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Loch-style Home International - Spring

Bewl Water - 6th June 1997

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING COMPETITION

Confederation of English Fly Fishers

England-Ireland-Scotland-Wales

BEWL WATER
ENGLAND
FRIDAY 6 JUNE 1997

Match Booklet

International Fly Fishing Association
Acknowledgements

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To the Management and Staff of The Jarvis Pembury Hotel

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

THE JARVIS PEMBURY HOTEL

8.00 FOR 8.30 PM

Dress: LOUNGE SUITS OR BLAZERS

MENU- SEE INSIDE BACK PAGE

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England

Captain: Jeremy Clarke	*Trout*	*lbs*	*oz*
1 Jeremy Clarke	8	13	0½
2 Paul Canning	12	19	7
3 Ian Colclough	12	19	0
4 Clive Collier	10	16	7
5 Dave Fleming	10	17	0
6 Robert Huggett	1	1	8½
7 John Ieldon	11	17	14½
8 Jim Longmore	6	10	2
9 Keith Nicholson	8	13	6½
10 Mike Perrin	11	16	9
11 Mike Tinnion	Disqu.	—	
12 Graham Walker	12	27	13
13 Glyn Whitbread	12	22	10
14 John White	12	20	10½
TOTALS	125	215	8½

Ireland

Captain: Sam McGowan	*Trout*	*lbs*	*oz*
1 Sam McGowan	10	14	12½
2 Brendan Spillane	3	5	0
3 Joe Barry	5	8	12
4 Pat Carson	10	16	7½
5 John Burke	6	10	14
6 Brian Molloy	1	1	10½
7 Ian Rowland	1	2	0
8 Ian Pollock	1	1	9
9 Tom Dillon	2	2	9½
10 Eugene McArdle	11	15	7½
11 Stan McCart	3	4	9
12 Gary Stewart	3	5	3½
13 Bill Colohan	2	3	7½
14 Seamus O'Dare	2	3	12
TOTALS	60	96	2½

Scotland

Captain: John Watt	*Trout*	*lbs*	*oz*
1 John Watt	7	11	0½
2 Bob Anderson	3	4	4½
3 Stewart Barclay	12	29	15½
4 Craig Cowan	6	9	4
5 William Dewar	12	23	15½
6 Iain Henderson	5	8	6
7 Derick Logan	2	12	14½
8 Ian Lindsay	4	6	4½
9 Archie McClymont	6	10	9
10 Graeme Methven	7	11	5
11 James Millar	3	5	3½
12 William Patrick	6	9	8
13 Sandy Nicholson	12	23	1
14 Sandy Robertson	4	6	6½
TOTALS	89	162	2

Wales

Captain: Hywel Morgan	*Trout*	*lbs*	*oz*
1 Hywel Morgan	12	27	7
2 Jeff Evans	3	4	10
3 David Williams	4	5	14
4 Colin Trotman	5	7	11
5 Aled Dixon	8	13	4½
6 Matthew Jones	8	12	4½
7 Gwyndaf Evans	11	17	13½
8 John Jones	12	26	9½
9 Nigel Graham	Disqu.	—	
10 Jonathan Williams	7	9	7½
11 Glyn Jones	5	7	11½
12 Dave Thomas	12	18	9½
13 Daniel Edwards	10	17	1
14 Ron Pascoe	8	12	1½
TOTALS	105	180	9

Past Results

(Matches finished annually on Loch Leven from 1932 to 1970 inclusive, except for war period, 1940 to 1949)

1932 to 1986 (61 matches)	*Firsts*	*Seconds*	*Thirds*	*Fourths*
England	23	15	13½	5½
Scotland	19	17	14½	10½
Ireland	6	13	12	29
Wales	13	15	21	12

1987	Bewl	E	I	S	W
	Leven	E	W	I	S
1988	Conn	E	I	S	W
	Llandegfedd	E	W	I	S
1989	Rutland	E	W	I	S
	Leven	W	E	S	I
1990	Owel	W	E	I	S
	Brenig	E	S	I	W
1991	Grafham	E	W	I	S
	Leven	E	S	W	I
1992	Melvin	E	I	W	S
	Brenig	W	E	I	S
1993	Draycote	E	S	I	W
	Brenig	E	I	S	W
1994	Conn	I	E	S	W
	Menteith	E	S	I	W
1995	Chew	S	I	E	W
	Menteith	E	S	W	I
1996	Owel	E	S	I	W
	Trawsfynydd	S	W	E	I

Note: neither Scotland nor England caught a trout at Llyn Alaw in 1972, hence the halves; England resigned in 1972 and rejoined the Association in 1974, and so have fished fewer matches than the other 3 countries.

FISHING RULES

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

SECTION A : FISHING RULES

1 Fishing shall be carried out respecting the spirit and traditions of the sport.

2 Matches shall be fished with artificial fly only. Tandem flies shall not be permitted. No flies shall be artificially weighted. Not more than four flies shall be mounted on a cast and flies must be at least 20 inches apart.

3 A fly shall comply with the following specifications. The hook shall be single or double provided that in case of a double hook, the angle between the bends does not exceed 90 degrees and when viewed from the side the bends lie one behind the other. Fly irons will measure not more than five-eighths of an inch overall, including the eye. Setae, wings or hackle shall not exceed ~~one and a half times the~~ overall ~~length of the metal hook~~. 15/16"

4 (a) Lines, casts and leaders shall not be additionally weighted. Shooting heads, metal core lines and metal core braided leaders are debarred.
(b) Lines must be manufactured without any joints in them.

5 One rod, not exceeding 12 feet in length, to be used by each competitor, but each competitor will be entitled to have with him a spare rod (length as before) - both rods, however, not to be mounted at the same time. A rod is considered to be mounted if any two sections are joined or a reel or line is attached.

