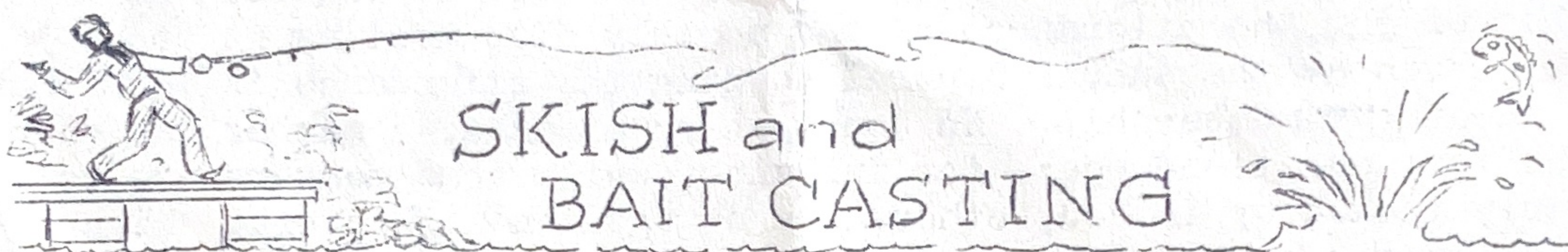


When this journal was first mooted, fears were expressed that its publication would lessen attendances at the monthly meetings. I feel sure that members will not allow such a trend to develop. The pages of "Quill" are provided for you to fill with contributions - it cannot live without them - but matters affecting the policy of the club should be raised at the monthly meetings or advised to me in writing as before.

Great credit is due to our Editor, and his Assistant, for undertaking the Editorial functions. Your committee are convinced that if keenness can achieve success, no better men for the job could be found. Good luck to them in their efforts and may this new venture bring us closer together in good fellowship.

D.H.Stapleton



Many fishermen express the opinion that Tournament Casting contributes little or nothing to actual angling and it is certain that a large majority of anglers take no more than a casual interest in these tournaments and the published results.

Others say "Tournament Casting isn't fishing, so what's the use." Although there is a certain amount of truth in this statement, the tournament merely being a sporting contest to find the persons capable of casting a fly or bait the longest distance or most accurately as the case may be, it should be evident that the old adage "practice makes perfect" still holds good.

Besides helping the angler to master the art of placing his lure to the best advantage under practical conditions, there are many prizes to be picked up in the Novices Class, a feature of most tournaments. The remarkable successes of Steve Alford at Morecambe last season bear witness to this fact.

As you may or may not be aware, the Club have a casting platform at Dyrham Park Lake, which is ideal for this purpose, and is at present used by a few enthusiasts. Mr.Alford or Mr.Stuart would be happy to welcome a few more trainees: those interested should contact either of the above. The practical instruction should be of particular benefit to the young angler.

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