

**March****NEWSLETTER****2009**

### Club Calendar

26/03/2009 Club Meeting  
 29/03/2009 Boat outing Oban  
 01/04/2009 C&W Region meeting  
 12/04/2009 Shore Outing Port Carlisle  
 19/04/2009 Boat Outing Pladda  
 20/04/2009 Committee Meeting  
 30/04/2009 Club Meeting  
 10/05/2009 Car Boot sale Blochairn  
 !7/05/2009 Winter K.O Abbey Burnfoot  
 18/05/2009 Committee Meeting  
 24/05/2009 Boat Outing Arbroath  
 28/05/2009 Club Meeting  
 31/05/2009 Shore Outing Carsethorne  
 28/06/2009 Boat Outing Oban



**\*\*THE 100\*\***  
**\*\*\*CLUB\*\*\***

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**Help us do more for  
 you**

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**Car Boot Sale**

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### The Club Internet Forum

The club forum has been recently updated and is a good place to pick up information on venues and tactics, if you have a story to tell post it on the forum and it may feature in the club newsletter. If you have problems registering contact the webmaster.

<http://www.silverlure.ismyforum.co.uk/forum/phpBB2/>

Why not browse the Club forum if you want to check out records download species/record claims, study the constitution or just look at some cracking fish pics.

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### Silver Lure Club meetings (Hot off the press itinerary below)

Why not Come along and bring a friend, The Silver Lure this year intends to radically change the format of its meetings with presentations, coaching sessions. Quiz nights any suggestions that you as members would like to see will be acted on and posted in the Club newsletter Meetings are on the last Thursday of each month with the exception of December at the Ralston Community Centre Allanton Avenue, Paisley,

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Meeting times from 8pm -10pm

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## **THE 100 CLUB**

**The 100 club has been a very successful way of fundraising for the Silver Lure club for a number of years**

**Why do we need to raise funds?**

**The Silver Lure provides limited insurance cover for its members.**

**The Silver Lure is an active supporter and a participant in a number of bodies doing their best for the Sea Angling community**

**SSACN, SFSA, RNLI.**

**The Silver Lure with your support intends to keep this up**

**The Silver Lure also intends to do more for you as member**

**Simply invest £2 per month in a ball £1 going to club funds the rest is paid out in a monthly draw with a special Christmas draw.**

**Contact the Treasurer for details**

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# Shore Report

## Outing 6 Ballachulish

With March being a really difficult month from the shore and the demise of old favourites like Leffnol, I was taken in the direction of Ballachulish by the results some of the club members had around this time last year.

While I always knew we weren't going to rake in the fish I did expect a couple of good bags and maybe a few species, unfortunately it was not to be.

With only 7 turning up and the fact the wind would be in our face if we fished the fish farm side of the loch, everyone decided to stay at the visitor centre side and try their luck from there.

While we knew it would be snaggy there were a few areas that were not as bad as others, so everyone was filled in before making their choice of where to go.

Wullie was first to strike with an in sized Whiting.

After unhooking the fish he cast the same bait back in again because that's what Wullie does.

Shortly afterwards Wullie pulls in a Thornie of 3lb 2oz, then we here that Brian has caught a Codling .

Nothing much else happened for anyone and a few of us tried float/ leadhead fishing which resulted in a few undersized Pollock, which kept us occupied.

Near the end of the outing Ross connected with another Thornie at 3lb and that was it for the day.

The final results are as follows.

### Ballachulish

	Name	Catch	kg	Points
1	W.Pollock	1 x Thornie, 1 x Whiting	1.58	100
5	R.Buchanan	1 x Thornie	1.36	86
4	B.Allan	1 x codling	0.53	34
2	R.Wilson	Blank	0	0
3	R.Finlay	Blank	0	0
6	D.Diez	Blank	0	0
7	R.Shorting	Blank	0	0
<b>Total Bag Weight</b>			<b>3.47</b>	

#### **Heaviest Winter Cod 2008-2009 (Sea Angler Trophy)**

Robert Wilson, 8lb caught at Usan in January

**Heaviest Catch: Shore 2008-2009**

Ross Buchanan 8.47kg, Etive, December

**Junior Heaviest Catch Shore 2008-2009**

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**Heaviest Fish: Shore 2008-2009**

Ross Buchanan, Thornback Ray of 8lb 1oz.