6 (a) Drogues which must be uniform for all competitors are permitted at the discretion of the host country. The host country to provide the drogues.

SECTION A : FISHING RULES CONTINUED

6 (b) The anchoring of boats when fishing is prohibited. Boats must be allowed to drift freely when fishing, and not held on the oars in such a manner as to gain an unfair advantage over either angler in the boat or over any other angler.
(c) Special seats for the disabled angler may be used at the discretion of the Association subject to submission of a medical certificate at least 48 hours before the commencement of the match. In such circumstances a similar seat or facility should be available for the boat partner.
(d) During a match, no boat may encroach within a distance of one hundred yards in front of another boat from which the competitors are fishing, nor disturb the water in front or around any such boat by the indiscriminate use of the motor.
(e) The use of tackle boxes for sitting on in the boat while fishing is debarred. Electronic aids, eg telephones, fishfinders, echo sounders etc are also debarred.

7 (a) A competitor's rod when working the flies or retrieving casts, must be above water level. Competitors must not stand in the boat when casting or retrieving line, unless local rules permit. Competitors may stand when playing a fish.
(b) Trolling of flies behind the boat is not permitted, whether the boat is drifting or being driven by the motor or oars. Side casting is permitted but flies must not be allowed to trail behind the boat. When drifting, it is permissible to cover a rising fish behind the boat.
(c) Competitors shall change ends every two hours or as may be mutually arranged. The person for the time being in the stern shall have command of the boat.

MATCH RULES

SECTION B : MATCH RULES

1 (a) Boats and boatmen shall be allocated by ballot. Mixed Pairings will apply.
(b) No boatman shall be allowed to fish during the competition, nor to handle a mounted rod (see Section A, Rule 5) during the hours of the competition.

2 (a) Match results will be decided by the weight of fish - the higher weight taking the higher placing. In the event of equal weights, the country with the greatest number of trout will take precedence over the country with fewer. In the event of a tie in weight and numbers of trout, each country will hold any trophies for an equal period.
(b) The same conditions will apply in respect of the individual awards except that in the event of a tie, by weight and numbers, the tying competitors will hold the trophy for an equal period of time. Where a replica is involved each tying competitor will receive such a replica.

3 (a) There shall be no trophies or prizes awarded to individual anglers apart from the "Brown Bowl" and "The Emyr Lewis Memorial Trophy". There is no objection, however, to a cup or award of a similar nature being put up for competition among the team of any member country.
(b) Sweepstakes amongst Competitors are not permitted.

4 Subject to any discretion of the Association, any Match shall be fished under the rules of the governing body of the water on which the match is fished in so far as these are compatible with the rules of the Association. For every match the Association shall fix the hours of the fishing, the minimum size and species of fish which may be weighed in and the starting and finishing point will be decided by the host organization. Such information will be included in the Match Booklet.

SECTION B : MATCH RULES CONTINUED

5 When the match is fished from boats, competitors shall not fish from the bank and shall return to the finishing point in the boat in which they set out, except in the event of damage to a boat or oar, failure of a motor, or being overtaken by a storm, when they may return by other means, but the circumstances shall be reported on return to the Secretary, who shall deal with the report as if it was a complaint made under Rule 7 below.

6 All competitors shall present their fish at the weighing point immediately after the closing hour for fishing. Nil returns are required. Any competitor not reporting to the official weigher within 15 minutes of the end of the Match will be deemed to be clean.

7 The existence of a dispute or complaint on any matter in any match shall be immediately intimated to the Secretary, who shall inform the President. A Sub-Committee consisting of the International President and one non-competing official from each country taking part shall be, at once, convened to investigate the matter and adjudicate thereon. The International Secretary will attend the meeting but will have no vote. The decision of the sub-committe shall be final.

N.B. Competitors are advised to wear buoyancy aids and eye protectors when either travelling in or fishing from boats.

Local Rules

The match shall be fished according to the rules of the International Fly Fishing Association in conjuction with the following local rules.

Fishing times: Boats leave from the beach at 10 am.
They must all be back on the beach by 6 pm.
The start and finish will be indicated by a klaxon.

No thwart boards may be used.
Only the drogues issued may be used.

All fish caught must be killed.
Each angler may kill 12 fish which will be entered on the return card.
Time the 12th fish is boated must be recorded and signed by the boatmen.
Thereafter, a time bonus of half a pound per full 15 minutes will be awarded.

Each angler's return card must be signed by the boatman and boat partner.

Teams weigh in at the lodge in the order Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England. Will team Captains please ensure that their team members are ready to weigh their catch in the order printed in this booklet.

Electronic fish finders are banned from 2 June to 6 June inclusive.

The nature reserve is out of bounds.
Files may not be cast into the cages area designated by green buoys.

Boats must not go within 50 yards of bank anglers.

Fishing Rule 7(a) may be relaxed to permit an angler to stand providing he obtains the approval of his fellow angler. An angler standing must sit immediately upon being asked to do so. The relaxing of the rule is basically to enable the competitor to "stretch". Apart from the danger of anglers falling overboard, an angler standing may obstruct the fishing of a fellow angler.

Trophies

1 **Graham Munro Hall Memorial Trophy (the premier award)**
held by the winning team until the next International match.
2 **BC Hall Trophy**
held by the winning team until competed for again in England.
3 **Captain's Badge**
held by the winning Captain until the next International Match.
4 **Brown Bowl**
held by the angler with the best basket.
5 **H Emyr Lewis Memorial Trophy**
held by the angler with the heaviest trout.
6 **Grahame Cup**
competed for by Scotland and England.
7 **Rose Bowl**
competed for by England and Wales.
8 **"Melvin Murderer"**
competed for by England and Ireland.
9 **Hilliard Williams Cup**
competed for by Scotland and Ireland.
10 **Lowe-Hall Salver**
competed for by Scotland and Wales.
11 **Hastings Clay Cup**
competed for by Ireland and Wales.
12 **Harry Lafferty Cup**
held by the Irish angler with the best basket.
13 **Gillie Farr Trophy**
held by the Welsh angler with the best basket.
14 **Phoenix Salver**
held by the Scots angler with the best basket.
15 **Grafham Trophy**
held by the English angler with the best basket.
16 **Spoon**
held by the team with the lowest total.

