

Fishing – Fairbairn bags big prize but suffers late scare

Stuart Fairbairn from Haddington won the sixth round of the Bass Rock Winter League, then he lost his rod over the breakwater.

Luckily, he went back later, after high tide, and recovered the rod, much to his relief.

The East Lothian angler landed a cod weighing 1lb 6oz with club secretary Alan Brown from Dunbar second with a cod of just over a pound.

Craig Ogilvie, the club chairman, was third with a smaller fish and only three of the 13 anglers weighed in after three hours of fishing in darkness with a chilly east wind from the Dunbar Sea Wall.

Thankfully, there was not a big sea swell but the wind picked up during the later stages of the event.

The venue for next Wednesday's match in the 12-match series will be confirmed at the weekend so watch the club's Facebook page, Bass Rock SAL.

Craig Ogilvie from North Berwick leads the title chase with 34 points with Jamie McHale (Gifford) second on 26 points with Dunbar-based Chris Empson third two points further back.

Edinburgh-based David Cooper is fourth on 18 points with David Morrison and Alan Brown joint fifth with 14 points.

Fairbairn has ten points following his win in the sixth round with Haddington angler James Ogilvie seventh with eight

points.

Barry McEwan (Port Seton), the Summer League winner, and Ryan Barnett (Penicuik) have six points are joint eighth with Portobello angler Thomas Slow and Dale McCallum (Port Seton) ninth with four points each.

Record keeper James Ogilvie said: "These are the halfway results and the lads still have all to fish for."

Our picture shows Bass Rock members on Thorntonloch Beach near Torness Power Station during the Summer League series.