**Junior Heaviest Fish Shore.**

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**Best Specimen Shore: 2008-2009**

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**The best specimen from the shore goes forward against the best boat caught specimen for  
The trophy for the: Best Specimen Caught From either Boat or Shore.**

## Championship table

	Name	Newton shore	Usan	Loch Etive	Usan	Carsethorne	Ballahulish	Port Carlisle	Carsethorne	Auchenlarry	Auchmithie	Port Gill	Elliot Beach	Total
1	R. Buchanan	59	10 0	100	94	48	86							487
2	R. Wilson	56	89	0	100	78	0							323
3	W. Pollock	0	0	0	0	100	10 0							200
4	R. Finlay	0	99	9	0	69	0							177
5	J. McGradie	100	0	13	57	0	0							170
6	R. Shorting	0	28	0	87	17	0							132
7	B. Allan	0	0	0	0	66	34							100
8	D. Diaz	0	0	31	0	22	0							53
9	D. McNair	0	38	0	0	n/a	0							38
10	Phil	0	0	0	0	n/a	0							0

It's been a wee while since the Club has fished Port Carlisle, and I thought I'd just give some general pointers about the venue, for those who haven't been there.

### The Venue

The area we'll be fishing is called "Glasson Corner", so named because....eh...it's a corner just near the village of Glasson (in Cumbria). Key "Glasson" into Google Maps and you'll see a little kink in the road just to the North of the village - that's where we'll be fishing. Distance from Paisley about 116 miles - allow a travel time of around 2.5 hours.

### The Parking

You park just off the road in a little grassy area, which, if people park correctly, will take up to about 8-10 cars. Parking shouldn't be a problem this early in the season. Good news is that the walk to the beach is less than 200 yards, so there's no need to travel light here. The grassy area however, is owned by the local farmer, and he is known to come down occasionally, and collect a fee from local anglers for the use of his land. Be aware that he is entitled to ask for this fee (about £2) so there's no point arguing the toss. There are some good pictures of the area on the Club website.

### The Stances

There really aren't any hotspots on this stretch, although locals do like to fish either away to the eastern end of the stretch, where the channel is nearer the grass, or the "yellow bush" area, which is 50 yards west of the little car parking area. I notice that we're fishing 3-up-3-down so the tide will be well on the flood when we start, so we'll still be able to see any little features and gulleys as the tide floods. At the start of the outing the water will I'm sure still be quite a bit out. Best to tackle-up on the grassy high tide area, walk out to the water with just rod and rest, feeding line out as the tide rises. The flooding tide comes in like a rocket here so I wouldn't take too much gear onto the sand itself, or you may lose it!. The sand itself is quite firm, but I'd still recommend waders or at least wellies.

### Tackle/Gear

After the very heavy ground at our last shore trip, you'll be delighted to know that this is the cleanest ground you'll ever fish. I'd defy anybody to lose gear to a snag here, cos you're fishing onto pure sand. I'd take 2 distinct sets of gear - firstly a nice light carp/flattie style rod, fixed spool reel and line of 12lb-ish (or better still braid). I'd also take along a standard beach set up - nothing too heavy - just in case we get a lot of weed. There's no need to cast far here, so I'd usually forget about a shockleader, in favour of a 20lb line

straight through. Rig-wise, the good old 2-up-1-down is perfect for here, with longish snoods (18 inch+) , and hooks around size 4. Take a selection of leads between 1-5 oz.

### **Species**

The main quarry here of course will be flounder, and the fish here can go quite large. You may find however that there aren't the great numbers in the estuary yet, and that the fish may be on the lean side, as they haven't had a chance to gorge on the crab yet. The occasional bass and common eel may show up, and small codling/whiting not out of the question. There is also the chance of a plaice at this time of year - they're not common this far up the estuary, but I do know that they are being caught in good numbers at Maryport just now, and that's only 10 minutes down the coast.

### **Some Tips**

\* Remember that we're fishing in England here, so if you do catch a Club record fish, unfortunately you can't claim it. You're okay with Nominated Species though.

\* Don't cast too far here - very often the fish are right in front of you. Try to avoid excessive wading - for the same reason.

