Ronnie receives special award from Malleny Angling

Rognvald 'Ronnie' Robinson is a well-known face at Harlaw and Threipmuir Reservoirs above Balerno in The Pentland Hills, but the 84-year-old does more than just fish.

He acts as stand-in bailiff, provides detailed reports on daily catch returns which are an enormous help for the board as regards re-stocking plans and also sits as a committee member on Malleny Angling Ltd, the not-for-profit organisation which administers both waters.

Ronnie's services to the club were celebrated at the annual meeting when the Edinburgh-based angler was awarded the Chairman's Trophy for an outstanding contribution.

Meanwhile, Malleny Angling have confirmed their prices for the coming season which starts on April 1.

They are £30 for a full day ticket from 8am which allows an angler to keep three fish. A full day catch and release day permit is £25 when only barbless or debarred hooks are allowed and the evening catch and release permit is £20 is available from 5pm once the longer nights come in.

Season permits are still available for £290 offering seven-days-a-week fishing. Contact secretary.malleny@gmail.com for full details. Free permits are available for anglers 17 years and younger to encourage young people into the sport but the young angler must be accompanied by a member, season ticket

holder or a day ticket buyer.

PICTURE: Ronnie Robinson catching at one of his favourite fishing spots at Harlaw.