

SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

FINAL REPORT FOR 1956-57

It is pleasing to note that the steady increase in the membership has continued during the 1957 season.

The actual number of new members enrolled was 175, against 49 lapses.

Observations as to the possibility of this increase being maintained during the coming season are made later in this report.

The total number of sharks landed during the season was 4,172 of which number 451 were registered as qualifiers. A large number of further fish of qualifying weight are believed to have been caught, and it is intended that in future an attempt will be made to record all fish of qualifying weight.

Mrs. Eathorne's 271 lb Porbeagle (a potential World record) and Mr. Simpson's 161½ lb Blue are the outstanding catches.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on the 18th October, 1957 at the Guildhall, Looe, and was well attended.

The following proposals were dealt with:—

- No. 1. That there be a Midland Social Section as per Agenda distributed to all members.—Carried by a 58 majority.
- No. 2. *Amendment.* That there will be an entrance fee of £3 . 3 . 0, and that the annual subscription be reduced to £1 . 1 . 0.—Carried by a 29 majority.
- No. 3. That there will be a reduced subscription of 10/6 (Family Membership) for all subsequent members of one family who reside at the same address.—Carried by a 45 majority.
- No. 4. That members must renew their second year's subscription before being eligible to wear the Club's badges, etc. (other than the lapel badge). Carried by a 36 majority.

The implications of resolutions 2 and 3 are dealt with in a later stage of this report, and in the light of coming events it may well be necessary to bring them under review at the next Annual General Meeting.

ANNUAL DINNER

102 members and guests sat down to an excellent dinner at the Nailzee Point Hotel. A most enjoyable evening ensued, and all the "sharks" had a whale of a time. No horizontal champions were observed on this occasion but as the writer of this report ceased to take any clear observations after 2 a.m. this statement cannot be vouched.

GENERAL

(With particular reference to resolutions 2 and 3)

Members will, of course, realise that the effect of the above mentioned resolutions, will be to reduce the Club's annual subscription income. Subscriptions at £2 . 2 . 0 per member for the year 1956/57 brought in £703 (352 members).

For the year 1957/58 it would be unwise to count on a total of more than £400 from annual subscriptions, in view of the following facts:—

- (a) The reduction of the annual subscription from £2 . 2 . 0 to £1 . 1 . 0.
- (b) The reduction of the £1 . 1 . 0; to 10/6 for family members. This might affect the subscriptions of 50 members.
- (c) While the entrance fee of £3 . 3 . 0 will to some extent off-set the reduced income by reason of (a) and (b) above, it is possible that fewer members will join during the year, and it is also possible that the annual wastage rate—which is always considerable owing to members leaving the Club after paying their first subscription—will not be more than balanced by the addition of new members.

It is impossible to forecast with any degree of accuracy what the position will be at the end of next season, but it would seem that economies will have to be effected.

An examination of the Club's annual payments for 1956/57 indicates that payments for 1957/58, if incurred at the 1956/57 rate, are likely to approximate £417, arrived at as follows:—

Printing, advertising and stationery	86
Trophies and prizes awarded to members	100
Insurance of challenge trophies	4
Dinner expenses additional to cost of dining members dinners	90
Secretary/Treasurer honorarium	105
Postages, gratuities, cheque books, etc.	32
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The foregoing has considerable significance at the present moment because of the following:—

Shortly before the Annual General Meeting, but after the voting papers in respect of propositions and amendments thereto had been sent to members, the Looe Sailing Club again approached certain members of the Committee in connection with a possible arrangement whereby members of our Club would be given facilities at the Sailing Club in return for certain financial considerations.

Our Committee, as such, did not take part in the discussion, but in view of the fact that many members had expressed—during the shark angling season—the hope that premises might be acquired, or made available where members could foregather, it was ready seriously to consider any reasonable proposal, the financial conditions of which would come within the realms of possibility.

Now that the income for 1957/58 is unlikely to be more than is required to meet the expenditure, it is obvious that the question of premises, or facilities at another Club, must be left in abeyance. Had the subscription remained at £2 . 2 . 0, it is possible that the Committee might have been able to come to some arrangement by which the cost of these facilities could have been met out of income—such arrangement would, of course, have been submitted for approval, or otherwise, to members at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

In view of the foregoing, and in order that the matter may be left open, our Secretary has communicated with the Looe Sailing Club in the following terms:—

“Consideration has been given to the terms of your offer of certain facilities to our members.

I am now directed by my Committee to inform you that, much as the offer is appreciated, and the facilities desired, financial considerations preclude, at this stage, their acceptance.

Members of this Club at their recent Annual General Meeting carried certain resolutions which will seriously reduce income during the coming year, and my Committee feels that to enter into any negotiations likely to increase expenditure at this stage would be unwise.

The matter will be raised at the next Annual General Meeting, and if the financial position of the Club then allows, my Committee would welcome an opportunity to discuss the matter further with you.”