\* As the tide is advancing, it can help if you "groundbait" the area where you'll be fishing at high water. Don't wait till the tide comes up or your groundbait will just drift away. Better to keep any burst worm or fish scraps, and simply drop them on the sand when the tide's still out - compress these into the sand gently with your heel, and this can help set up a fish retaining area when it floods.

\* 4 or 5 very small ragworm head-hooked can often be much more effective than 1 large worm threaded on. Tipping off with a small piece of mackerel can increase catches but not always. Last time I was here fish were ignoring the fish tipped baits, in favour of worm only. Don't forget a few small lugworms too.

\* Beads, spoons, booby beads, sequins all help here.

\* If a bite doesn't come in the first 5 minutes, try a couple of turns of the reel handle- a little glint, noise, or puff of sand can often induce a bite. Do this every couple of minutes, to cover more ground.

\* There's no need to strike fish - flounder will invariably hook themselves.

\* Keep your rod tip low in the rest - you want all 3 baits nailed to the sea bed.

\* The dropping tide can often be just as productive as the flood.

I hope some of this helps.

## **Ross**

## **SHORE OUTINGS 2008/09**

<b>Sun 12/04/09</b>	Port Carlisle	11.30am – 5.30pm	High tide at Silloth is 13.17	Meet at sharp corner before reaching Port Carlisle itself. Tidal bore estuary, tide takes a while to come in then rips through; tide can be followed out at the end of the match with fish taken in the past on the way out. Out and out Flounder venue with standard 3 hook flappers with no bigger than size 2 hooks, club members have taken fish to ragworm and fish cocktails at this time of the year in the past.
<b>Sun 31/05/09</b>	Carsethorne	09.30 – 15.30	Low tide is 12.30	The crab should be on the peel by now and previous results from this venue have been really good, another out and out Flounder venue with standard 3 hook flappers with no bigger than size 2 hooks required. Meet at car park in Carsethorne
<b>Sat. 13/06/09</b>	Auchenlarry	12pm – 7.30pm	High tide is at 15.45	Meet at large lay-by close to Auchenlarry caravan park We need to get to this mark early to try and make sure we get on the marks hence the long fishing time, please be aware that depending on where you fish you might need to wait a while for the tide to go down far enough to get of your stance. We have had reasonably good results from here recently and you can expect to catch Bass, Smoothhound, Tope and Flounders
<b>Sun 05/07/09</b>	Auchmithie	11am – 5pm	Low tide is at 2pm	Summer Cod venue that has been good to the club in the past, normally would recommend crab only, but the last time we were there some locals were taking cod on lug. Standard rough ground cod tactics required
<b>Sun 09/08/09</b>	Port Gill	12pm – 6pm	High tide is at 3pm	Good Pollock and Wrasse mark not unlike Port Logan, can expect to catch LSD and Conger if you try for them. A bit tight for parking with space for maybe 4 cars so we will arrange meeting place prior to outing and car share down to the mark from Port Logan area.
<b>Sun 13/09/09</b>	Elliot beach	12pm – 6pm	Low water is at 3pm	We fished this one last year and quite enjoyed it, large sandy beach with gully's to fish into. Expect to catch Flounder, Codling, Bass and maybe Turbot? Meet at the car park on the left, right after the first large roundabout on the way in to Arbroath.
<b>10/09</b>	Terally			
<b>11/09</b>	East coast cod			
<b>12/09</b>	Etive			

**Meeting times for all outings will be one hour before the fishing time; all outings will be a walk off or drive off. The draw for the walk off or drive off will take place 5 minutes after the arranged meeting time, the walk off or drive off will begin 15 minutes after the arranged meeting time.**

### Club meetings

Starting with the November Club meeting there will be changes to the format of the Silver Lure Club meetings Club business will be dealt with within a strict max 30 minutes issues of serious concern will be dealt with at the committee meeting which has an open door policy for club members.

The remainder of the meeting will be used to deliver activities that will be of interest and benefit to Silver Lure Members

The March meeting will be focussed on Angling and conservation.

If you have anything you would like to add to this please contact

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## Club meetings proposed programme

### THURSDAY 26/03/2009

SSACN's **STEVE BASTIMAN** and **DENNIS KELLY** will be giving us a presentation on what the organisation stands for, what they've achieved so far, and whats planned for the future. They've promised some fliers, books and other stuff.

