



Junior Newsletter

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April Meeting

Austen Goldsmith talked to the Junior Members of Mounts Bay Angling Society about his passion for saltwater fly fishing and bass. With a rod in hand he demonstrated how a fly is cast and retrieved and showed members the differences between fly and sea angling. He had several cases of flies which he has tied and members looked at the wide variety. Juniors looked through his photograph albums and admired some of the many fish he has caught, not only bass, and at some of the other lures he uses. All members were given an example of a "fly" which imitates a sandeel.



Austen explained how he uses barbless hooks most of the time, and demonstrated how easy it is to remove a barbless hook from a finger, much to the amazement of some of those present.

Target Fish Competition

In the Target Fish Competition for April Billy Williams and Ollie Burnell both caught ballan wrasse and overall they are tied in first place.

May Competition

This was fished at Carnsew in Hayle. Eight juniors turned out, and four caught fish.

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| Ollie Burnell, Kiera Chapman | 15 points |
| Logan Chapman, Olly Gibson | 10 points |
| Theo, Kian and Harvey Crook, and Cory Middleton | 5 points |



May Meeting

This was held on Monday 21st May on Sandy Cove at Newlyn, when Jon Hocking and his friend Veryan demonstrated their casting

prowess. Jon has a personal best cast of 288 yards on the tournament field so the members had a chance of learning from an expert and a chance to improve their casting technique and distances.



Jon Hocking



I started fishing when I was 6 years old , mainly fishing the local piers at Penzance and Newlyn catching mackerel, garfish and pollack while float fishing. As I got older my father took me out on the rocks fishing at Crowns down Bottallack, where we would spin and float fish

for pollack. By the age of 12 I would join my uncle on his boat which we would launch at Penzance Harbour and venture into Mounts Bay catching a variety of different species. On very calm days we would steam down to the Runnell Stone Reef to catch cod and large pollack .

When I was 13 I started to try to improve my casting, going out in the field behind my house to practice , trying to cast to the hedge at the end of the field which was 150 yards away after many hours practice I was casting over the hedge , when I was 15 I attended my first casting tournament at westward casting association which was at Bodmin , I managed a cast of 184 yards. I went again to the next ornament and managed a cast of 201 yards while still aged 15. With more practice by the age of 16 I had personal best cast of 252 yards which was further than a lot of the seniors who were casting at the tournaments ,

I have been attending casting tournaments on and off for over 20 years traveling to different tournaments all over the country , I have represented Westward Casting Club on many occasions at the Club Man's which is a casting competition between all the different casting clubs in the UK In 2010 I came 2nd in the individual event , and first with Westward in the team event. At the moment my personal best cast is 288 yards, one day I hope to get over 300 yards with a bit more practice.

June Competition

This will be on Newlyn Pier on Saturday 4th June from 15.00 to 18.00. Bill Padgeth (01326 572018) will be leading this event as I will be away at my mother's funeral.

June Target Fish

The species this month are: any bream, any gurnard and mackerel. If you catch any of these please tell Rob Burnell (07882 401247).

June Meeting

This will be on Monday 27th June when our Chairman will give a talk on fishing for mullet. **Mike's Mullet Mania** will start at 19.00 in the Watersports Centre on the Albert Pier.

Shore League Update

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| Oliver Burnell | 18pts |
| Kian Crook | 11pts |
| David Massimino-Jenkins | 9pts |
| Harvey Crook | 9pts |
| Michael Osmand | 8pts |
| Kiera Chapman | 8pts |
| Cory Middleton | 8pts |
| Logan Chapman | 6pts |
| Olly Gibson | 6pts |
| Theo Crook | 4pts |
| Jenson Hewitt | 2pts |
| Sennen O'Connell | 2pts |
| Dylan O'Connell | 2pts |
| William Stevens | 2pts |
| Benjamin Stevens | 2pts |
| William Armstrong | 2pts |
| James Armstrong | 2pts |

Paul Robinson