



Looking back at the 2024 season we can say that other than for salmon our fisheries have been kind to our members. Only three salmon were caught on all our salmon fisheries.

Our game waters are increasingly popular to fish and all our river water as well as Talybont are wild fisheries.

Our Coarse fishing lakes and fisheries are extremely well used : Top pond Penywern is well fished with carp of 20 pounds plus being caught regularly. Middle pond is now being developed after waiting all the years we have for the Heads of the Valley Road to be completed. We were unsure if they would need to drain the pond. However it will now be a silver fish lake. It has a head of carp but our stocking of silver fish in early 2024 has made it a popular junior venue. Another stocking will take place in early 2025. There is no doubt that Phill Williams our senior competition Secretary has raised the profile of the Alliance.

Pontsticill continues as an excellent pike fishery with doubles being commonly caught. However the larger 20 pound fish are more elusive. We hope to hold an evening where the Pike Anglers will join us to talk about tactics and how to handle the fish. The lake has also taken on a new lease of life by holding many competitions. Its attraction is being a wild water as opposed to a commercial fishery . We are holding a feeder championship as well as other competitions see our web site or more info contact us on Facebook.

Brecon canal has become a very popular fishery with regular club and open competitions again contact us or see our Facebook page more info all the page with the Canal Pictures. We have been informed that Canal and Rivers Trust need to carry out work in the basin at Brecon over winter. This will entail draining the basin to a degree. However we have been told that there will be no need to transfer any fish.

**From the 25th January 2024 we will no longer have an exchange ticket with Glamorgan Anglers. They do not sell day tickets on their waters you will need to be a member if you wish to fish their waters.**

The AGM was also our presentation night where the newly formed Junior section were presented with their prizes for 2024. Phil Williams took on the role of Junior Competition Secretary and we wish to thank him for this. Sadly due to illness Will Millard was unable to attend.

There will be **no PO box available this year**. All payments for permits will be either by Clubmate or with Steve at the Bait Shack Merthyr Tydfil. Steve will also have a card payment facility and will take cash. **No cheques will be taken as payment.**

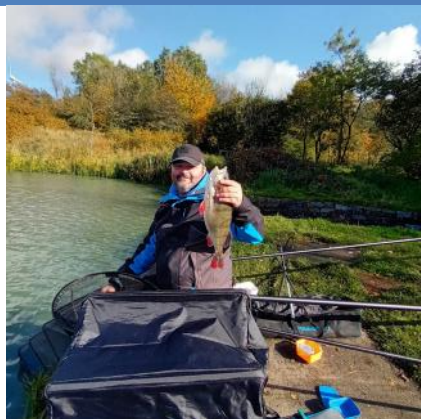
The Ysbytty Fishery: The current arrangements for access are the same as 2024 please read more details in your new rule book. We have a strong in fact a non negotiable title to the access but are looking at our interests by bearing with the new company that has taken it over.

Our Senior competition list are on pages four and five for 2025.

Pages 6—7 are our catch returns many thanks to Liam the Secretary for producing these.



Pictures catches on Middle Pond.





The above pictures are of Young Travis Couch. Travis has been dedicated to angling since a very young age. Visit his Facebook page to see his achievements. He has been very successful on the dam side of Top Pond silver fish fishing.



An unwanted item



Merthyr Tydfil Angling Alliance		Fixtures	2025
Date	Venue	Date	Venue
<b>January</b>		<b>July</b>	
5		6	
12		13	Parc Cwm Darran
19		20	Middle Pond
26		27	
<b>February</b>		<b>August</b>	
2		3	
9		10	<b>Redhill (Mollys)</b>
16		17	
23		24	Fochriw Feeder Pond
<b>March</b>		31	
2	<b>Redhill (Mollys)</b>	<b>September</b>	
9		7	Brecon Canal (Town section)
16		14	
23	<b>White Springs</b>	21	Middle Pond
30		28	
<b>April</b>		<b>October</b>	
6	Middle Pond	5	<b>Riverside</b>
13		12	
20		19	
27	Butetown Pond	26	<b>Redhill (Sophies)</b>
<b>May</b>		<b>November</b>	
4		2	<b>Redhill (Tillies)</b>
11	<b>Redhill (Sophies)</b>	9	
18		16	
25	Parc Cwm Darran	23	<b>Redhill (Sophies) Fur &amp; Feather</b>
<b>June</b>		30	
1	Middle Pond	<b>December</b>	
8		7	
15	<b>Redhill (Mollys)</b>	14	
22		21	
29	Butetown Pond	28	