### THURSDAY 30/04/2009

Our own resident superstar **DAVY MCNAIR** has agreed to share his expertise on Mullet fishing this month, and this should co-inside nicely with the first fish moving into the area ( and help with some Nominated Species claims I hope!)

### THURSDAY 28/05/2009

My thanks to Gareth for his help on this one.

You may know that theres a new range of Sea Gear called "SONIK" on the scene. Scottish International and "Sea Angler" contributor **SHAUN CUMMINGS** is actively promoting this new range. He's agreed to come along and bring some of the new gear (Boat & Shore) for us to try. I've deliberately held this one back till the early summer to see if we can get out the back of the Community Centre and have a chuck with the new gear (with balls rather than leads of course.) Maybe even a freebie or two if we're nice!

### THURSDAY 25/06/2009

With the better weather and lighter nights, I thought we'd get out of the Hall again this month. **IAIN GRAHAM** has agreed to come along and show us some of the Casting technique that has made him one of the best Tournament Casters in the UK. Iain is also one of "McNair's Coaching Clan" so its a superb opportunity to try and get some extra yards on your casting.

Whether we do this at the Meeting place or somewhere we can chuck leads will be confirmed nearer the time.

....and that's where I am so far. I don't want to book too far in advance in case people forget, but other ideas I've had for later include -

- \*Inviting someone from SFSA Executive
- \*Club session on Bait Care (as suggested at meeting)
- \* SFSA Coaching (yes that's you Davy!)
- \* Invitation to Stan Massey of ALBA Rods
- \* Club session on Rough Ground tactics

What do you think then. Is this the kind of stuff you think will improve meetings?  
Does anyone have any other suggestions?



## **Last Months Meeting**

After our last months meeting I am delighted that once again, so many of you came along to enjoy Ewen's presentation and advice on reel maintenance. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did, and Silver Lure thank you for your support. A very special thanks to the man himself. It was great to meet you Ewen, and the time you spent with the guys was very much appreciated, particularly at such an uncertain time for you workwise. Your expertise was there for everyone to see, but what I found refreshing about the work you do, is your attention to detail, your customer service, and your determination not to "rip-off" customers - its nice to see that there are still people who can repair, not just replace!!!

## **This Months Meeting**

Following on from last month's excellent "guest speaker" evening with Ewen Hill, Silver Lure is delighted that Steve Bastiman and Dennis Kelly from "The Scottish Sea Angling Conservation Network (SSACN)" have accepted our invitation to come along to our March meeting.

As full members of SSACN, Silver Lure very much appreciates the excellent work that the organisation does for our sport, and we're always keen to find out more about what's been accomplished so far, and what's planned for the future.....

So once again, we'd like to make an open invitation to anyone who wishes to come along and hear what the guys have to say on any issue from tagging, including "Sharkatag 2009", to the political side of things.

The meeting will be on Thursday 26th March, from 8PM till 10PM, at.....

Ralston Community Centre,  
Ralston,  
Paisley, PA1 3BL.

There's no entrance fee of course, and tea, coffee and biccies will again be provided.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Ross Buchanan  
Chairman, Silver Lure SAC.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Accommodation/Breaks  
Hi David

I know you are involved in the running of Silver Lure S.A.C.  
I hope you and your fellow club members will be interested in the attached information about the fantastic fishing opportunities in the Mid Galloway area where I live. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you need any more details.

Regards

Peter Jeal  
<http://www.wigtownploughman.co.uk/>

SFSA AGM held motion regarding changes to specimen and record claims passed. To be run in parallel with existing systems by SSACN.

Next Region Meeting to be held 01/04/2009 Anniesland bowling Club.

I will be attending a six week evening course to qualify as Child Protection Officer for Club and Region.

**Saturday 28th March - Scotland Team Junior and Youth selection process** Venue - Elliot Beach  
Registration - Park at the golf club from 9.15am  
Fishing - 10am til 1pm

Will be fished on a catch and release basis to 18cm.

Looking for juniors 16 and under.  
Youths 21 and under

Critically, the selection process is not a match where the winner is automatically selected for the team. The organisers are looking for individuals to show an array of skills including casting, retrieving, bait presentation, organisation, and a sense of awareness in terms of why an angler next to them is catching and they perhaps are not.

The squad selected will then be taken forward on a path of development where coaches from the SFSA will look to work towards the Home Nations in Wales this year. Not all members of the squad will travel as we are not only looking for members to be immediately ready, we are also seeking members who we can develop and work with for the future.

