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Reports from round the regions:

Report from the Angling Coaches in North Lanarkshire (SANA Coaching in North Lanarkshire)

The coaches are at present active in two secondary schools and working with United Clyde Angling Protection Association to get youngsters involved in fishing. Between the work in the schools and with the Association we have 23 young adults involved with the School Angling Club project.

We have made in roads to developing a third club angling programme within a primary school, and in January 2018 we are implementing a Dynamic youth programme (SQA approved). With the growing trends in North Lanarkshire we are in need of additional coaches to further promote and grow the programme.

Equal opportunities and diversity is promoted throughout the programmes, actively encouraging all abilities and backgrounds to take part. It is encouraging to see an interest and involvement by so many girls, in what can be a male dominated and orientated sport.

Totally Awesome Community Fishing Club

Our group are still active within 5 Secondary Schools in East Renfrewshire and frequently call on our colleagues in Renfrewshire to assist us.

Our grateful thanks go to Stewart Cameron and his Coaches, Brian Millar and Brian Clarkson, for all their help.

Our Club, The Totally Awesome Community Fishing Club is part of the Newton Mearns Sports Hub based at Whitecraigs Rugby Club where we run fly tying classes every Thursday from early November to March.

The Club is open to all ages, beginners, experienced anglers sexes and faiths. We do not differentiate.

They all have access to our UKCC coaches of which we presently have 4 Level 2's and 4 level 1's (two of whom Connaire Diver and Jordan Queen are part of the Scottish Youth team for 2017)

We are the first and possibly only Community Fishing Club attached to a Sports Hub in Scotland.

The Club has access to Sandy Crawford (UKCC level 2), Connaire Diver (UKCC Level 1 and Scottish Youth International) and Tom Anderson (GAIA Instructor) to run our classes as well as fly tying demonstrations being given by John Hood, Willie McCutcheon and David Downie.

We have found that it has promoted a group of people with similar interests who wish to learn more about their sport and to pass this information on to beginners, of all ages.

It has introduced a new type of sport away from the usual football, cycling, rugby etc. to the Sports Hub and this gives their club members and ours an opportunity to mix not only socially but through our open days.

We also use our Facebook page on a very regular basis and has been found to attract more people into our club.

It would appear that we have found a niche in the market.

So far, we have been to Lawfield, The Green Frog in Moffat (with Jim Mathews group) Drumtassie, Glenbervie and The Little Loch in East Renfrewshire all with great success.

We also have access to GAIA instructors like, Tom Anderson and Ken Oliver who work with us on a very regular basis. Ken now runs our Club at his school where he teaches, Woodfarm HS.

In the forthcoming season 2018 we will be officially joining with the Renfrewshire Coaches to give us more access to each other's projects and coaches throughout the season. We are also starting a branch of our Club at Cowans Law Fishery near Galston where the Fishing Manager, William Reid, wants to set up a Youth/beginners Club. It will carry our name but with, in brackets (Cowans Law) attached to it.

Re Connaire Diver he has also given a fly tying demonstration at the Scottish Game Fair in the summer which was very well received.

Our coaching staff now have: -

6 UKCC level 2s

2 UKCC Level 1s

Photographs can be taken from our Facebook page

Coaching Activity in 2017 – John Hood - SANA Coaching Officer-ADBoS Delivery team

This year we have had 2 new schools/educational support centres for the Club Angling Programme, St Columba's High in Dunfermline and Boreland PS in Kirkcaldy. Both schools then wanted more input by the coaches to deliver the first levels of the Cast Awards, 2 hours a week, over a 5-week period.

We continued working with the Bridges Support Unit in Rosyth delivering coaching support for 5 hours a week during the summer and autumn months. Beath High school also wanted our support with 2 of their young lads.

Balwearie High had 10 candidates complete their National Progression Award in May and a further 15 registered for the next NPA programme. Our coaches have been working with them in school and on fishing outings on a regular basis since August.

Myself, teachers David McKay, Richard Smith and local businessman David Sands took 12 pupils from Kinross high school on a 4-day fishing trip up to Rannoch Moor. The pupils were taught various methods on how to fish the locks and rivers in the area and everyone managed to catch at least one of the lovely brown trout the region is famous for. There was also fly-tying lessons/sessions in the evenings and discussions on what flies worked best. A very successful trip.

This year we have again been working with other organisations to raise awareness of Game angling and to support the work of these partners. These include:

Stirling Council fisheries manager at the opening day of the Teith in Callander
Perth and District AC with their local school's initiative
Glasgow Angling centre at their open weekends
The Fife agricultural show In Cupar
SNH at the Leven Discovery day
Edinburgh Angling Centre at their open weekend
Inverness angling club at the Scottish Salmon festival in Inverness
Avonbank AC and their introduction evenings for Linlithgow Scouts group
The Dee fisheries board at their Scottish Anglers Volunteer Awards Day in Banchory.