Trophy Winners

1 ENGLAND
2 ENGLAND
3 JEREMY CLARKE (ENGLAND)
4 See overleaf
5 See overleaf
6 ENGLAND
7 ENGLAND
8 ENGLAND
9 SCOTLAND
10 WALES
11 WALES
12 PAT CARSON
13 HYWEL MORGAN
14 STEWART BARCLAY
15 GRAHAM WALKER
16 IRELAND

Results

	Country	Total Trout	Weight lbs	oz
1	ENGLAND	125	215	8½
2	WALES	105	180	9
3	SCOTLAND	89	162	2
4	IRELAND	60	96	2½

Brown Bowl - Top Individual Weight

	Name	Country	Weight lbs	oz
1	STEWART BARCLAY	SCOTLAND	29	15½

H Emyr Lewis - Best Fish

	Name	Country	Weight lbs	oz
1	JOHN WHITE	ENGLAND	2	12

INTERNATIONAL DINNER MENU

~ ~ ~

Crown of Galia Melon
Filled with Exotic Fruit
Soaked in Peach Liqueur

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Cream of Leek and Potato Soup
Topped with Deep Fried Leeks

~ ~ ~

Salmon Supreme
with Spinach, Dill and Ginger
Wrapped in Filo Pastry
and Enhanced by a White Wine Sauce
and Chive Cream Sauce

~ ~ ~

Choux Swan
Filled with Chantilly Cream
and Presented on a Pool of Raspberry Couli

~ ~ ~

Coffee & Chocolates

~ ~ ~



Officials



Captains – Mike Perrin (England), Mick McCormack (Ireland), Francie Jarrett (Scotland) & Colin Trotman (Wales).



England

Jeremy Clarke (Captain), Paul Canning, Ian Colclough, Clive Collier, Dave Fleming, Robert Huggett, John Ieldon, Jim Longmore, Keith Nicholson, Mike Perrin, Mike Tinnion, Graham Walker, Glyn Whitbread & John White.



Ireland

Sam McGowan (Captain), Brendan Spillane, Joe Barry, Pat Carson, John Burke, Brian Molloy, Ian Rowland, Ian Pollock, Tom Dillon, Eugene McArdle, Stan McCart, Gary Stewart, Bill Colohan & Seamus O'Dare.



Scotland

John Watt (Captain), Bob Anderson, Stewart Barclay, Craig Cowan, William Dewar, Iain Henderson, Derick Logan, Ian Lindsay, Archie McClymont, Graeme Methven, James Millar, William Patrick, Sandy Nicholson & Sandy Robertson.



Wales

Hywel Morgan (Captain), Jeff Evans, David Williams, Colin Trotman, Aled Dixon, Matthew Jones, Gwyndaf Evans, John Jones, Nigel Graham, Jonathan Williams, Glyn Jones, Dave Thomas, Daniel Edwards & Ron Pascoe.



Everyone



VICTORIOUS ENGLAND



Boats motor to the best fishing areas at the start of the Spring International at Kent's Bewl Water which England won.



England's top rod Graham Walker takes another rainbow in practise.



"Have we won?" England team men Jeremy Clarke (left) and Paul Canning try to calculate the result.

CORTLAND Team England won the Spring Home International, held at Bewl Water in Kent, when an impressive total of 379 fish were caught by the 56 competitors, reports Paul Canning. With a number of very-experienced local rods in the England squad, it was always going to be tough to beat a team with such a strong home advantage!

As it turned out, with nine rods finishing in the top 20, England's 125 fish for 215lb was comfortably ahead of Wales in second place with 105 fish for 180lb. Scotland took third spot with 89 fish for 162 lb, well ahead of Ireland who had 60 fish for 96lb.

Bewl Water was in top form for this international, fishing superbly both in practise and on match day. The fish here normally respond very well in early June to nymphs and dries but with a heavy daphnia bloom, many trout were taken on bright mini lures. The key to success was to judge the correct fishing depth, not easy as the wind and light levels kept varying, making fish move up and down in the water.

Hook Straight, The Nose, the Cages area, Ferry Point, the Gorse Bushes and Chingley all produced fish, Many competitors opted to fish Hook Straight because of good results in practise, but the Nose fished well on the day as a strong southerly wind sucked fish out of the main bowl.

Brown Bowl winner Stewart Barclay of Scotland was one to catch well at the Nose. He used a Hi-D line in combination with orange, black and pink mini-lures to take 12 fish by 12.53pm. His varied speed of retrieve seemed to be just what fish wanted. Stewart said. "I have to thank my partner on the day for my win. I favoured Hook Straight but having lost the toss, found myself fishing the Nose area. I am glad I was taken there!"

A few boats slipped away to take fish in quiet water. England's top rod Graham Walker was one, going straight to the undisturbed Chingley Corner to catch 12 fish by 1.30 on slowly-fished nymphs. Hywel Morgan was top rod for Wales. He was one of the more successful anglers in Hook Straight, catching 12 fish on deep-fished lures at Browns Inlet. Other rods struggled in this area to catch consistently

A bag limit of 12 fish was applied on match day, with a proportional bonus being awarded for free time remaining. And despite the high average catch of 6.7 fish per angler, only 11 competitors managed to finish before time! No blanks were recorded, apart from two competitors who were sadly disqualified for arriving back minutes late. Fortunately the bags of these two anglers would not have affected the final team positions.