Hope to see a team of bright young faces coming along, enjoying their day and setting new goals!!

\*There will be a team of coaches on the day who will be able to provide coaching in various different aspects of fishing for any adults who wish to pop along, however, in context the majority of time will be spent working with the youngsters!!\*\*

Application forms for membership SFSA may still be obtained from:-

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## Car Boot Sale

The Club will be running a stall at the Blochairn (fruit market) Car boot sale on Sun 10<sup>th</sup> of May in aid of Club funds.

Silver Lure Club requires funding for many things, Boat deposits, Trophies, Meeting Hall payments, Insurance, Membership of SFSA, Clyde and West Region, SSACN. The Club also regularly donates to the RNLI.

Membership fees alone do not cover this so occasionally a boost to club funds is required we intend to do this by running a stall at the fruit market, this is something we have done previously with great success raising over £800 for club funds.

We are therefore looking **for not only contributions but volunteers** to assist on the day, those that have helped out before found it to be a great day out, plenty of banter and a chance to socialise with other club members.

If you have any old angling equipment or want to contribute anything that you think will sell please contact any Committee member or bring it to the March Club Meeting.

**Let's make this another Silver Lure Success**

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# The Trophy Presentation

**Will take place at the March Club meeting**

Pladda	<b>04/10/2009</b>	24/08/2009	25/09/2009		
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The Boat convenor has provided the above list of boats booked for the Club

Bookings for the above boats will be taken starting at the list opens date by contacting the Boat convenor. At the closing date depending on whether the boat is over or under subscribed

1. A ballot will take place to pick the 12 or relevant anglers who will participate in that boat, should an angler be balloted out he/she will be not be balloted out for the next (x trips).

If balloting is taking place on regular basis the Boat Convenor will book more boats according to demand.

2. If the boat is under subscribed at the closing list point the Boat Convenor will fill the boat with anyone he deems suitable, to reduce the cost burden to club members.

## Boat Report

Loch Etive 1st March 2009

This month's arrival at Loch Etive was met with an overcast sky and calm conditions, a pleasant contrast to the squally conditions experienced on the February trip.

Following 45 minutes sailing into the northern arm of Loch Etive we anchored in 150 feet of water and soon began landing the undersize whiting that were to remain with us almost all day. New club member Robert Shaw was the first to connect with something more substantial, having just said that he had never caught a spurdog before Robert boated a nice spur of about 6lb, and he was later to land one of 9lb 6oz. After this the spurs came aboard fairly regularly, with the whiting and occasional LSD, however, after a couple hours things were slowing down and we elected for a move.

The full results are:-

### Loch Etive 1st March 2009 - Seniors

Pos	Name	No. fish caught	Species	Boat Score	Club Points
1	John Campbell	17	Cod, Lsd, Spurdog, Whiting	78	100
2	S. Frayling	11	Lsd, Spurdog, Thornback, Whiting	66	85
3	P. Hutchison	14	Lsd, Poor Cod, Spurdog, Thornback, Whiting	64	82
4	R. Howe	12	Lsd, Spurdog, Thornback, Whiting	61	78
5	R. Wilson	11	Lsd, Spurdog, Thornback, Whiting	52	67
6	R. Swan	5	Lsd, Spurdog	41	53
	A. Lambie	9	Lsd, Spurdog, Thornback, Whiting	41	53
8	W. Carr	4	Spurdog, Whiting	19	24
9	S. Walker	3	Spurdog, Thornback	18	23
10	I. Walker	8	Spurdog, Whiting	17	22
11	D. Diaz	1	Whiting	3	4
Total No. fish caught		95			
Heaviest fish: 10lb 0oz Spurdog - John Campbell					

The updated championship table now shows Peter in a commanding lead with John in a strong second place and about six anglers still in with a chance for third with only one outing remaining in the winter championship.

