



# SEA ANGLERS MATCH FEDERATION

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## MEMBERS NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2008

Dear member,

Welcome to the January newsletter, I hope you all had a good Xmas and New Year 2008 subscriptions of £20 are due now, and there is a tear off slip at the end of the newsletter to use when sending me your money, please do this straight away to save me having to send you a reminder. Those members whose subscriptions follow through from last year e.g. those new members who joined to fish the Masters, life members etc should have received their membership card with this newsletter.

Once again, at the AGM we had to report the lowest number of members for many years, down to 247, and the lowest ever entry for the Masters at 70.

Because of this and the fall in income we have had to take a number of measures to keep us financially stable. I have also sent this Newsletter to everyone on my records, not just to last years members, to encourage ex-members to rejoin. For those people whose membership has lapsed and they want to re-join the re-joining fee of £5 will be waived, don't forget it is worth joining for the third party public liability insurance and the peace of mind this brings.

The following are the bullet points from the AGM in Pwllheli:

- The accounts showed a loss of £2128.02 for the year. A 13 month period and 4 challenge matches had contributed to the increase in expenditure but income was down by £1310 because of the fall in memberships.
- Subscriptions remain at £20 but sponsorship for the Individual League final has been cancelled, at least for one year, and sponsorship for the challenge matches has been reduced to 25%.
- A lack of qualifying events around the country has contributed to the falling numbers fishing the Masters, and members are reminded that they can run qualifiers, it does not have to be committee, and they can be done in conjunction with other matches such as opens.
- The Masters final for this year will be at Eastbourne over the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November, HQ will be the Eastbourne Angling Centre.

Discussion took place regarding the rotation around the country for the Masters Finals. It seemed that quite a lot of people were unaware of the format:

The general idea is to have 5 geographical areas and fish them in rotation. This is not to say that we will return to the same venue every 5 years, but certainly to that area.

For example for the North West we could be selecting from such as:-

Pwllheli      Merseyside      Blackpool      Silloth      Stranrear

A couple of years ago we dropped the North East from the list, as the rivers did not fish well enough to host a Masters, and the anglers did not feel that the NE beaches