**Chairman’s Report 2020**

2020 has been a difficult year for all of us and will be remembered, no doubt as the year of the Virus rather than for the fishing and quality of fish weighed in to date this year. Due to Covid19 you will be aware there will be no AGM this year, hopefully all of our current committee will be happy to continue in their present roles until we are able to hold our next AGM in December 2021. However if you or anybody else you know are interested in taking on a role within the committee please let myself or the Hon Secretary Rob Jelbert know.

I would like to thank the committee and clubs members for all of your support throughout 2020. In particular those who were asked to attend emergency meetings of 6 committee members throughout the course of the year in wet and windy carparks. Through this commitment the club manged to continue to efficiently and successfully hold the majority of its annual competitions, albeit with adapted sign on and weigh in procedures. I would also like to single out two members in particular for a special thank you on behalf of the club and myself, who without their relentless passion for the club during 2020 things may have looked very different.

**Peter Maddern** for his constant updating and diligence of the MBAS website, which has for all of us been the means of being kept up to date on Competition results and general club matters.

**Peter Kessell** for his conscientiousapproach to the shore and competition secretary role and organising all of the shore competitions compliantly within the changing rules of Covid19 during 2020. Many comps being cancelled and rescheduled with short notice.

When we have been able to get out fishing safely there have been some good quality fish weighed in especially from the boat section this year.

This year of the virus has seen many people return to fishing since their childhood days and many others starting for the first time. This has become very relevant from the various social media sites available. So please can I ask you all to encourage these people, not ridicule them for asking what you may deem as a stupid question ie “what bait do you use?” “Where did you catch that?” we all started somewhere and all asked these questions at least once. So please encourage these anglers to join MBAS or any other local angling club to help gain this knowledge and to help keep this knowledge gained over century’s passed on to the next generation of anglers. Explain the benefits of joining a club with over 100 members, monthly competitions free to enter many with prizes. Also the benefits of being under the umbrella of the Angling Trust with liability insurance to all members.

Hopefully 2021 our 75th anniversary as a club will see us all being able to mix again and continue with our passion for angling, whilst restarting our monthly meetings and weigh in’s for the competitions. Let’s start building the next 75 years now.

Mike Delbridge