



# **JULY 2022**

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain**

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

##### **2022 Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation**

Saturday 29th October 2022 – Hannaford Point Hotel. Price tbc

##### **2023 Shark Festival**

5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – draw takes place on the evening of 4th June 2023 - Looe Social Club

##### **2023 AGM**

Tuesday 4th July 2023 - Looe Social Club (after draw)

#### **CHAIRPERSONS WELCOME**

Welcome to the second newsletter of the year.

I am pleased to report that more sharks have been caught last season than the season before. 1231 sharks in total were caught, 144 of these were qualifiers and there were 2 Porbeagles and 2 Threshers caught. This is slightly less than the previous season but the number of qualifiers has increased with the bonus of the Porbeagles and Threshers. Hopefully this trend for larger fish will continue. I believe that the water temperature is higher this year and the number of fish caught in June has been the most recorded for many years. We hope that this continues.

Membership has now reached 400 members including 20 life members and the level of activity on Facebook and our website continues to increase.

Our Lucky Run Club has 15 paying members, which is surprising considering the amount of

members we now have, the winner each month receiving £70.

I am pleased to announce that the catch, tag and release programme for Bluefin Tuna will continue. Two local boats have, once again, been approved for this. These are the Swallow and the Sowenna.

With the sad loss of Paul Martin we are in need of new Committee members, with two places available, please speak to myself or Claire if you are interested. And remember that you do not have to be local to Looe to do this as all of our meetings are accessible via Zoom.

The Committee, this year, decided to offer 'Full Skipper Memberships' to enable skippers who don't usually get a chance to fish to have the benefit of membership. Six skippers have been invited so far and have all taken up the offer. This is by invitation only from the Committee if the skipper is actively promoting the Club and its Best Practice.

Dates for next year's Festival are 5th, 6th & 7th July so book early to avoid being disappointed. Unfortunately we cannot, at this time, give you a price for the Festival as the cost of fuel still rises!

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee for attending meetings in what has been a difficult year.

Tight lines for 2022.

Bob Woodman.  
Chairperson SACGB

## **Annual Subscriptions**

Thank you to everyone who has paid their subscription this year, we are very glad that you remain loyal members of our club.

Chasing subscriptions takes up a considerable amount of administration time so we greatly appreciate you helping us by paying your subscriptions on time.

You will retain your membership number throughout your membership with the club.

To renew your subs online visit the shop on our website at

[www.sharkanglingclubofgreatbritain.org.uk](http://www.sharkanglingclubofgreatbritain.org.uk) or by Paypal to [sacgbsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sacgbsecretary@gmail.com) or if you wish to pay by bank transfer, you can do so using the account details below.

### **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.

Thank you.

## **Lucky Run Club**

The SACGB continue to host the Lucky Run Club – a great way for you to support us whilst having a bit of a flutter!

To join the fun simply complete the membership form and Standing Order mandate on the website, or contact Claire, for £10 a month (or £120 annually).

This buys you one membership number (which we will allocate), that enters you into the monthly draw. All participants must be over 16.

The draw takes place on the last Monday of each month, at the Monthly Committee Meeting.

If your number is drawn, payment will be made directly into your bank account and your name published in the newsletter, on Facebook and the S.A.C.G.B website.

The prize money is 50% of the membership fees taken that month (currently £70). The remaining 50% goes to the club to help fund essential tagging equipment, resources, and opportunities for members.

Any queries, please contact Claire Kelly (Secretary) on 07572 976680 or email [sacgb1953@gmail.com](mailto:sacgb1953@gmail.com)

**JOIN OUR LUCKY RUN CLUB TODAY AND YOU COULD BE OUR NEXT WINNER!**

## **2022 Shark Festival**

The 2022 SACGB Annual Shark Festival was held on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July this year.

## **The Winner of the Festival 2022**

**Richard Day with 108 points**

**Richard also won Friday's Daily Draw**



**Runner Up: Chris Watkins with 105.5 points**



**Skipper with the most Sharks:**

**Owen Mallia**



**Skipper with the largest shark was**

**Owen Mallia**



**Third Place: Kevin Tapper with 104 points, who also won Thursday's Daily Draw**



**Dave Goring, Carl Wane and Roger Eley jointly won Thursday's Daily Draw with 102 points each**





The Chairman's wife Jean presented Claire Kelly with a bunch of flowers, a card and gift to thank her for all her work for the club!

All the photo's from the Festival can be found on the website in the Gallery, which is in the members area.

[GALLERY | Shark Angling Club Of Great Britain](#)

As you all return to angling we hope that you stay safe and we look forward to receiving your Trophy Claim forms and hope to catch up with you all throughout the season!

**[Download your trophy claim form here!](#)**

<http://www.sharkanglingclubofgreatbritain.org.uk/trophies/trophy-declaration-form/>

## **2022 Annual Dinner & Trophy Evening**

The ticket price for the Annual Dinner & Trophy Presentation, held at the Hannafore Point Hotel in Looe on the 29th October is to be confirmed as soon as possible.