Senior Annual & Winter Boat Championship 2008 / 2009															
Pos	Name	Pladda 12/10/08	12/11/08 Loch Fynne	Loch Etive 07/12/08	Loch Etive 04/01/09	Loch Etive 01/02/09	Loch Etive 01/03/09	Oban 29/03/09	Pladda 19/04/09	Arbroath 24/05/09	Oban 28/06/09	Arbroath 26/07/09	Oban 23/08/09	Points	
1	Peter Hutchison	-	Cancelled	100	100	100	82							382	
2	John Campbell	32		65	56	48	100								301
3	Willie Carr	100		85	27	30	24								266
4	Steve Frayling	-		-	80	78	85								243
5	Ron Howe	39		21	48	54	78								240
6	Billy McCormack	94		53	53	38	-								238
7	Andy Lambie	-		76	54	40	53								223
8	Allan Ford	40		74	70	38	-								222
9	Stewart Walker	-		68	28	40	23								159
10	Robert Wilson	36		56	-	-	67								159
11	Mick Parkinson	-		68	31	12	-								111
12	Ian Walker	-		53	9	16	22								100
13	Ken Duff	-		26	3	12	-								41
14	Daniel Diaz	22		-	-	-	4								26

Heaviest fish: Billy McCormack - 11lb 2oz Spurdog





**THE SILVER LURE SEA ANGLING CLUB**  
**CLUB RECORD FISH CLAIM FORM**

**YOUR NAME** -----

**SENIOR OR JUNIOR CLAIM?** -----

**IS IT A BOAT OR SHORE CLAIM?** -----

**WHAT SPECIES OF FISH ARE YOU CLAIMING?** -----

**WHAT IS THE WEIGHT OF THE FISH?** -----

***Boat Results:***

February  
None claimed.

**Running Totals:**

Angler	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
1 S. Walker			121.07	41.40								
2 B. McKormack	63.82			72.95								
3 D. Diez	99.72											
4 R. Wilson.	61.94											
5 I. Walker			55.40									
6 R. Howe				55.33								

Unfortunately, anglers from the Boat section did not claim any of their excellent fish caught at the outings.  
There is still time to claim the cracking Spurdogs caught at the first Boat of the Month on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

**No Records have been broken this month.**

Tight lines.  
Daniel Diez  
Fish Recorder.

The standings for the most number of different species caught are, provisionally, as shown below. This table does not, however, show the results from the November and December trips of last year.

Fish Species	Peter Hutchison	Willie Carr	Billy McCormack	Allan Ford	John Campbell	Andy Lambie	Ron Howe	Steve Frayling	Stewart Walker	Mick Parkinson	Robert Wilson	Ian Walker	Ken Duff	Daniel Diaz	Robert Swan	Jordi Diaz*
Cod					=											
Dogfish - Lsd	"				"	"	"	"	"		"				"	
Poor Cod	"		"	"	"							"				
Pouting								"								
Rays, Thornback	"					"	"	"	"		"					
Spurdog	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		"	"

## Members Profile : Billy McCormack

*".....£2000??.....£1800??.....who'll start us off then??....£1500??....£1000 to start*

### Junior Report

In the Junior Winter Championship Jordi Diaz has secured an unassailable vice like grip on proceedings:

Junior Annual Boat Championship 2008 / 2009														
Pos	Name	Pladda 12/10/08	12/11/08Loch Fynne	Loch Etive 07/12/08	Loch Etive 04/01/09	Loch Etive 01/02/09	Loch Etive 01/03/09	Oban 29/03/09	Pladda 19/04/09	Arbroath 24/05/09	Oban 28/06/09	Arbroath 26/07/09	Oban 23/08/09	Points
1	Jordi Diaz	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	100

### Future outings

Venue	Date of Trip	List Opens	List Closes / Draw	Boat Cost	Places
Loch Etive	<b>01/03/2009</b>	19/01/2009	20/02/2009	£330	12
Oban / Loch Etive	<b>29/03/2009</b>	16/02/2009	20/03/2009	£330	12
Pladda	<b>19/04/2009</b>	09/03/2009	10/04/2009	£380	12
Arbroath	<b>24/05/2009</b>	13/04/2009	15/05/2009		
Oban	<b>28/06/2009</b>	18/05/2009	19/06/2009		
Arbroath	<b>26/07/2009</b>	15/06/2009	17/07/2009		
Oban	<b>23/08/2009</b>	13/07/2009	14/08/2009		
Loch Fyne	<b>27/09/2009</b>	17/08/2009	18/09/2009		
Pladda	<b>04/10/2009</b>	24/08/2009	25/09/2009		

Weather permitting the next trip from Oban will spend some time drifting over a wreck for pollack. There is 30 or 40 feet of water over the wreck so you may be able to get down to it with a spinning rod and leadheads. I shall be taking a light up-tide rod for use with a flowing trace, just in case, so I can get my Ragworms down to the action.