It was agreed prior to the match that thwart boards would be allowed and one was made available to every competitor This was a very good decision and undoubtedly made the day much more comfortable for many in the confines of Bewl's narrow boats. It is hoped that this sensible move might set a precedent for future Internationals where relevant.

This event was superbly organised from beginning to end, thanks to Howard Mackenzie and his hard-working Bewl staff, Len Childs and the local boatmen.

Cortland Team England were joined for the three days of the event by John Mitchell, managing director of Normark Sport Ltd, the team's new sponsors. Each member has been given a set of Touchstone fishing clothing including jacket, waterproof trousers, fleeces and jumpers all carrying the Cortland Team England graphic.

Results:

Teams:
1. England 125 fish, 215lb 8.5oz
2. Wales 105 fish, 180lb 9oz
3. Scotland 89 fish, 162lb 9oz
4. Ireland 60 fish, 96lb 2.5oz

Individuals (top 20)
1. Stewart Barclay, Scotland, 12 fish, 29lb 5.5oz
2. Graham Walker * England, 12, 27lb 13oz
3. Hywel Morgan, Wales, 12, 27lb 12oz
4. John Jones, Wales, 12, 26lb 9.5oz
5. William Dewar, Scotland 12, 23lb 15.5oz
6. Sandy Nicholson, Scotland, 12, 23lb 1oz
7. Glyn Whitbread * England, 12, 22lb 10oz
8. John White * England, 12, 20lb 10.5oz
9. Paul Canning * England, 12, 19lb 7oz
10. Ian Colclough, England, 12, 19lb
11. Dave Thomas, Wales, 12, 18lb 9.5oz,
12. John Ieldon, England, 11, 17lb 14.5oz,
13. Gwyndaf Evans, Wales, 11, 17lb 13.5oz,
14. Daniel Edwards, Wales, 10, 17lb 1oz,
15. Dave Flemming, England, 10, 17lb
16. Mike Perrin, England, 11, 16lb 9oz.
11. Pat Carson, Ireland, 10, 16lb 7.5oz,
18. Clive Collier, England, 10, 16lb 7oz,
19. Eugene McArdle, Ireland, 11, 15lb 7.5oz,
20. Sam McGowan, Ireland, 10, 14lb 12.5oz.
*re-qualified to fish for England in the Autumn international, Loch Leven Scotland.

EUROPEAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

A TOTAL of 27 teams from 12 European nations were competing in the eighth year of the Championship. Conditions at Kent's Bewl Water were testing in the extreme, with light variable winds and patchy cloud cover throughout Sunday's match day. Most fish were taken on small imitative nymphs, and the winning anglers were those who followed the fish as they varied their feeding depth in the water

Despite a sterling effort from the top Belgian teams in third and fourth places, local knowledge proved the essential ingredient as the two Bewl squads took top honours. Best performances from other British squads came from GB Hardy who came a creditable fifth; GB Grafham in seventh; GB CEFF eighth, and GB Musto tenth. Ray Burt was top individual, taking six fish in both morning and afternoon sessions.

The Championship is fished in two legs this year, the second being in France in October when it will be decided

HOME BANKER

England's fly-fishers take glory at Bewl

By JOHN PLUMMER

ENGLAND'S great sporting Summer continued with victory in the oldest event in angling.

The fly-fishing Home International was first held on Loch Leven in 1932.

There have been few better performances since than this year's effort by Cortland Team England, who recorded a stunning rod average of NINE.

On home water at Bewl, Kent, their tactics proved spot on as they finished 35 lb clear of Wales.

Captain Jeremy Clarke said: "A lot of fish were feeding on daphnia, which were reacting to the sun and moving up and down the water.

"We learned in practice it was worth spending time changing lines to allow for this."

Delighted manager Bob Church added: "We had good advice from local experts and had six Bewl regulars in the team, which helped no end."

Scotland's Stewart Barclay had the consolation of lifting the Brown Bowl for best bag.



A DAMSEL Nymph tempted this cracking silver fish from Rutland Water. The 6 lb 10 oz rainbow was found to contain the remains of an eight-inch coarse fish when gutted. Ken Raynor, of Chapel St Leonards, Lincs, struck while boatfishing around Browns Island in the South Arm.

Result: 1 England, 125 fish for 215-8-8; 2 Wales, 105 for 180-9-0; 3 Scotland, 89 for 162-2-0; 4 Ireland, 60 for 96-2-8.

Best bag: Stewart Barclay, Scotland, 12 for 29-15-8. Heaviest trout: John White, England, 2-12-0.

Total wins: England 38; Scotland 21; Wales 16; Ireland 7.

England

Jeremy Clarke (Captain), Paul Canning, Ian Colclough, Clive Collier, Dave Fleming, Robert Huggett, John Ieldon, Jim Longmore, Keith Nicholson, Mike Perrin, Mike Tinnion, Graham Walker, Glyn Whitbread & John White.

1. England	125 fish	215-8-8
2. Wales	105 fish	180-9-0
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4. Ireland	60 fish	60-2-8

Full Results >>

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INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING COMPETITION

ENGLAND * IRELAND * SCOTLAND * WALES

River Wye
Derbyshire, England
Tuesday 8 July 1997

MATCH CARD

SECTION A - FISHING RULES

1 Fishing shall be carried out respecting the spirit and traditions of the sport.

2 Competitors may fish with up to three artificial flies, which may be artificially weighted. Hooks must be singles measuring a maximum of 5/8 ths of an inch overall; they must be barbless or debarbed. Total fly length may not exceed 15/16 ths of an inch. Flies may be of any pattern or material and may be fished floating or sunk.