RESIGNATION OF MR. PAT CASE

Members will be sorry to hear that our Hon. Sec. / Treasurer for the past two years, Mr. D. P. Case has resigned. The Committee in accepting his resignation placed on record its appreciation of the hard work he has carried out for the Club. It is only right to say that our Hon. Auditor, in a letter to the Chairman after the annual audit, stated that Mr. Case is to be congratulated on the way he has dealt with a great number of detailed transactions.

At their Meeting on the 23rd November, the Committee elected Brigadier J. A. L. Caunter to be Chairman for the ensuing year.

“The Chairman and Committee wish all members of the Club a pleasant Christmas and another excellent Year of Sport in 1958.”

APPOINTMENT OF NEW HON. SEC. / TREASURER

Capt. Thomas Clark, of West Hill Cottage, West Looe (Telephone Looe 130) has now been appointed to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Case.

Capt. Clark, formally an accountant with the London County Council, is now living in retirement in Looe, and has been an enthusiastic member of the Club since 1955.

BANKERS ORDERS

Members who pay their subscription by Bankers order, are advised to inform their Bank of the relevant new rate payable—i.e. £1 . 1 . 0 for the first member of a family, and 10/6 for each subsequent member. (A member of a family is understood to be a person of that family residing at the same address as the first member).

HON. CORRESPONDENTS

The Committee would welcome reports on shark angling from places other than Looe, and therefore asks for Members in such places as Penzance/Newlyn, Falmouth, Newquay, Fowey, Mevagissey, Plymouth and Salcombe to act as Hon. Correspondents. Should more than one name be received from any one Port, the Committee will decide whose name shall be accepted.

BOATS

Although a number of additional boats plied from Looe during the current season, the general cry is for boats and yet more boats, and members would be well advised to book as far ahead as possible, with a deposit, in order to avoid disappointment.

The following boats and skippers are expected to be available next year:—

IOLANTHE	H. Hocking, The Quay, East Looe
PAULA	W. Butters, Paula, East Looe.
CLAIRE	C. Butters, Barbican, East Looe
ATLANTIS	B. Dingle, Chapel Hill, East Looe
NAUTILUS	B. Dingle, Chapel Hill, East Looe
MAXIE	R. Barnes, Hannafore, Looe
LADY BETTY	A. Dingle, West Looe
BLOSSOM	J. Dingle, West Looe Hill.
SEA BIRD	N. Butters, East Looe
MAY QUEEN	C. Tamblyn, East Looe
MAKO	A. Clements, 16 Woodlands View, West Looe
BOBBY G.B.	F. Prynne, Heathcote, The Downs, West Looe
SILVER SPRAY	E. Williams, Barbican, East Looe.
IRENE	R. Pengelly, Hannafore, Looe.
TALISMAN	A. Dingle, 56 Sunrising Estate, Looe.
VALHALLA	J. Soady, Towerhill, East Looe
IVERNA	A. Soady, Barbican E. Looe

Jack Bray and Tom Eathorne are still brim-full of enthusiasm, and will give members every assistance in the booking of boats and equipment. Any members wishing to purchase equipment will find an excellent supply at both these establishments.

CLUB BADGES, etc.

The following items are in stock, at the prices shewn:—

Lapel Badges	3 9	Shark tie pins	2 15 0
Blazer badges	£3 0 0	Burgee tie pins	£4 10 0
Car Badges	£3 10 0	Ladies scarves	17 6
Club Ties, Blue, Green		Boat burgees	£2 5 0
or Maroon	15 6	Bow Ties	5 0

F. Foster	88	D. Thompson	80
Mrs. H. Eathorne	88	Miss C. Albat	80
L. Duxbury	87	G. Collinson	80
A. M. Simpson	87	E. Claricoates	80
J. Gath	86½	H. Wyatt	80
R. Ives	86	F. Lord	80
G. Pincott	86	H. Tucker	80
G. Hughes	86	V. Cam	80
G. Bailey	86	R. Mees	80
J. Soady	86	L. Duxbury	80
T. Rowley	86	L. Smith	79½
E. Radford	86	M. Chambers	79
B. Grout	86	Mrs. H. Eathorne	79
Mrs. T. Bates	86	H. Myson	79
H. Cobby	85	G. Speak	79
R. Munslow	85	R. Benbow	79
E. Reynolds	85	W. Drew	79
A. Twine	85	Mrs. H. Eathorne	79
J. Smith	85	A. M. Simpson	79
W. Tomlin	85	E. Stewart	78
K. Wilson	85	S. Watts	78
K. Flitcroft	85	L. Duxbury	78
F. L. Caunter	85	N. Bruce	78
Mrs. E. Were	85	E. Cronk	78
N. Woodward	85	L. Hemington	78
M. Wonnall	84	J. Cavanagh	78
R. Terry	84	V. Bankes	78
Maj. Charrington	84	G. White	78
A. Hales	84	A. Parker	78
E. Monaghan	84	I. Raleigh	78
E. Wood	84	Dr. D. R. Harrocks	78
D. Green	84	E. Brooks	78
C. Mole	84	R. Newcombe	78
C. Windley	84	C. Catchpole	77
A. Robinson	83	L. Berwald	77
W. Gill	83	L. Butters	77
Miss J. Ryder	83	Mrs. H. Eathorne	77
N. Tyrell	83	J. Brett	76½
N. Hill	83	V. Henderson	76
Maj. Blackey	83	Mrs. G. Bonsall	76
W. Cooil	83	R. Pengelly	76
C. Cooper	82	G. Dymond	76
J. Guest	82	F. Clarke	76
L. Critchley	82	R. Miller	76
G. Bennett	82	R. Edwards	76
W. Rhodes	82	F. Barnes	76
F. Halse	82	P. Barker	76
J. Heskett Bell	82	H. Andrews	76
A. Turnbull	82	L. Duxbury	76
L. Ollis	82	C. Black	76
L. Atkin	82	N. Tyrell	76
Mrs. H. Eathorne	82	J. Nebett	75
W. Wileman	82	G. Hamilton	75
L. Duxbury	82	J. Stewart	75
A. Redwood	82	L. Duxbury	75
Mrs. Eathorne	81	P. Lamont	75
J. Button	81	H. Farmer	75
N. Howland	81	J. Horrex	75
Mrs. H. Eathorne	80	J. Potten	75
C. Black	80	T. Mattocks	75
S. Watts	80	J. Longmuir	75
J. Hart	80	Mrs. H. Eathorne	75
T. Turnbull	80	R. Ives	75

