



## **SWFSA NEWS -**

**May 2016**

### **Annual General Meeting – Sidmouth 17th February**

Thanks to those of you who attended the AGM, with representatives from 9 out of the 12 clubs who had signed up in 2015 attending together with a good handful of personal members it turned out to be a lively and enthusiastic meeting. Those who came along were happy to help celebrate another successful year for the federation, pick up their prizes, have a drink, enjoy Bill Cassar's legendary buffet and try their luck with the raffle, with all tables at the end of the evening exhibiting a prize or three.

Amongst the prizes given out were two brand new trophies for best catch and release.

We presented our president's Andy Alcock and his Wife Gill with a bouquet of flowers and gave them our thanks for their generous donation of the prizes at the 2015 AGM.

For those of you who did not attend the AGM in February here is a brief outline of points discussed:

**Bass Restrictions – We really need to gather all members' views on this issue, the Federation would like to take a stance and provide the authorities with a voice on this subject but need to know what you are all thinking.**

**Pennell rigs – new rules from January check your handbooks or get in touch to find out.**

**Personal member's boundaries – we voted to extend personal members boundaries to the rest of the UK in 2017, members would have to fish within the federation boundaries abiding by the SWFSA rules but this is a good opportunity to include Sea Anglers from disbanded clubs etc.**

**Treasurer's report – In summary the federation remains buoyant, making a small surplus in 2015. This surplus has been invested in two brand new trophies for best catch and release and a tackle voucher prize for personal membership 2016.**

## Communication

We are concerned that the federation newsletter is not reaching all of the members and will try by all means to make sure we reach you. If members want us to add their e-mail address to our mailing list we can do so,

Also is everyone aware of our website [www.swfsa.co.uk](http://www.swfsa.co.uk) and our Facebook Group [www.facebook.com/groups/theswfsa/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/theswfsa/)? We encourage members to submit Photos of their catches, Club comp posters, Newsletters and articles of interest for publication on our website and show off your catches and discuss fishing in general in our Facebook group.

### ***FISH RECORDERS REPORT***

I have received 15 Senior and 1 junior entry to date for January FOTM and 24 senior and 1 Junior entry for February.

Ryan Casey amassed a catch which will contend for the best 3 specimens Trophy.

In a 30 minute window he landed a BLONDE RAY of 34lb 9oz 1dr, UNDULATE RAY of 16lb 6oz 12dr and a THORNBAC RAY of 13lb 5oz 12dr totalling 431%.  
A session of a lifetime!

### **FOTM WINNERS TO DATE**

#### **January FOTM**

##### **Senior Shore**

**DAVE LANE FLOUNDER 21lb 15oz 7dr 131.67% WEYMOUTH AS**

##### **Senior Boat**

**DAVE PITMAN UNDULATE RAY 14lb 10ozs 121.88% ATLANTA BC**

##### **Junior**

**BEN MINGO FLOUNDER 21lb 5oz 8dr 104.17% KINGSBRIDGE SAC**

#### **February FOTM**

##### **Senior Shore**

**IAN WOODLEY SMALL EYED RAY 9lb 11oz 8dr 121.48% SIDMOUTH SAC**

##### **Senior Boat**

**RYAN CASEY BLONDE RAY 34lb 9oz 1dr 172.84% WEYMOUTH AS**

##### **Junior**

**ETHAN CASEY UNDULATE RAY 15lb 10oz 6dr 130.42% WEYMOUTH AS**

#### **March FOTM**

##### **Senior Shore**

**KEVIN CHARNOCK SHORE ROCKLING 1lb 4oz 2dr 125.69% WEYMOUTH AS**

##### **Senior Boat**

**DAVID ATKINSON SPURDOG 19lb 6ozs 161.46% APPLIEDORE SHIPBUILDERS AC**

##### **Junior**

**No Winner**

To make certain that individuals receive their invitations to the A.G.M and Presentation night once they have won a FOTM award or assigned trophy, we must make sure that their address is listed on the FOTM Form. There are a growing amount of clubs that use C/o ???? For all anglers within the club. Please can we provide the correct information for each angler. We do not wish to reject claims, but this could happen if this trend continues.

## New Trophies

As touched on earlier, we have invested in two new trophies. These are awarded for the Best Catch and release fish Boat and Best Catch and release fish Shore.

These were presented for the first time this year. The old trophy was re-allocated for Best catch and release fish from a junior. The previous winners on the catch and release trophy were engraved onto the respective boat or shore trophy so that legacy information was not lost.

We are looking to improve our Trophy Cabinet in the years to come. I previously asked if anyone had suggestions for any particular Species or category they felt a trophy could be awarded for. I haven't received any recommendations but would welcome any input.

## **SWFSA** ***Personal Memberships***

***We now have 26 people that have taken up the personal membership. This is a 80% increase in the previous year  
Its still not to late to join!***

All specimen fish registered by Personal Members will also be automatically entered into the Top Twenty competition.

Each year the best twenty specimen entries received will each be awarded a personal trophy.

Multiple winners may be awarded a larger Trophy.

**All this for £10 a year including a Handbook!**

To sign up for Personal Membership visit  
<http://www.swfsa.co.uk/memberships-1.html>

Click on the personal membership PDF on the right hand side.

*Wishing you all good fishing*

*Andrew*