



## **SWFSA NEWS -**

**August 2019**

*This is the first Newsletter since January.  
I felt that as I didn't have much to report it wasn't  
necessary to publish the April edition*

**We have had very little correspondence from the clubs other than Fish of The Month Specimen claims.**

**Hopefully this means that everyone is happy with the way things are going. We (the Committee) are still meeting regularly to discuss any issues and discuss how we can drive the Federation forward.**

**We welcomed a new Member to the Committee in Paul Munday. Hopefully a few more members would like to join us. This would give us more diverse conversation as we can see things from different perspectives.**

### ***SWFSA Insurance.***

***As you will be aware the Federation offers its clubs 3rd Party insurance to cover their members in Club organised events.***

***The membership taking up the insurance has not covered the cost for several years now and the Federation has been covering the shortfall. This has been a cost of around £130 for the last few years.***

***It was felt at committee level that we should ask our membership how important the insurance is to them and if it makes an influence to them in why they Join the SWFSA.***

***Your feed back is important to us to see whether we cease with the Insurance or continue with it and find another way to Fund this. This could be an increased subscription from £50 to £70 a year.***

***We plan to discuss this fully at our October meeting and make a decision then, so please can you feed back your thoughts to me through email.***

***Many Thanks***

***Andrew***

***Fish Recorders report.***

***I have kept the website up to date on the FOTM Winners***

***Full list to date is:-***

**January**

**Senior Shore**

**TONY SLADE SPURDOG 10lb 15ozs 136.72% Appledore Shipbuilder AC**

**Senior Boat**

**KEVIN PIKE SPURDOG 15lb 4ozs 127.08% Appledore Shipbuilder AC**

**February FOTM**

**Senior Shore**

**DERRY MYERS BALLAN WRASSE 6lb 1oz 121.25% PORTLAND**

**Senior Boat**

**DAVE PITMAN UNDULATE RAY 19lb 4ozs 160.42% ATLANTA**

**March FOTM**

**Senior Shore**

**JACK STUART BULL HUSS 10lb 8oz 105.00% KINGSBRIDGE & DIST SAC**

**Senior Boat**

**MICHAEL TOOGOOD SPURDOG 18lb 0ozs 150.00% Appledore Shipbuilder AC**

**Junior**

**JACK PIKE SPURDOG 16lb 4ozs (Boat) 135.42% Appledore Shipbuilder AC**

**April FOTM**

**Senior Shore**

**JAMES ATKINSON SMALL Eyed Ray 9lb 0oz 106.940% Appledore Shipbuilder AC**

**Senior Boat**

**KEVIN PIKE BULL HUSS 14lb 8ozs 120.83% Appledore Shipbuilder AC**

**MAY FOTM**

**Senior Shore**

**JACK STUART BULL HUSS 11lb 14ozs 118.75% KINGSBRIDGE & DIST SAC**

**Senior Boat**

**SHAUN THREADWELL BLACK BREAM 4lb 6ozs 125.00% ATLANTA**

**JUNE FOTM**

**Senior Shore**

**NEIL HARGREAVES SMOOTHOUND 13lb10ozs 136.25% KINGSBRIDGE & DIST**

**Senior Boat**

**TIM WITHERS RED GURNARD 2lb 8ozs 166.67% ATLANTA**

**JULY FOTM**

**Senior Shore**

**STEVE FORD BASS 11lb 9ozs 10dr 145.02% APPLIEDORE SHIPBUILDERS AC**

**Senior Boat**

**RAY GOODWIN THORNBACK RAY 12lb 14oz 12dr 117.47% WEYMOUTH AS**

**Junior**

**FREDDIE INCH BULL HUSS 13lb 8oz 8dr 112.76% SALCOMBE & Dist SAA**

***I have a few Scale Certificates outstanding from some of the clubs.***

***If those clubs can get these to me when submitting the FOTM forms it would be appreciated.***

## ***Boat Catch and Release.***

***Currently as a Federation we can't accept fish for FOTM awards that have been Caught and Released from a Boat. This is mainly due to the accuracy of the weights provided. On occasions we have used our prerogative and award FOTM awards to juniors who have caught Tope and entered them as Catch and release.***

***We will be discussing at the next meeting whether we should table this ruling for change at the AGM. Personally I have been comparing using measurements and formulas to weights taken using a fish weighed in a sling, mainly on Tope And Smoot-hounds. This will give me some basis for discussion. Has anyone else tried anything that could be adapted?***

***What I would like from the membership before the October meeting is their thoughts on this idea and what changes could be implemented.***

***Wishing you all good Fishing***

***Andrew***