Trophy Winners, 1957

F. A. MITCHELL HEDGES TROPHY

Winner: Mrs. Eathorne. Runner-up Mr. Simpson

NORMAN LORRAINE TROPHY

Winner: Mr. Simpson Runners-up: Messrs Duxbury & Groves

PAT CASE TROPHY

Winner: Mrs. Eathorne

SERCOMBE OLIVER TROPHY

No qualifier

THE MARTINI TROPHY

No qualifier

BARBICAN TROPHY

(FOR FISH LANDED SINGLE HANDED)

Winner: Mr. Ives Runner-up: Mr. Andrews

DAPHNE CASE TROPHY

Winner: T. Eathorne Runner-up: Mrs. Case

VENNING TROPHY

Winner: Mr. Andrews Runner-up: Mrs. Eathorne

AUGER TROPHY

Winner: Mr. Farnsworth

R. C. ROBERTS TROPHY

Winner: Mrs. Flynn Runner-up: Mr. Lancashire

LOOE FISHERMEN'S PROTECTION ASSOCIATION TROPHY

Winner: E. Williams Runner-up: J. Butters

COCK O' FLEET TROPHY

Winner: Silver Spray Runner-up: Paula

SUTCLIFFE TROPHY

Winner: J. Soady "Valhalla"

ALAN CAUNTER TROPHY

Winner: Mrs. Eathorne Runner-up: Mrs. Case

S.A.C.G.B. TROPHY

Winner: Mr. Simpson Runners-up: Messrs Duxbury & Thirkell

BOATMAN'S TANKARDS

Winner: W. Butters Runner-up: J. Butters

PLAQUES.

June—Dr. Lorraine

July—Mr. Simpson

August—Mrs. Eathorne

September—Mr. Shilling

October—Mr. Longmuir

BRITISH RECORD TROPHY

Mrs. Eathorne

SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1957.

	RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1956									
126	Dinner Tickets—Members	68	0	0	68	0	0	0	0
454	Donation President								
1	Subscriptions	703	0	0					
360	Affiliation Fee—Shark Club of Torbay								
—	Burgees, Badges, etc Member's Badge repaired— included in contra	573	0	0					
941	Total Receipts	1346	0	0					
412	Balance brought forward	490	0	0					
1353		£1836	0	0					
1956									
74	Printing, Stationery, Advertising				86	0	0	0	0
8	Books Purchased				166	0	0	0	0
106	Trophies & Prizes Presented to Members				—	—	—	—	—
40	Show Cases, Flagpole, Frames				386	0	0	0	0
423	Burgees, Badges, etc.				—	—	—	—	—
24	Burgees presented to Boatowners				—	—	—	—	—
17	Engraving Trophies				4	0	0	0	0
3	Insurance of Trophies								
	Secretarial Expenses—								
	Postages and Cheque Book				32	0	0	0	0
	Gratuities				6	0	0	0	0
27	Dinner expenses and teas				38	0	0	0	0
140	Cheque and Bank Charges				140	0	0	0	0
—	Wreaths and Bouquets				4	0	0	0	0
1	Hon./Sec. Treas. Honorarium				105	0	0	0	0
863	Total Payments				929	0	0	0	0
490	Balance carried forward				907	0	0	0	0
1353		£1836	0	0	£1836	0	0	0	0

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain and checked them against the received accounts and Bank sheets. From the check I have carried out and the information supplied to me, as required, by the Secretary/Treasurer I am satisfied that the above - written Statement of Accounts show the true financial position of the Club.

(Signed),
W. LLOYD WHITE,
Hon. Auditor.

The Club Trophies are valued in the sum of £530.
The stock of Burgees, etc., on hand as valued by the Secretary/Treasurer amounts to £154.

(Signed),
DONALD P. CASE,
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.