



# NEWSLETTER

## *Boat Report*

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### Chairman's Report:

*By Gordon McFall*

Friends, Shore Fishermen and Boat Fishermen lend me your eyes and ears as I address you after my first year as the Chairman of the Club. I would be lying if I said that it has been an easy journey with all that has been going on in the world over the past year and I would like to think that the experience had helped me grow as a person and steer the Club in a fairer, more relaxed and better Organisation to belong to. We have had some very poor luck with weather over the winter for the Shore outings and then the COVID lockdown to contend with, the latter leading to some unwanted exchanges between members that would have probably been resolved if we could have meetings in person.

We must take time to reflect and remember why we are involved in the club, to enjoy fishing with likeminded people and help others to enjoy their fishing more.

I joined the Club on Thursday 30th July 2015 at Ralston Community Centre and took on the role of trophy Custodian at the AGM that year. At that time the club struggled to fill the boat with Members each trip and we would bring friends to fill the spaces. Over the past few years the club has seen a resurgence in the boat side of the Club with ballots for places being commonplace. The shore outings were all new to me with new venues and tactics fishing all over Scotland. I have always found that there are people willing to help and give advice improving my skills and probably more importantly becoming good friends. I took on the Shore Convener role in 2017 completing three years and had lots of fantastic advice and guidance in getting people out fishing again with the introduction of alternative venues for the less able. There was an influx of new younger members that I would like to think I was one of that had new ideas for modernising and improving the Club. On reflection most would agree have paid dividends with more attendance at meetings and outings and a 40% increase in membership as a result.

Let us hope we can get back to meeting face to face before too long and in the short term a virtual meeting tool may be the best we can manage, look out for information on how we can achieve this.

Stewart Walker has decided to step down as the Boat Convener this year after more than five years of service to the club to spend more time to enjoy his fishing. I would personally like to thank Stewart for all his efforts in ensuring that the boats were booked and if one was cancelled would go out of his way to find an alternative. John Keegan (Boat Champion 2019/2020 Congratulations!) has expressed a wish to be considered to take over the role and I am sure that he will be successful in the role and will continue to bring high quality enjoyable boat fishing opportunities for Members.

David Kerr took on the Role of Shore Convener this year and he has had awful luck with poor weather, ill health and COVID to contend with. We made every effort to support David, especially over the winter with some of the most difficult conditions I have fished in with 50mph wind and torrential rain spoiling the fishing. David has intimated that he would like to continue as the Shore Convener next year and I wish him well. David is the Shore Champion 2019/2020, the competition went down to the last outing where he beat me and won by 13 points, congratulations David lets hope we can keep it as competitive next season.



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## Shore Report

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### Treasure's Report:

Accounts 2019/2020	
Income	Expenditure
Carried Forward C.I.H. £107.47	Trophy Engraving and Upgrading £201.99
Carried Forward 100 Club Bank £2,228.96	Website and Forum Hosting £148.71
Carried Forward 100 Club Cash £19.05	Hall Letts £68.20
Carried Forward T/Account £0.88	Postage Stamps and stationary £4.67
100 Club Income Bank £1,024.00	Christmas Hamper Boat Section £235.83
100 Club Income Cash £454.00	Christmas Prizes Shore Section £230.00
Sale of Club Merchandise £286.00	Purchase of Merchandise + Embroidery £364.20
Annual Subscriptions £620.00	Mead Insurance £413.83
	100 Club Winners Bank £359.40
	100 Club Winners Cash £363.80
	Cash in Hand £614.00
	Treasures Acc £0.88
	100 Club Bank £1,643.60
	100 Club Cash £91.25
£4,740.36	£4,740.36

There are currently Vacant positions in the Committee, and I would encourage anyone to take one on as we make efforts to keep the club active whilst driving improvements.

#### Committee Positions:

Chairman - Vacant

Secretary – Vacant

Boat Convener – John Keegan (Subject to Member endorsement)

Shore Convener – David Kerr (Subject to Member endorsement)

Treasurer – Robert Swan (Subject to Member endorsement)

Fish Recorder – John Monteith (Subject to Member endorsement)

#### Non-Committee Positions:

Trophy Custodian – Vacant

Webmaster – Peter Crawford

Child Protection – Vacant

Auditors x 2 – Vacant

Minutes Secretary— Vacant

In my first five year in the Club I have covered three Committee Positions and two Non-Committee Positions through thick and thin and have decided to take some time to enjoy my fishing with you all on both Boat and Shore in the future. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Members that have given help and guidance as I would not have been able to manage without you.

Thank You

Gordon



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## Shore Report

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### Monthly Shore Report, September: MOG

By Gordon McFall

Yesterday marked the final Shore Outing of a very difficult year for fishing with poor weather and the virus that has changed the world. Three Club members Gordon McFall, David Kerr and Pete Crawford made the 3 hour drive to a windswept Mull of Galloway, arriving at 14:00hrs in separate vehicles.

Once changed we set off down the the hill onto the cliffs and split up to find a stance for the six hours into darkness.



Fishing was slow to start and we were plagued by undersize fish with large numbers of various Wrasse species and gurnard making up the majority of fish in the beginning along with Starfish.

The rain was fairly persistent with the Mull giving welcome shelter from the wind that was picking up as the night went on. The expected Dogfest did not happen at dusk and the fishing seemed to die off. The heaviest fish was a 3lb 1oz Conger and we had a good variety of species with various species of Wrasse, Gurnard, Rockling, Pollack, SSSS, Conger Eel, Mackerel and LSD between us.

The Annual Shore Championship has been close this year and it gives me great pleasure to Congratulate David Kerr as the Champion for Season 2019/2020.

### Shore Match Results: September

Position	Name	Catch	Weight			Club Points
			lb	oz	Kg	
1	David Kerr	Tub gurnard x6 mackerel x3 ballan wrasse x3 pollock	15	3	6.889	100
2	Gordon Mcfall	Pollock x2 cuckoo wrasse x4 3 bearded rockling x1 ba	9	14	4.479	65
3	Peter Crawford	Ballan wrasse x1	1		0.454	7
Total Weight					11.822	















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*Key Dates and Upcoming Events*

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## Planned Boat Outings

**Oct 4th** *Oban/Etive* with Ronnie

**Nov 8th** *Oban/Etive* with Jack

**Dec 6th** *Oban/Etive* with Ronnie

## Planned Shore Outings

See <http://www.silverlure.co.uk/forum> for details



As club member's you are all welcome to have some input into the club newsletter, so if you would like to write an article, a how to guide, share a fishing trip, story or even if you've caught a big fish and you'd like some bragging rights please get in touch with [SilverLureSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:SilverLureSecretary@gmail.com) and I'll be more than happy to include it in the newsletter