



November 2019 Newsletter

The 63rd Annual General Meeting

The meeting was short and sweet as has become the norm in recent years. The voting members present heard of progress and future plans and made decisions on behalf of the club.

New and Returning Members

The club is very pleased to welcome 12 new members. Anglers Alan Foster & Carol Robinson, Stephen and Ernest Flood and John Haslam. Divers Reece Cornall-Saunders, Abigail Smart, Paul Heap, Lee Dickens with Cadet Gabriel and two returning members in Diver Rebecca Smart and Kite Surfer Nik Hulton.

Alterations to the Constitution

Alterations to five rules, as proposed in the notice of A.G.M. communicated to all members on Sunday 13 October, were unanimously agreed by the voting members present. A copy of the revised Constitution will be displayed on the noticeboard shortly.

Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription Rates

Inflation over the last year was a lowly 1.7% and the significant rent increases we expected to be payable from 1 January last continue to be delayed.

The committee proposed and the voting members present agreed that there should be no increase in either fees or subscription rates for the forthcoming season. The cumulative position will be considered come the next A.G.M.

Accounts Period Ending 31 March 2019

The club made a surplus/profit of

£8,677

after tax last season, which will be reinvested into the club for the benefit of members.

Thanks to our Committee Volunteers

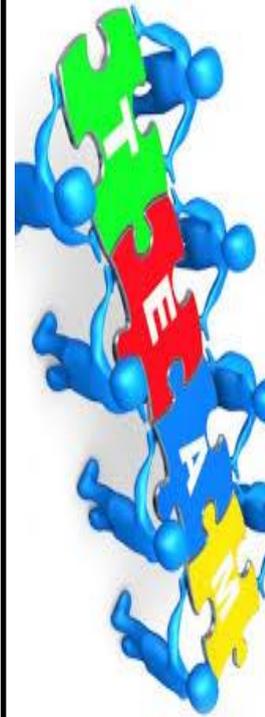
Further help was needed, our appeals were heard and still more members have stepped up this year to join the committee and assist in the future running of the club.

Officers and Committee Members Elected at the A.G.M.

COMMODORE	Alan Taylor
VICE COMMODORE	Paul Collins
SECRETARY	Mike Waddington
TREASURER	Roy Tindall
BOSUN	Peter Dowden
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Alan Taylor

Elected Committee

Chris Thompson
Mel Lee
Lukasz Brylew
Craig Southall
Juliet Dowden
Ian Webster
Peter Hall
John Hargreaves
Steve Wenman



Clubman Shield



Unusually, three members received recognition on the award this season. Congratulations to John Hargreaves, Dave Oniell and Mark Blake, whose willingness to assist fellow members, club spirit and works for the improvement the club was acknowledged when Dave lifted the shield on their behalf at this year's A.G.M.

Mackerel Trophy



Congratulations to Lukasz Brylew, winner of 2019's Mackerel Trophy.

This season saw the competition repeatedly cancelled due to the weather. When boats eventually did get afloat, disappointingly no mackerel were weighed in the first day so the comp rolled over.

The award was announced on the evening of the A.G.M.

Members are still Out and About

Its that time of year, masts are coming down, some engines get winterised, covers go on and wetsuits are put away until the spring. But despite the dropping temperatures its business as usual for some. This weekend we had anglers afloat in search of cod, dive instructors with their students in Ecclestone Delph Quarry and three jet skiers out on an almost 60 mile run from the club up the Mersey to the Albert Dock in Liverpool.

Summer Specimen Shield



Congratulations to Steve Green winner of the Summer Specimen (April -September) Shield with a magnificent 62lb Tope, his personal best. Steve lifted the award on the evening of the A.G.M.

Pete Holland Memorial Flattie Shield



Congratulations to Dave Jones recipient of the Pete Holland, Memorial Flattie Shield for 2019. Dave lifted the trophy on the evening of the A.G.M. for landing a Plaice in the 2019 Flattie match.

Ladies Specimen Cup



Congratulations to Sue Taylor winner of the Ladies Specimen cup with a 12lb 13oz Smooth hound. Sue lifted the award on the evening of the A.G.M.

2018/2019 Species Competition



In the prizes yet again, Anthony Horrocks was announced winner and took the cash pool for the most species boated in the 12 months between A.G.M.'s

Update on New Leases

It's almost 12 months since the Council proposed the 1st January 2019 as the commencement date for the club's newly negotiated leases and you may recall that we urgently canvassed for volunteers to stand as Trustees for the club. Despite our then apparent agreement, there has since been much toing and froing between the parties. Hopefully we are now almost there and of the eighteen members who volunteered their services, four have been selected and their details submitted. Hopefully very shortly we will have the new leases in place and we can put this long running chapter behind us.



Halloween's Spooky Fiesta

Gouls, ghosts and an infamous celebrity! The return of a Halloween evening at the club proved a popular and well attended event, as members and guests took the opportunity to dress up, meet socially and show their appreciation and support for the clubs.

Many thanks to all who attended and to our dive members for organising, setting up, running the event and clearing away on the night.

Surfers Against Sewage Autumn Beach Clean Summit to Sea

A small but dedicated turn out for the clean from the club with the 10 volunteers removing 15.35kg of rubbish from the dunes and beach.

Only two S.A.S. cleans are held annually from the club. so let's see if as members we can make a better showing next Spring?

Irks!



All join the BLCC in the knowledge that we are a members club, the idea being we all **MUCK IN**, not **MUCK UP**, but as always there are the few who treat the club with less than the respect that it and their co-members and co-owners deserve.

There follows a few of the printable ``irks'' that cannot be explained away by ``I didn't know'' or ``I forgot''. Please do your bit to help us keep your clubhouse and compounds clean and tidy.

- **Chewing gum spat into the toilet bowls and urinals.**
- **Empty toilet role tubes left on holders or simply discarded on WC floors.**
- **Toilet paper shredded then strewn on the WC floors.**
- **Empty shower gel/shampoo bottles left in the showers.**
- **Shoe sole prints up the walls.**
- **Paper coffee cups, plastic water bottles, glass bottles and cans discarded in the compound.**
- **Pieces of wood and general detritus brought in only then to be discarded in the compound.**