Many of these groups have already booked us for their next events and continued support.

We have also been involved with the delivery of 2 UKCC level 1 courses, bringing a wide and experienced group of instructors, Bailiffs, fisheries biologists, doctors and others into the growing coaching community. Some will be going on to create their own projects and increase the opportunities to take part in angling activities.

We are now working on a range of CPD events for our coaches to increase their angling skills and knowledge, in a friendly and positive way and hope to start delivery at the end of 2017, start of 2018.

So, it's been an interesting year, meeting some great people and been involved with some positive work, looking forward to the next 12 months, hopefully things will be just as interesting and varied. If there is anything that you would like to know more about, would like some coaching support for your group or project, or would be interested in becoming a UKCC coach for your club or project then please feel free to get in touch at any time.

Inverness Angling Club

Introduction

The coaches named below are the first Inverness Angling Club (IAC) members to qualify to UKCC Level 1. The programme was organised with SANA as the club was making an increasing commitment to developing the skills of its junior members, consistently over 100 strong; was keen to expand its annual Casting Clinics; and recognised the need for qualified coaches to lead and supervise training.

Coaches: Steve Black, Secretary, Inverness Angling Club, Bill Byers, Graham Mackenzie, President, IAC, Billy Murdoch (now a ghillie working away from Inverness, putting his qualification to good use), Alan Scott, Steve Watt.

Coaching Activity:

1 Club Casting Clinics:

For many years, IAC has organised a series of Casting Clinics on the River Ness each Wednesday evening in June. These are specifically designed to teach Speycasting techniques to new entrants to angling, help more experienced anglers to iron out any problems and develop their skills, and encourage juniors to take up the sport. Trout casting lessons are held on the adjacent Bught Park.

The clinics are open to non-members of the club.

2 Highland Council Special Unit Training:

During 2016, the club's qualified coaches were key figures in a special programme to assist young people with learning or behavioural difficulties. This involved four one day introductions to salmon, trout and coarse angling on river, sea and canal. Club coaches worked with the local fishery board, police and staff of the special unit. A further set of courses is likely to be staged in 2018.

3 Highland Field Sports Fair:

IAC runs Anglers' Corner at this fair, staged annually at Moy Estate. The event includes competition salmon distance casting and trout accuracy. Coaches provide tuition in trout casting and Speycasting.

4 Fly tying:

There is a considerable history of fly development within IAC and many club members are involved in this fascinating hobby. IAC is determined to maintain and expand members' skills. Club coaches supervise expert tutors in weekly fly tying classes during the close season, running from October to the end of March. Two particularly gifted junior fly tyers are also involved in the classes and are passing their skills to others.

Summary

IAC believes that its Level 1 coaches have made a good start to their coaching activities and are keen to see as many as possible move on to Level 2. The club is also keen to see some junior members take their Level 1 qualification and will be addressing this in 2018.

IAC/December 2017

The Lake of Menteith Cormorants (Alisdair Mair)

The club is now in its 12th year since inception in 2005 and has enjoyed another successful season.

Membership has continued to grow with a continuous influx of younger students joining the group yearly

As has been the norm in past years, evening classes catering for a range of subjects will be resuming again over the winter months to cater for the student's requirements at all levels of involvement.

Recently towards the end of this season as part of the Sana Coaching group incentive.

The club coaches assisted with the Linlithgow Angling club and scout group open day which consisted of a practical session on casting and water craft at the local Scout hall and a further evening a week later fishing at Millhall fishery.

Many thanks to the fishery staff and all involved

The interest shown was quite exceptional and three youngsters came to the Cormorants and joined us on the Mid-term Cormorants Shield day in mid-October. We have since had another two more youngsters come along.

There they got to meet like-minded young people and got a taster of what both Menteith and Stillwater fishing from boats has to offer. It was good to get them involved.

It maybe that working with local Scout groups is something that the Coaching Committee should be looking to expand. It may be a way of recruiting young enthusiastic children into our sport on a regular basis and something we should plan for in the forthcoming months.

Stemming from their Cormorants involvement during 2016/2017 seasons, Jamie Caruth attained his UKCC level 1 coaching Qualification.

These young adults are great role models and deserve some recognition for their efforts. They will be invaluable in coming years to promote our sport to the younger generation.

The list of Cormorants members continues to grow yearly. but without the help of the unsung heroes, "the coaches and vetted helpers " that turn up every week , none of this would be possible. So can I take this opportunity to personally thank each and every one involved in our project .

Thank you for taking the time to read this report and if this note reaches a soft spot in your heart and you have a few hours to spare please don't hesitate to contact myself , gain a coaching Qualification or indeed if you would like to contribute in any way.

Jim Mathew
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