



SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

Summer 2014 NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well, this has been a momentous year for the club in several ways.

I am sad to say that our secretary, **Linda Reynolds**, left the club at the end of September and the committee have been attempting to carry out her many jobs since then. Linda has been part of the Club for well over 20 years and I, for one, am very sad to see her go.

I must apologise for the lateness of this newsletter as a result of the changes here and mention that the trophies have nearly all been allocated and I should be writing to the winners very soon.

I must also report the passing of two members who may have been well known to you:

Dicky Dawes, a long-standing member of the club and member of the committee passed away on the 1st of May this year. I was on the committee with him during the mid 90's and remember him well, others may remember him from the annual Shark Festival.

Frank Hoskin, who was a member since the early 60's and owned the Tackle Shop on East Looe quay from the early 60's to the early 80's, passed away on the 4th of September. At its peak, Frank's business took bookings for 40 angling boats in Looe (approximately 2,500 anglers a week!) and if you were fishing out of Looe during that period, you will remember him.

Here in Looe, we have enjoyed a wonderful hot summer, as many of you have. The shark fishing was steady until mid-August when numbers started increasing. The mackerel

seemed to arrive at the same time and could be seen jumping in Looe River for the first time in many years!

I accompanied the Discovery Channel for one sharking trip, and then the BBC and the Chairman of the Shark Trust for a day's sharking the following week. The BBC's presenter caught a blue shark of 90 inches (estimated 102lbs) on his first ever trip. One of those moments when you have to choose between laughing and crying!



A male blue shark (104 ins/162 lbs) caught by Dale Brown at the beginning of September onboard the 'Swallow'. Not quite the largest of the season, but very close

The Shark festival this year was another success with a total of 13 sharks being caught. There was a total of 34 anglers who took part and 9 boats. The results will follow later in this newsletter.

The Annual Dinner/ Presentation evening will be held at the **Hannafore Point Hotel on Friday 24th October 2014, 7-30pm for 8pm.**

The cost of the tickets will be £20 each. The hotel is doing a special rate for Bed & Breakfast for anyone wishing to stay over. Please contact the hotel direct on 01503 263273 to make a reservation.

Dates for your 2015 Diary.

2 day Reef Competition
To be notified

Shark Festival
Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd July
2014

**The AGM will take place on Thursday 2nd
July at Looe Lifeboat Station at 8pm.**

Results of the 2014 Shark festival

1st Andy Adams
2nd Chris Jenkins
3rd Phil Houghton

Most Sharks caught went to Phil Houghton
with a total of 3.

The winning skipper of the biggest fish was
Dave Bond on Mystique II and there were 2
winning skippers this year for the most sharks
caught with 4 each, they were Dave Bond
on Mystique II and Pete Davis on Force Ten.



**Andy Adams winner of the Shark Festival
receiving his trophy from the chairman Angus
Bateson**

The 2 day reef competition in May this year
was cancelled due to bad weather.
This has now been re-arranged for the
weekend of 27th & 28th September.

Details of the winners will be issued in the next
newsletter.

As you will see from the accounts for the
year ending 31st December 2013 the club
has made a loss for the second year
running.

The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain Profit and Loss Account 2013

Income

Sales	£14,196	
Cost of Sales	<u>£6,217</u>	
Gross Profit		£7,979
Interest	£23	
Subscriptions	£3,020	
Festivals/Dinner	£11,426	
Booking Com	£11,951	
		<u>£26,420</u>
		£34,399

Expenditure

Wages	£8,964	
Rent/rates/insurance	£8,731	
Festival,stationery etc	£15,789	
Advertising	£ 826	
Debit/credit card charges	£406	
Accountancy	£750	
Depreciation	£247	
Other business expenses	£337	
		<u>£36,050</u>

NET LOSS FOR YEAR (£1,651)