as they could. I have to give a special mention to the two best answers of the night:

- 1) A LOAN shark.....
- 2) "Bruce" (The shark from the Disney Film "A Sharks Tale")

We were so pleased to see the teams taking the quiz so seriously! The winning team was presented with a bottle of bubbly and some chocolates! Well done to the White Tip Shark Table: Murray Collings, Sharon Collings, Richard Day, Chris Bett, Zoey Bett and Alex McKay



It was great to see so many members present, and their amazing families, friends and support teams....I think this following photo demonstrates perfectly!!!



Well done to Guy Radford's Family for showing Guy your support on his Big Night! Guy won the RC Roberts Trophy for the best qualifier of the year with a shark coming in at very impressive 155points – estimated weight 180lb!

Well done once again to all of the winners!

There is a detailed list of trophy winners further on in the newsletter.

2017 SHARK ANGLING FESTIVAL

The dates for the 2017 Shark angling Festival are Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th July.

The cost this year is to be held again at £375.00 per angler. There is a booking form with this letter and a deposit of £100.00 is required to secure your place. There has already been a lot of interest and we predict this year's festival to be even bigger than last years, so make sure you get in quick and secure your place!

You can pay your deposit via the normal methods; cheque or bank transfer. Bookings will not be secure and confirmed until both your deposit and your booking form has been returned to us.

RULE CHANGES

Following on from the last newsletter, the committee have been working hard on reviewing the current rule book. A copy of the proposed new rule book will be emailed to members when it is ready, with more detailed info. The proposed changes come about as a result of a thorough review of the current rules. The original SACGB rules were written many years ago, and as we all know, Shark Angling has changed very much over the years. Any changes are proposed to reflect current modern day Shark Angling. Keep your eyes open on you inbox for further info.

NEW NON-KILL BRITISH RECORD LIST

New for 2017!!! A new Non-Kill British Record List is being compiled for 2017. In order to qualify for the Non-Kill British Record List, you will need to complete a British Record Declaration form. The

final touches are just being put to the format of this form. Again, as soon as we have more information, we will email members.

2016 TROPHY WINNERS

Mitchell Hedges	Alex McKay
Mickey Wonnall	Richard Day
Norman Lorrain	Alex McKay
Sammy Porbeagle	John Crotty
Alan Caunter	Di Rout
Phil Heathman	John Crotty
Auger	Chris Bett
SACGB	Alex McKay
Leslie Andrews	Steve Chivers
Glaibasel	Steve Chivers
Venning	Alex McKay
Barbican	Des Kendall
T N Foster	Chris Bett
R C Roberts	Guy Radford
Daphne Case	Dave Clarke
WK Wileman	Ian Harbage
Derek Denne	John Sleeman
F Crow	Chris Evans
Cornish Trophy	Alex McKay
Rednap Trophy	Toby Dixon
Pearl Trophy	Billy Whistance
J J Holmes	Paul Hollis
R Day Trophy	Richard Day
C Bett Trophy	Chris Bett

Monthly Trophies

October 2015	Chris Bett
June 2016	John Crotty
July 2016	John Sleeman
August 2016	Ian Harbage
September 2016	Alex McKay

Skippers Trophies

Cock of the Fleet	Pete Davis
T Clark Trophy	Pete Davis
Fishermans Protection	Pete Davis
Dusty Miller	Murray Collings
Fred & Betty Reid	Pete Davis
Kingerlee Trophy	Steve Brenchly
Chairmans Trophy	Dave Bond

Notable Fish

Blue Shark

Pete Rout	100lb est
Ian Harbage	106lb est
Billy Whistance	106lb est
Dave Clarke	113lb est
Des Kendall	113lb est
John Sleeman	113lb est
Alex McKay	138lb est
Chris Evans	140lb est
Richard Day	145lb est
Alex McKay	170lb est
Guy Radford	180lb est

Porbeagle

John Crotty	167lb est
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Hammerhead

Chris Bett	400lb est
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Great White

Chris Bett	2200lb est
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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.

ANNUAL DINNER AND TROPHY PRESENTATION NIGHT – PICTURES

Alex McKay and Mayor Armand Toms



Richard Day



John Crotty



Chris Bett





Steve Chivers



Billy Whistance



Guy Radford



Pete Davis



Dave Clarke



Murray Collings