3 A competitor may use only one rod at a time, maximum length 12 ft. A second may be ready mounted as a spare. Any manufactured fly line may be used. Braided leaders,weighted or un-weighted, are allowed. Coloured sleeving may be used at the end of the fly line to aid visibility but no other bite indicators are permitted.

4 Landing nets must be of knotless mesh.

5 At the start of the morning and afternoon sessions, competitors must be at the start points they have drawn. Thereafter, they may fish anywhere within their beats provided that they do not approach within 30 metres of any other competitor who is fishing. A competitor may fish in the same spot for up to 30 minutes. After that, if requested by another angler, he/she must move at least 30 metres and may not return to the same spot for at least 30 minutes.

6 At the end of each session, every competitor must move at least 30 metres from the spot he/she is fishing, irrespective of how long he/she has fished there.

7 Competitors may not walk or cast outside their beats. Whilst being played, a fish may move outside the beat but the competitor must play it from, and land it within, the beat. If a competitor hooks a fish near the end of a session, he/she will be allowed up to 5 minutes of the next session in which to net it.

Local Rules: No wading is permitted in practice or in the match. A size limit of 15 centimetres for all species will apply.

SECTION B - MATCH RULES

1 The match venue will be divided into 5 beats. There will be one competitor from each country on each beat.

2 The draw for beats will take place not less than 36 hours before the start of the match. Team captains will draw their team members' morning and afternoon beats, and start points within beats.

3 The river stretches to be used for the match may not be fished by anyone the day before the match but beats may be walked.

4 Each competitor will have a controller. Controllers will remain on the same beat for the 4 sessions.

5 Controllers are responsible for ensuring that competitors on their beats comply with the rules, including the start and finish times of the sessions. To be fair to all, controllers are not o give advice, net fish or in any other way give advantage to their anglers.

6 Catch and release will apply. All fish must be netted and presented to controllers whilst still in landing nets. At the time of netting, the fly must be in the fish's mouth; if the fly drops out in the net, the fish will still count. The controller and competitor will agree the length of the fish and the controller will record it on the score card. The competitor will carefully return the fish to the river, making sure that it can swim away before releasing it.

7 Each qualifying fish will score 20 points plus 1 point for each centimetre or part thereof. For example, a fish of 30.3 centimetres will score 20 plus 31, ie 51 pojnts.

8 The scores for the 4 sessions will be recorded separately. At the end of each session, both the controller and the competitor will initial the score card.

Rules continued overleaf

NOTES

International Fly Fishing Association
Acknowledgements

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS

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Officials

International President
W J Williams of Wales

International Secretary
Ian Campbell of Scotland

National Secretaries
John Boon CBE of England
Moc Morgan OBE of Wales
Ian Rowand of Ireland

TEAMS

Representing England
- Stuart Crofts — Captain
- Iain Barr
- Dennis Buck
- Simon Gawesworth
- John Horsey
- Andrew Ramsden — Reserve

Representing Ireland
- Willie Russell — Captain
- Robert Russell
- Rab Clements
- Nicholas Moore
- Alwyn Ferguson
- Ian Rowand — Reserve

Representing Scotland
- Jim Fairgrieve — Captain
- Paul Buchanan
- Franz Grimley
- Derek Logan
- Jake Harvey
- Ian Bright — Reserve

Representing Wales
- Adrian Nixon — Captain
- Mike Evans
- Gwylim Hughes
- Adrian Jones
- Carl Jones
- Tim Hughes — Reserve

International River Rules (Cont:)

9 Competitors from each of the 5 beats will be "placed" separately according to the points they have scored for each of the 4 sessions; ie, in each session, the top competitor on each beat will receive a "1 placing", the second a "2" etc. A blank will earn a placing equal to the number of competitors fishing the relevant beat.

10 Individuals' "placings" in the 4 sessions will be summed and their totals will determine their positions in the match. The top individual will have the lowest total of "placings" and so on. Similarly, team positions will be determined by a grand total of all the team members' "placings". If individuals' or teams have the same totals, the higher position will be awarded to the individual or team with the most points.

11 If any competitor or controller sees anything which appears to contravene these rules, he/she will if possible notify the individual concerned and report to the International Secretary by no later than 1830 hours on the match day. In the event of a dispute, a sub-committee consisting of the International President and one non-competing official from each country taking part, shall at once be convened to resolve the matter. The International Secretary will attend but not vote. The sub-committee's decision shall be final.

PAST RESULTS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1992 Welsh Dee	England	Wales	Scotland	Ireland
1993 English Wharfe	Scotland	Wales	England	Ireland
1994 Scottish Tweed	England	Scotland	Ireland	Wales
1995 Irish Agivey	Scotland	England	Ireland	Wales
1996 Welsh Dee	Scotland	Wales	England	Ireland

1997
Home International
River Fly Fishing Championship

Match Results

	Country	Placings	Points
1	Wales	43	3707
2	England	45	4527
3	Scotland	51	3577
4	Ireland	63	2068

Winner of Geoff Clarkson Trophy
Wales

Winner of Moc Morgan Trophy
Carl Jones — Country: Wales
Points: ~~Placings~~ 5

Winner of Mike Childs Trophy
Paul C Buchanan — Country: Scotland
Species: Grayling
Length: 44.6 cms

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Competitors and officials and their guests are asked to assemble in the Tor Bar by 7.30 pm for pre-dinner drinks and results
Dinner will be served from 8.15 pm

MENU

Fan of seasonal Melon
served with sweet Redcurrant Compote

Smoked Chicken & Bacon Salad
~ . ~ . ~
Traditional Roast Beef
served with Yorkshire Pudding and pan gravy

Plump Breast of Chicken
stuffed with Brie and Asparagus
~ . ~ . ~
Fruits of Forest Cheesecake
accompanied by Raspberry Coulee

Chocolate Truffle Tout
on a Coffee Sauce
~ . ~ . ~
Coffee and Mints



Officials
(Michael D. Watts Photographer)