The rest of the outing will be bottom fishing for spurs, Lsd's and whatever chances by. There is likely to be a bit more current than our winter diet of Loch Etive trips so have a few heavier leads packed along with your fish baits.

Pladda in April sees a return to pollack fishing over the reefs. Spinning rod and leadheads time again but always worth taking another rod to fish a flowing trace if we drift into deeper water. Ragworms are the principal bait.

*wrote a story but things seem to be moving in the right direction, let's just keep it going !*

*....Scotland team eh ? Well we hope you get to realise this ambition soon Billy- there's no doubt you're good enough - and I know that Silver Lure will support you in any way you need !*

*Next months victim ?....eh, well actually I haven't decided yet.... Nuestro miembro español quizás?*

Picture removed to e-mail

## **Port Carlisle**

### **The Venue**

The area we'll be fishing is called "Glasson Corner", so named because....eh...it's a corner just near the village of Glasson (in Cumbria). Key "Glasson" into Google Maps and you'll see a little kink in the road just to the North of the village - that's where we'll be fishing. Distance from Paisley about 116 miles - allow a travel time of around 2.5 hours.

### **The Parking**

You park just off the road in a little grassy area, which, if people park correctly, will take up to about 8-10 cars. Parking shouldn't be a problem this early in the season. Good news is that the walk to the beach is less than 200yards, so there's no need to travel light here. The grassy area however, is owned by the local farmer, and he is known to come down occasionally, and collect a fee from local anglers for the use of his land. Be aware that he is entitled to ask for this fee (about £2) so theres no point arguing the toss. There's some good pictures of the area on the Club website.

### **The Stances**

There really aren't any hotspots on this stretch, although locals do like to fish either away to the eastern end of the stretch, where the channel is nearer the grass, or the "yellow bush" area, which is 50 yards west of the little car parking area. I notice that we're fishing 3-up-3-down so the tide will be well on the flood when we start, so we'll still be able to see any little features and gulleys as the tide floods. At the start of the outing the water will I'm sure still be quite a bit out. Best to tackle-up on the grassy high tide area, walk out to the water with just rod and rest, feeding line out as the tide rises. The flooding tide comes in like a rocket here so I wouldnt take too much gear onto the sand itself, or you may lose it!. The sand itself is quite firm, but I'd still recommend waders or at least wellies.

### **Tackle/Gear**

After the very heavy ground at our last shore trip, you'll be delighted to know that this is the cleanest ground you'll ever fish. I'd defy anybody to lose gear to a snag here, cos you're fishing onto pure sand. I'd take 2 distinct sets of gear - firstly a nice light carp/flattie style rod, fixed spool reel and line of 12lb-ish (or better still braid). I'd also take along a standard beach set up - nothing too heavy - just in case we get a lot of weed. There's no need to cast far here, so I'd usually forget about a shockleader, in favour of a 20lb line straight through. Rig-wise, the good old 2-up-1-down is perfect for here, with longish snoods (18 inch+) , and hooks around size 4. Take a selection of leads between 1-5 oz.

### **Species**

The main quarry here of course will be flounder, and the fish here can go quite large. You may find however that there arent the great numbers in the estuary yet, and that the fish may be on the lean side, as they haven't had a chance to gorge on the crab yet. The occasional bass and common eel may show up, and small codling/whiting not out of the question. There is also the chance of a plaice at this time of year - they're not common this far up the estuary, but I do know that they are being caught in good numbers at Maryport just now, and thats only 10 minutes down the coast.

