

SHARK ANGLING CLUB of GREAT BRITAIN

SPRING REPORT, 1958

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

At a meeting of the Committee held on the 11th January, 1958, it was resolved :—" That owing to the difficulty of making any true assessment of the Club's position at the 30th September (the date to which accounts have previously been drawn up) the financial year shall, in future, end on the 31st December, and that the accounts to be presented to the Annual General Meeting in October of each year, shall be those to the 31st December last preceding that meeting."

The accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1957, as presented to the Annual General Meeting in October last, have now been extended to the 31st December, 1957.

The revised accounts will, in accordance with the resolution above, be presented to the Annual General Meeting in October next.

A statement of affairs as at 30th September, 1956, has been drawn up for the guidance of members when examining the Balance Sheet.

Copies of the accounts and statement of affairs are attached to this report.

WORLD RECORDS

We have now heard from the International Game Fish Association that, consequent upon our representations during the past three years, the blue shark has been accepted for world records — the hammer head has also been accepted — and that the opening records will be in respect of the heaviest fish of the species reported to the Association, and certified in accordance with its rules, known to the Association by the 1st July, 1958.

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STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1956

Compiled from published Accounts for the two years ended 30th September, 1956, and 30th September, 1957

	£	s.	d.
ASSETS			
TROPHIES			
As per published accounts for year ended 30th September, 1956	530	0	0
Stock			
As per published accounts for year ended 30th September, 1956	305	0	0
Cash at Bankers			
As per published accounts for year ended 30th September, 1956	489	18	4
SUNDRY DEBTORS			
Dinner Tickets, 1956. Cash received and accounted for in published accounts for year ended 30th September, 1957	68	0	0
	<u>1392</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>
LIABILITIES			
SUNDRY CREDITORS			
Cost of Dinner, 1956. Paid and accounted for in published accounts for year ended 30th September, 1957	140	0	0
Prizes, etc. Distributed year ended 30th September, 1956, but paid and accounted for in published accounts for year ended 30th September, 1957	166	0	0
	<u>306</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES transferred to Capital Account	<u>£1086</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE 15 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1957

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock, 30th September, 1956	...	...	...	305	0	0
" Purchases	501	15	8	...	...	...
Less free badges	26	15	0	...	...	...
	<u>475</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	...	...	...
" Gross Profit carried down	...	...	...	45	16	10
				<u>£825</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>
By Sales	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Stock—31st December, 1957	...	...	...	613	6	3
				<u>212</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>
				<u>£825</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>

Any claims subsequent to 1st July, 1958, intended to knock out any of the opening records, must, by the rules which govern the award of world records, be received by the Association in New York within three months from the date of capture of the fish concerned.

Since world records are accorded for various classes, dependent upon the breaking strain of the line used, it is clear that in respect of the blue shark, for which no records have been accorded as yet, a number of world records are likely to be established during the forthcoming shark angling season.

From the above it will be obvious that members of the Club may be concerned in claims, so that it is necessary that the rules which have to be observed in claiming world records shall be known to all members. In addition, our Club, because of its membership of the International Game Fish Association — which records world records — has the duty of assisting any angler, whether a member of this Club, or any Club, or not; with the preparation of a claim for world record, should such claim be indicated.

It should be stated that the International Game Fish Association is insistent that its rules in connection with claims for world records shall be obeyed to the letter.

In order to help members the relevant rules are set out in the attached paper "A."

Any member claiming a world record, or witnessing the weighing of a fish for which a world record is to be claimed, must ensure that all the rules set out in paper "A" have been obeyed to the letter before he, or she, signs the prescribed affidavit form.

A supply of affidavit forms is held by the Club's Secretary, and any member requiring one for use in connection with a specific claim, should apply to the Secretary as soon as possible after the weighing of a fish shows that it is worthy of consideration for a world record.

The records that can be won are shewn on the attached paper "B."

Any person who wishes to claim a world record is advised to submit the claim in the first instance, to the Committee of this Club, who will help such person in any way possible in the presentation of the claim.

MIDLAND SOCIAL SECTION

The formation of this section is now being proceeded with. It is open to all fully paid up members of the Club living within 50 miles of Nuneaton, and full information may be had on application to Mr. W. K. Wileman, Sketchley Hall, Burbage, Leicester.