Captains – Willie Russell (Ireland), Stuart Crofts (England), Jim Fairgrieve (Scotland) & Adrian Nixon (Wales).
(Michael D. Watts Photographer)



Paul Page (Manager), John Horsey, Andrew Ramsden (Reserve), Stuart Crofts (Captain), Simon Gawesworth, Iain Barr & Dennis Buck.
(Michael D. Watts Photographer)



England

Willie Russell (Captain), Robert Russell, Rab Clements, Nicholas Moore, Alwyn Morgan & Ian Rowland (Reserve).
(Michael D. Watts Photographer)



Scotland

Jim Fairgrieve (Captain), Paul Buchanan, Franz Grimley, Derek Logan, Jake Harvey & Ian Bright (Reserve).
(Michael D. Watts Photographer)



Wales

Adrian Nixon (Captain), Mike Evans, Gwilym Hughes, Adrian Jones, Carl Jones & Tim Hughes (Reserve).
(Michael D. Watts Photographer)

RIVERS HOM NTERNATIONAL



Scotland's Paul Buchanan with the Mike Childs Trophy for the best fish of the competition.



The victorious Welsh team (back row) Gwilym Hughes, Tim Hughes (reserve), Adrian Jones, Mike Evans. (Front row) Adrian Nixon (capt), Carl Jones.



England's Simon Gawesworth with a good grayling

Results: 1 Wales, 2 England, 3 Scotland, 4 Ireland.
Best fish 44.6 cms grayling Paul Buchanan.
Top individual: Carl Jones, Wales (2, 1 1, 1 placings).

WITH three wins in the last five River Internationals, Scotland were expected to do well again, but in this year's contest Wales and England were out in front on the Duke of Rutland's Haddon Hall Estate stretch of the Derbyshire Wye, writes JOHN BOON

Normally a dry fly-only water, permission was given for sunk fly in keeping with the International Fly Fishing Association rules. Not surprisingly, the venue gave a memorable day's sport with a total of 274 trout and grayling coming to 20 rods.

Every competitor was accompanied by a controller Barbless hooks and knotless landing nets were used. Fish were measured in wetted guttering rulers and gently returned to water by the official controllers.

The match was fished on five beats in four 90-minute sessions with five competitors from each country drawing for morning and afternoon beats and start points. Success depended on placings in the sessions. By lunch time the England Team, sponsored by Ultimate Fishing Supplies, had established a lead of four placings and looked set for a home win. By mid afternoon, that lead was still intact.

But Wales persistence with the dropped or rolled nymph paid off right at the "finishing tape" On the last but one of the day's 80 score cards, the Welsh team drew level and won on the last card by two place points. It was an exciting and impressively skilful International which will be remembered particularly for the excellent spirit in which it was fished.

Sadly, it was marred by an incident which is becoming all too common in fishery car parks. The afternoon before the match, one of England's team cars was broken into, windows smashed and several thousand pounds worth of fishing and photographic equipment belonging to the team was stolen.

The way in which the England team rallied to fish the event with borrowed tackle was admirable.

England

Stuart Crofts (Captain), Iain Barr, Dennis Buck, Simon Gawesworth, John Horsey, Andrew Ramsden (Reserve) & Paul Page (Manager).

1. Wales	73 fish	3707 points	43 placings
2. England	92 fish	4527 points	45 placings
3. Scotland	68 fish	3577 points	51 placings
4. Ireland	41 fish	2068 points	63 placings

Full Results >>

Rivers National

Rivers Derwent & Greta - June 1997







ENGLISH NATIONAL RIVER CHAMPIONSHIP

CUMBRIA'S scenic rivers Greta and Derwent at Keswick in the Lake District were the venues for the 32 competitors, who caught a total of 89 brown trout, all measured and returned.

New National Rivers Champion is Neil Raistrick, pushing Bill McHarg and Ken Hardy into second and third places. The award for the largest fish was shared between Keith McAdam, from Keswick, and Jim Curry, from Lancaster, who both caught a fish of 40cm. Most successful patterns included Hare's Ears, Shrimps, Goldheads, plus the traditional small black spiders and partridge patterns.

The Keswick AA now holds a remarkable place in English competition flyfishing with four members representing England. They are Mike Tinnion, 1996/7 National Loch Style Champion, Neil Raistrick, the new National Rivers Champion, Andrew Ramsden, currently a member of both National teams; and Keith McAdam, a new member of the 1997/8 Rivers team.



The new England 1998 rivers team (back row) Bill McHarg (2nd), Bob Greenwood (reserve), Ken Hardy (3rd), John Horsey (4th), Keith McAdam (5th). (Front row) Champion Neil Raistrick, Keswick.

1. Neil Raistrick
2. Bill McHarg
3. Ken Hardy
4. John Horsey
5. Keith McAdam
6. Bob Greenwood
7. Simon Gawesworth
8. Andrew Ramsden
9. Jim Curry
10. Trevor Colclough
11. Andy Donaldson
12. Paul Davison
13. Stuart Crofts
14. Jim Johnson
15. Graham Willis
16. Dave Mee
17. Ray Burt
18. David Calvert
19. Andrew Dixon
20. Peter Clark
21. Robbie Bell
22. Tim Burn
23. Stephen Peart
24. Baz Reece
25. Mick Broadgate
26. Lloyd Vincent
27. Martin Introna
28. John Newton
29. Leon Smith
30= Geoff Clarkson
30= John Griffin
30= Bob Preston