### **Some Tips**

- \* Remember that we're fishing in England here, so if you do catch a Club record fish, unfortunately you cant claim it. You're okay with Nominated Species though.
  - \* Dont cast too far here - very often the fish are right in front of you. Try to avoid excessive wading - for the same reason.
  - \* As the tide is advancing, it can help if you "groundbait" the area where you'll be fishing at high water. Don't wait till the tide comes up or your groundbait will just drift away. Better to keep any burst worm or fish scraps, and simply drop them on the sand when the tide's still out - compress these into the sand gently with your heel, and this can help set up a fish retaining area when it floods.
  - \* 4 or 5 very small ragworm head-hooked can often be much more effective than 1 large worm threaded on. Tipping off with a small piece of mackerel can increase catches but not always. Last time I was here fish were ignoring the fish tipped baits, in favour of worm only. Don't forget a few small lugworm too.
    - \* Beads, spoons, boobiebeads, sequins all help here.
  - \* If a bite doesnt come in the first 5 minutes, try a couple of turns of the reel handle- a little glint, noise, or puff of sand can often entice a bite. do this every couple of minutes, to cover more ground.
    - \* There's no need to strike fish - flounder will invariably hook themselves.
    - \* Keep your rod tip low in the rest - you want all 3 baits nailed to the sea bed.
      - \* The dropping tide can often be just as productive as the flood.
- I hope some of this helps.

## **SHORE OUTINGS 2008/09**

<b>Sun 12/04/09</b>	Port Carlisle	11.30am – 5.30pm	High tide at Silloth is 13.17	Meet at sharp corner before reaching Port Carlisle itself. Tidal bore estuary, tide takes a while to come in then rips through; tide can be followed out at the end of the match with fish taken in the past on the way out. Out and out Flounder venue with standard 3 hook flappers with no bigger than size 2 hooks, club members have taken fish to ragworm and fish cocktails at this time of the year in the past.
<b>Sun 31/05/09</b>	Carsethorne	09.30 – 15.30	Low tide is 12.30	The crab should be on the peel by now and previous results from this venue have been really good, another out and out Flounder venue with standard 3 hook flappers with no bigger than size 2 hooks required. Meet at car park in Carsethorne
<b>Sat. 13/06/09</b>	Auchenlarry	12pm – 7.30pm	High tide is at 15.45	Meet at large lay-by close to Auchenlarry caravan park We need to get to this mark early to try and make sure we get on the marks hence the long fishing time, please be aware that depending on where you fish you might need to wait a while for the tide to go down far enough to get of your stance. We have had reasonably good results from here recently and you can expect to catch Bass, Smoothhound, Tope and Flounders
<b>Sun 05/07/09</b>	Auchmithie	11am – 5pm	Low tide is at 2pm	Summer Cod venue that has been good to the club in the past, normally would recommend crab only, but the last time we were there some locals were taking cod on lug. Standard rough ground cod tactics required
<b>Sun 09/08/09</b>	Port Gill	12pm – 6pm	High tide is at 3pm	Good Pollock and Wrasse mark not unlike Port Logan, can expect to catch LSD and Conger if you try for them. A bit tight for parking with space for maybe 4 cars so we will arrange meeting place prior to outing and car share down to the mark from Port Logan area.
<b>Sun 13/09/09</b>	Elliot beach	12pm – 6pm	Low water is at 3pm	We fished this one last year and quite enjoyed it, large sandy beach with gulley's to fish into. Expect to catch Flounder, Codling, Bass and maybe Turbot? Meet at the car park on the left, right after the first large roundabout on the way in to Arbroath.
<b>10/09</b>	Terally			
<b>11/09</b>	East coast cod			
<b>12/09</b>	Etive			

**Meeting times for all outings will be one hour before the fishing time; all outings will be a walk off or drive off. The draw for the walk off or drive off will take place 5 minutes after the arranged meeting time, the walk off or drive off will begin 15 minutes after the arranged meeting time.**

## Championship table

	Name	Newton shore	Usan	Loch Etive	Usan	Carsethorne	Ballahulish	Port Carlisle	Carsethorne	Auchenlarry	Auchmithie	Port Gill	Elliot Beach	Total
2	R. Buchanan	59	10 0	100	94	48								401
3	R.Wilson	56	89	0	100	78								323
	R.Finlay	0	99	9	0	69								177
1	J.McGradie	100	0	13	57	0								170
7	R.Shorting	0	28	0	87	17								132
5	W.Pollock	0	0	0	0	100								100
8	B.Allan	0	0	0	0	66								66
10	D.Diaz	0	0	31	0	22								53
6	D.McNair	0	38	0	0	n/a								38
9	Phil	0	0	0	0	n/a								0
11														
12														

The next shore outing is at Port Carlisle

Tips on venue below



Feedback form

**What did you think was good in this months newsletter/meeting**

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**What could be improved**

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**Have you any suggestions for the Newsletter or for Club meetings**

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