This event is open to all, members, associate members, and guests whether they be anglers or not. We are taking bookings now and already have a good number so do not leave it too late to book your place at the event as it will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Contact the secretary to reserve your place. Full payment is required no later than the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## **2023 SHARK FESTIVAL**

The dates have been set for the 2023 Shark Festival, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July with the draw evening taking place on the 4<sup>th</sup> June. The fee to be confirmed.

To secure your space in the 2023 Festival you have two options:

1. Pay £100 deposit with the balance before the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023
2. Pay a £100 deposit before 31<sup>st</sup> August followed by £tbc each month starting in September and ending in February

The Booking form is available on the website. You can also pay your deposit at the SACGB shop on the website

The Festival format will be the same as this year with the points system of length + girth = points

First prize: the angler with the largest shark (in points)

Second prize: the angler with the second largest shark (in points)

Third prize: the angler with the third largest shark (in points)

Most sharks: the angler who catches the most sharks over the 3 days

Most estimated weight: the angler with the most cumulative points over the three days

Optional daily pool: The angler who catches the largest shark (in points) each day, and who has contributed to the pool, will take the money

Skipper of the boat with the largest shark (in points)

Skipper of the boat catching the most sharks over the 3 days

[Please book early to avoid disappointment.](#)

## **CLOTHING & MERCHANDISE**

Don't forget you can order your Mugs, Badges, T Shirts, Hoodies and Sweatshirts from the website.



We have maintained the clothing pricing, again, this year with Hoodies at £25 plus postage, Sweatshirts at £20 plus postage, Polo Shirts at £15 plus postage, T Shirts at £10 plus postage and Baseball caps at £10 plus postage.

We also have Burgees available at a price of £25.00 + Postage and Blue Pennants at 17.50 plus postage.

Postage in the UK is normally £3.50.

Stocks of the large type 120" measuring tape, are available at £21 plus postage.

Each year we are unable to process a good number of claims as the measuring tape used is difficult and, in some cases, impossible to read.



The large type on these tapes increases the clarity of video and photographic measurement evidence and they have already been used to good effect by many of our members. They are a very worthwhile addition to your tackle box. These and other goods can be ordered online at; [www.sharkanlingclubofgreatbritain.org.uk](http://www.sharkanlingclubofgreatbritain.org.uk)

## **Onwards and upwards for the Pat Smith Database**

As many of you will be aware, earlier this year the Shark Trust, along with a number of other similar organisations, submitted a proposal to the Joint Nature and Conservation Committee (JNCC) to add Porbeagle to Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act

At time of writing we are unaware of the JNCC's decision but if they uphold the proposal, recreational sea angling for Porbeagle shark will be banned.

Unlike the MMO, the Wildlife and Countryside Act has significant powers including the ability to prosecute and seize assets so the Act has teeth.

The response from the recreational sea angling sector to the proposal was impressive on two levels. The first was that we were able to respond on a factual basis using data analysis from the

recreational sea angler Porbeagle catch data held in the Pat Smith Database.



From left - Pats grandson Ron, son Dave, John McMaster and Mike, Daves son in the Jolly this year beside Pat's picture of her big Porbeagle

Organisations such as ICCAT, ICES and the IUCN publicly recognise the high quality of recreational sea angling data so it is important we continue to use this platform to demonstrate our significant contribution to the conservation of sharks.

The second was how the various organisations came together to challenge the proposal. These included the SACGB, Angling Trust, Shark Hub, Sportfishing Club of the British Isles and the Professional Boatman's Association.

To date the Pat Smith Database has been developed and managed by Dr. Simon Thomas (SACGB Honorary Scientist) and John McMaster and with it now comprising over 100,000 records, spread over a time line from the 1950's to present day, the time has come to move to the next stage.

The vision Simon and John share is to convert the Pat Smith Database into a charitable organisation. This would enable them to apply for funding to do more projects and better position recreational sea angling whilst improving our knowledge of these magnificent predators.

A few weeks back Pat Smiths son Dave's met John McMaster in Looe where they were able to discuss the type of work the Pat Smith Database Charity would seek to do and Dave very kindly agreed to having his mothers name associated with the charity. Pat was unable to make the family trip to Looe this time but she continues to be in good health and still loves to talk about the many memories she has of her sharking trips in Looe.

***Thank you to all of the contributors for the above articles, please keep them coming for future newsletters.***

***Please subscribe to the new You Tube channel:***

***Shark Angling Club of Great Britain***

***and let us have any videos you would like uploading.***

***I wish you all Tight Lines for the coming months and hope to see you at the Presentation in October!***

### **Members Section Password Reminder**

The password for the member section of the website is currently **Outlaw006**

This honours our dearly missed Committee member Paul Martin, whose membership number was 006.

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