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January		July	
5	River Wye (Boughrood)	6	Fochriw Feeder Pond
12		13	Parc Cwm Darran
19	Riverside (Silvers match)	20	Middle Pond
26		27	Redhill Sophies
February		August	
2	River Wye (Bronydd)	3	Canal (Brynich Lock)
9	Redhill Tillys (Silvers match)	10	Redhill( Mollys)
16	Riverside (Silvers match)	17	B & M Canal (Llanfoist)
23	River Wye (Boughrood)	24	Fochriw Feeder Pond
March		31	Parc Cwm Darran)
2	Redhill (Mollys)	September	
9	River Wye (Boughrood)	7	Brecon Canal (Town section)
16	Redhill Tillys (Silvers match)	14	Butetown Pond
23	White Springs	21	Middle Pond
30	Riverside (Silvers match)	28	B & M Canal (Wooden Horse)
April		October	
6	Middle Pond	5	Riverside
13	Parc Cwm Darran Lake	12	Redhill
20	Redhill Tillys	19	River Wye (Boughrood)
27	Butetown Pond	26	Redhill (Sophies)
May		November	
4	B & M Canal Llanfoist	2	Redhill (Tillies)
11	Redhill (Tillies)	9	Riverside (Silvers match)
18	Butetown Pond	16	River Wye (Boughrood)
25	Parc Cwm Darran	23	Redhill (Sophies)
June		30	
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***Canal matches ring Jesse on 01685 840122 on the Friday prior to match for confirmation***



### MTAA River Usk Catch Return Data 2024

The 2024 season demonstrated a significant improvement in data capture compared to previous years. The success of the booking system through Clubmate and the automation of catch returns have started to gain momentum, which we hope will continue in the coming years.

#### **Key Data Highlights:**

- **Top Beat:** Similar to last season, our Mardy water beat remained the most popular, accounting for 50% of rod days on our waters. This beat yielded a total of 232 fish over 196 rod visits.
- **Most Successful Beats per Visit:** The Kemey's and Ysbyty beats once again proved to be the most successful, showing high fish-to-visit ratios and yielding salmon as well.
- **Notable Trends:** There has been an increase in coarse fish catches, particularly barbel, across our waters

#### **The top line data is as follows:**

Beat	Visits	Trout Caught	Salmon Caught	Total Salmon Weight	Other Species	Total Fish Caught	Fish Per Visit	Beat Popularity %
Bakers	12	5	0	0	0	5	0.42	3
Kemeys	123	149	2	31	7	158	1.28	31
Mardy	196	229	0	0	3	232	1.18	50
Town	6	7	0	0	0	7	1.17	2
Ysbyty	56	68	1	16	3	72	1.29	14
<b>2024 Totals</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>1.21</b>	
<b>2023 Totals</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>1.12</b>	
<b>Difference</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>0.09</b>	

#### **Monthly Data Overview:**

The busiest and most productive month this season was June, while August was the least productive. Visits were generally consistent throughout the season. Early season productivity was lower, likely due to increased water levels and a colder spring, resulting in delayed hatching patterns. The usual April and May fly hatches, particularly of March Brown and Grannom, were minimal across our waters.



Month	Visit	Trout	Salmon	Catch Rate
March	41	58	0	1.41
April	42	64	0	1.52
May	43	63	0	1.47
June	48	126	1	2.65
July	41	31	0	0.76
August	42	44	0	1.05

### Looking Ahead:

Starting next season, monthly top-line catch return data will be available on our Facebook page. We will emphasize the importance of completing catch forms, with plans to introduce a separate form for the Taff catchments.

For further information on data capture, please contact the club secretary.

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**Note:** we intend doing more and more on line through clubmate. This way we are able to keep in touch with our members. Please also make use of our facebook page