Airflo Classic - Individuals

Packington

1. Andrew Szoradi
2. Kieran Clarke
3. Malcom Randle
4. Mark Damarall
5. Ian Buckley
6. Mark Miles
7. Ed Foster
8= John Pearn
8= Leigh Pond
10. Dave Franklin
11. Lawrence Wallin
12. Richard Nuttal
13. Paul Stretch
14. Nigel Haigh
15= Terry Clark
15= Tony Tullett
17. John Calvert
18. Simon Kidd
19. Phillip Longstaff
20. Andy Cottam
21. Bob Lawrence
22. Harold Pritchett
23= Derek Bolton
23= Adrian Joyce
25. Michael Laycock
26. Will Lear
27. D Arlotte
28. Norman Robson
29. Keith Bryant
30. Glen Moody
31. Geoffrey Race
32= Brian Austin
32= Tony Clyde
34. Nick Tomkins
35= William Barton
35= Paul Grevett
35= Ken Moore
39= Mark Kitchingham
39= Paul Knight
40. David Wortley
41. Mike Chapman
42= Janet Briggs
42= Robert Bryant
42= Jim Curry
42= Tony Curtis
42= Colin Grimes
42= Andrew Hedger
42= Wilton Jefferson
42= Alan Laurie
42= Francis O'Donnell
42= Keith Slater
42= Mike Symons

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING COMPETITION

Scottish Anglers National Association

ENGLAND IRELAND SCOTLAND WALES

LOCH LEVEN

SCOTLAND

SATURDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1997

MATCH BOOKLET

International Fly Fishing Association Acknowledgements

To the Management and Staff
of Loch Leven
for their advice and assistance

To the boatmen whose contribution
is vital to the success of the event -
our grateful thanks

To the Green Hotel
for the warmth of their hospitality

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INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Green Hotel

8.00 pm for 8.30 pm

Dress: Lounge Suits or Blazers

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ENGLAND

Captain: Len Childs

		Trout	lbs	oz
1)	Len Childs	-		
2)	Paul Canning	2	3	1
3)	Ronnie Duke	1	1	8·5
4)	Julian Hubbard	-		
5)	Nikki Long	1	1	15·875
6)	Mick Massingham	-		
7)	Paul Miller (HEAVIEST TROUT)	1	2	15·25
8)	Ron Neil	1	1	1·37
9)	Andrew Ramsden	-		
10)	Graham Walker	3	2	8·625
11)	Paul Weiss	-		
12)	Glyn Whitbread	-		
13)	John White	-		
14)	Alan Williams	-		
TOTALS		9	13	2·625

IRELAND

Captain: Robbie Marshall

		Trout	lbs	oz
1)	Robbie Marshall	1	0	9·5
2)	John Behan	1	2	7·625
3)	Toby Bradshaw (BEST BASKET)	2	4	3·125
4)	Michael Hennessey	1	2	11·5
5)	Dermot Long	-		
6)	Mick McCormack	-		
7)	Noel McLoughlin	2	2	9·75
8)	Cyril Murray	-		
9)	~~Jimmy Nally~~ INDR HASLETT	-		
10)	Robert Kenny	1	1	8·625
11)	Robin Paul	2	2	11·875
12)	Michael Ruttledge	-		
13)	Padraig Munroe	-		
14)	Brian Stanfield	1	0	14
TOTALS		11	17	12

SCOTLAND

Captain: Nigel Muckle

		Trout	lbs	oz
1)	Nigel Muckle	1	1	5
2)	John Adamson	1	0	9·75
3)	Graham Brown	-		
4)	Craig Cowan	1	1	2·5
5)	Jake Harvey	-		
6)	Bill Horsburgh	-		
7)	Francie Jarrett	1	1	11·875
8)	Archie McClymont	-		
9)	Alastair McKellar	2	2	4·5
10)	Stuart Malcolmson	-		
11)	Bill Patrick	1	1	10·25
12)	Andrew Richardson	-		
13)	Sandy Sutherland	1	2	14·375
14)	David Wallace	1	0	13·75
TOTALS		9	12	8

WALES

Captain: Colin Welson

		Trout	lbs	oz
1)	Colin Welson	-		
2)	Wayne Abraham	-		
3)	Eric William Booth	-		
4)	Raymond Christopher	-		
5)	Stephen Docherty	-		
6)	John Garside	2	2	10·25
7)	Phil Hooper	-		
8)	Kevin Lewis	1	1	13·875
9)	Ray Morgan	-		
10)	Harry Wyn Owen	1	2	6·875
11)	Ronald Shephard	2	2	9·875
12)	Peter Mark Thomas	1	2	0
13)	David Williams	2	4	2·75
14)	Stephen Winston	-		
TOTALS		9	15	11·625

PAST RESULTS

(Matches finished annually on Loch Leven from 1932 to 1970 inclusive, except for war period, 1940 to 1949)

1932 to 1987 (63 matches)	Firsts	Seconds	Thirds	Fourths
England	24	16	13 1/2	5 1/2
Ireland	6	14	13	29
Scotland	19	17	15 1/2	11 1/2
Wales	14	16	21	13

1988	Conn	E	I	S	W
	Llandegfedd	E	W	I	S
1989	Rutland	E	W	I	S
	Leven	W	E	S	I
1990	Owel	W	E	I	S
	Brenig	E	S	I	W
1991	Grafham	E	W	I	S
	Leven	E	S	W	I
1992	Melvin	E	I	W	S
	Brenig	W	E	I	S
1993	Draycote	E	S	I	W
	Brenig	E	I	S	W
1994	Conn	I	E	S	W
	Menteith	E	S	W	I
1995	Chew	S	I	E	W
	Menteith	E	S	I	W
1996	Owel	E	S	I	W
	Trawsfynydd	S	W	E	I
1997	Bewl	E	W	S	I

NOTE: neither Scotland nor England caught a trout at Llyn Alaw in 1972, hence the halves; England resigned in 1972 and rejoined the Association in 1974, and so have fished fewer matches than the other 3 countries.

