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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

The Totally Awesome Community Fishing Club was formed and constituted in 2015 and is predominantly a coaching club.

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

We are part of the Newton Mearns Sports Hub based at Whitecraigs Rugby Club where we also run fly tying classes every Thursday from early October to March.

Prior to the Club being formed our coaches worked alongside what was Strathclyde Police in secondary schools within East Renfrewshire.

Initially it was a community to project, set up in 2003 and was known as AFYD (Angling For Youth Development).

Since these early days several of our young participants have gone on to represent the Scottish Youth Team, become gamekeepers, lecturers and even worked with ex-servicemen in Erskine Hospital.

One has now become UKCC Level 1 coach and another is about to go through the course in March 2018.

Our club members have access to our UKCC coaches of whom we presently have 6 UKCC Level 2's and 1 UKCC Level 1, (Connaire Diver who was part of the successful Scottish Youth team for 2017).

One other senior Club member, Neil Andrew, is also going through his UKCC level 1 course in March this year and he has now introduced his two daughters to the sport both of whom are going to be taken under the wing of Jane Wright.

FLY TYING

The Club has access to Sandy Crawford (UKCC level 2), Connaire Diver (UKCC Level 1) and Tom Anderson (GAIAC Instructor) to run our classes as well as fly tying demonstrations being given by John Hood, Willie McCutcheon and Ross Murdoch. We also have several other highly skilled fly Tyers in the club who assist.

COACHING

We run Clubs in St Luke's HS, Barrhead HS, Woodfarm HS, Eastwood HS and Mearns Castle HS and we have recently started work with Active Schools, East Renfrewshire in St John Primary School. Each class consist of no more than 20 pupils and lasts for 10 weeks at the end of which we go fishing.

The course is on rod and reel construction (fly and bait), knots and leader construction, fly tying, casting and entomology.

So far we have been to Lawfield, The Green Frog in Moffat (with Jim Mathew's group) Drumtassie, Glenbervie, Broomhill, Arran View 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.

In the forthcoming season 2018 we will be officially joining with the Renfrewshire Coaches to given us more access to each other's projects and coaches throughout the season.

Our team:-

John Stewart: - Secretary

John is a retired Police Officer and teacher. He has been involved in sport since he was 3 yrs. of age. Like his parents, who were both Olympic trialists, was a member of Kilmarnock Amateur Swimming Club. He was part of the Scottish Age Group team and at the age of 13 was the first person to swim 1 mile butterfly in Britain. He also was head coach at the club 1977 to 1980. He also played Rugby for his secondary school in Kilmarnock for 3 years as well as Ayrshire, Glasgow and the Scottish Schools Team for two years. He then moved on to play for Kilmarnock Rugby Club where he was part of the first team squad and played for the First XV and Second XV as well 7s team and captaining the Under 21 team. He represented the Scottish Colleges and Universities team on two occasions against England and Wales.

In 1980 he joined Strathclyde Police where he served until he retired, due to an on duty injury, in 2006.

He qualified as a UKCC Level 2 coach for angling in 2012.

He is a member of Eaglesham and Barrhead Angling Clubs.

John Mullen: - President.

John has been an angler most of his life and is a member of Barrhead Angling Club. Due to health problems John does not fish as much as he used to but has been passing on his knowledge and expertise since 2012 as a UKCC Level 2.

Sandy Crawford: - Treasurer

He is self-employed, brick layer, handy man and lay preacher.

Like John Mullen has been fishing most of his life but mostly bait until he moved south from his home in Stornoway when he discovered fly fishing. He is a member of Barrhead Angling Club.

He has been qualified as UKCC Level 2 since 2012

Raymond Fuggle:-

Raymond has many years' experience in fishing and joined us in 2015 when he qualified as a UKCC level 2. He is a member of Eaglesham Angling Club.

Stewart Cameron:-

Stewart has many years of experience in all three disciplines Game, Course and Sea.

Along with Brian Miller, he is part of the St Ninians Angling Club in Paisley and The Totally Awesome Community Fishing Club. (TTACFC)

He has been qualified as a UKCC Level 2 since 2012

Brian Miller:-

Like Stewart Cameron above has many years' experience in all three angling disciplines and is also a member of both St Ninians and TTACFC.

He qualified as a UKCC Level 2 coach in 2012

Connaire Diver.

Connaire left school last year hoping to gain an apprenticeship in the building trade.

He took up fishing on his own and was basically self-taught. He joined Barrhead Angling Club where he met John Mullen who immediately saw his potential.

He was introduced to The Cormorants during which time he qualified for the Scottish Youth Team that eventually won Gold in the home international in Wales in 2017.

He qualified as a UKCC Level 1 coach in 2016.

All the coaches have full and up to date Disclosure Checks, First Aid, Water Safety Certificates and full SANA Insurance for this project.

FACEBOOK

Access to our [Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/Totally-Awesome-Community-Fishing-Club-639283486235423/) is open to the public - <https://www.facebook.com/Totally-Awesome-Community-Fishing-Club-639283486235423/>

"The Totally Awesome Community Fishing Club"

The Club is free to join but there is a charge of £2:00 for attending any fly tying classes.

All equipment required is also available to All Club members during coaching and fishing trips free of charge.

We are not sponsored and all funding has to be applied for to The Big Lottery Fund which has been superb with us in the past.

John Stewart

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 his Cormorants involvement during 2016/2017 seasons, Jamie Caruth, this year's Youth Team Captain, attained his UKCC level 1 coaching Qualification.

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.