



LOCH ACHONACHIE ANGLING CLUB START OF SEASON : APRIL 2023

2023 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As I send you this brief newsletter, we have processed 214 renewals and many new memberships too, which is great news for the club, so thanks to all who renewed early. If you haven't renewed you need to do it now before you can go fishing or book boats or river beats. It's never been easier to join or renew. It can all be done by email/internet for non-contact joining up. The 2023 membership form is on the website and you can complete it on your computer or phone, send it to achonachie.angling@gmail.com and pay by BACS – all the details are on the form. Booking Agent as always is Contin Filling Station - phone 01997421948 – the staff there are very helpful and do great work for our club.

So the message to all is – it's time to renew if you haven't already done so and let's all get out fishing again!



START OF SEASON WORK PARTIES

Many thanks to all those willing hands who turned out last weekend to get the boats ready for the start of the season. Kenny & Robert Ross; Bob Olivant; John & Derek Ritchie over from Nairn; Scott McMath, Chris & David Ross; Tim & Mary Allen all the way from Gairloch; Donald Morrison & Gavin Morton; forming a great team to help Ian MacPhail get the boats washed and lifted into Achonachie, Meig and Scardroy **THANKS !**

FOLLOW THE RULES

An **updated rules document for season 2023** is now up on the website and you can download it from the front page. I can also send it to you by email. You need to note the change that **treble hooks are not allowed** so as to ease safe catch & return. So it's time to get busy with some split rings and double or single hook replacements or just get your snips out. Safe use of the Loch Meig pontoons has been highlighted to you before but here's it again.



7 ESSENTIAL PONTOON RULES

- 1 Take care using the pontoons
- 2 One angler to unlock the boat and row to the slipway
- 3 Load up and fix on any outboards etc. at the slip way **not on the mooring**
- 4 Take care of the keys – they have a floatation key fob attached but keep them safe please
- 5 Return your boat securely as above
- 6 Fasten the chain at the top of the bridge
- 7 RETURN THE KEYS TO CONTIN AND HAND IN YOUR CATCH RETURN

Our Club website <https://highlandfishing.net/> and Facebook page and Instagram site are all available to stay up to date with LAAC activities and news. Remember to keep a record of your fishing so as to make it easy to complete your mandatory catch return in October. Email us at achonachie.angling@gmail.com **Tight Lines !**

Stephen Dowds

LAAC Chairman/Secretary

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