TROPHIES

1) Graham Munro Hall Memorial Trophy (the premier award)
held by the winning team until the next International match.
2) The Lady Graham Montgomery Cup
held by the winning team until competed for again in Scotland.
3) Captain's Badge
held by the winning Captain until next International Match.
4) Brown Bowl
held by the angler with the best basket.
5) H Emyr Lewis Memorial Trophy
held by the angler with the heaviest trout.
6) Graham Cup
competed for by Scotland and England.
7) Rose Bowl
competed for by England and Wales.
8) "Melvin Murderer"
competed for by England and Ireland.
9) Hilliard Williams Cup
competed for by Scotland and Ireland.
10) Lowe-Hall Salver
competed for by Scotland and Wales.
11) Hastings Clay Cup
competed for by Ireland and Wales.
12) Harry Lafferty Cup
held by the Irish angler with the best basket.
13) Gillie Farr Trophy
held by the Welsh angler with the best basket.
14) Phoenix Salver
held by the Scottish angler with the best basket.
15) Grafham Trophy
held by the English angler with the best basket.
16) Spoon
held by the team with the lowest total.

LOCAL RULES

The match shall be fished according to the rules of the International Fly Fishing Association in conjunction with the following local rules.

FishingTimes: Boats leave the start area at 10.00 am and must all be back within the start area by 6.00 pm

The start and finish will be indicated by a gun shot.

No thwart boards or drogues may be used.

The size limit will be 10 inches from nose to end of tail.

Teams weigh in at the shed in the order England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Will team Captains please ensure that their team members are ready to weigh their catch in the other printed in this booklet.

Fishing Rule 7(a) may be relaxed to permit an angler to stand providing he obtains the approval of his fellow angler. An angler standing must sit immediately upon being asked to do so. The relaxing of the rule is basically to enable the competitor to "stretch". Apart from the danger of anglers falling overboard, an angler standing may obstruct the fishing of a fellow angler.

MENU

Smoked Salmon Mousse with
Prawns and Marie Rose Sauce

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Leek and Potato Soup

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Roast Sirloin of Beef served with a
Shallot and Mushroom Sauce
Chef's Selection of Seasonal Vegetables
and Potatoes

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Whole Poached Pear Butterscotch
in a Brandy Snap Basket
and served with
Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream
and Butterscotch Sauce

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Coffee and Mints

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 10th September

4pm - 7pm Arrive at Green Hotel.

7.30pm Dinner in Douglas Room - 3 course meal - wine & drinks cash only.

Team meeting rooms.

England	- St Serfs Suite
Ireland	- Scart Suite
Scotland	- Games Room
Wales	- Kinross Lounge

Pre 9pm Order pack lunches with choice of sandwiches. Flasks should have a label with name and choice of contents thereon.

9pm International Committee Meeting in the Green Isle Suite at 9pm.

Thursday 11th September

8am Breakfast from 8am.

9.15am Photographs from 9.15am for Teams, Captains & Officials.

10am till 9pm Boats are available from 10am till 9pm but remember Dinner at 7.30pm.

Team meeting rooms - as before but Wales in Green Room.

Friday 12th September

10am Second practice day again boats from 10am.

Saturday 13th September

10am till 6pm Match day from 10am till 6pm.

Weigh-in in shed.

8.30pm Dinner.
Top Table wait for others to be seated.
4 teams and reserve and "single" officials to their allocated table others including married officials and their Ladies go to the middle of the 5 tables in the room.

Sunday 14th September

Go home after breakfast only after settling your bills.

Ladies Margaret Biggart and Eleanor Campbell will have ploys arranged on Thursday and Friday.

GREEN HOTEL - SEPTEMBER 1997 - ROOMS

		Room Number
Double Four Poster		
David & Margaret Biggart	S	25
Ian & Eleanor Campbell	S	12
Family Suites		
Wendy Miller	E	46
David Williams & Family	W	
Paul Canning & Ron Neil	E	47
Ian Earle	S	28
Double Bedded		
Bob Church & Jeanette Taylor	E	5
Mike & Chris Massingham	E	48
Jimmy & Mary Nally	I	18
Val & Mrs Cosgrove	I	26
Michael & Brid Ruttledge	I	29
Peter & Betty Westwater	S	31
Graham & Mo Brown	S	43
Mr & Mrs Eric Booth	W	45
Mr & Mrs Davis	W	33
Archie & Janice McClymont	S	41
Brian Peterson	S	42
Twin Bedded		
Phil & Stephen Winston	W	44
Raymond Christopher & Stephen Docherty	W	4
Ray Morgan & John Garzide	W	6
Ronald Shephard & Kevin Lewis	W	19
Harry Owen & Wayne Graham	W	24
Peter Thomas & Colin Weilson	W	34
W J Williams & Gwynfor Jones & Moc Morgan	W	35
Edgar George & David Thomas	W	17
Nigel Muckle & Francie Jarrett	S	37
Craig Cowan & Stuart Malcolmson	S	38
Bill Patrick & David Wallace & J Adamson	S	40
Will Horseburgh & Jake Harvey	S	1
Sandy Sutherland & Andrew Richardson	S	2
Richard Philip & Alastair McKellar	S	32
Sandy Forgan & Dr Neil McCarry & Ronald Glass	S	39
Peter & Shirley Page	E	3
John & Laurie Boon	E	7
Len Childs & John Lindsay	E	8
Paul Weiss & Glynn Whitbread	E	9
Graham Walker & Nikki Long	E	10
Paul Miller & John White	E	11
Julian Hubbard & Allan Williams	E	14
Andrew Ramsden & Ronnie Duke	E	15
Robbie Marshall & Mick McCormack	I	16
Toby Bradshaw & Cyril Murray	I	20
Joe O'Leary & John Beham	I	21
Willie Russell & Brian Stanfield	I	22
Noel McLauglin & Robin Paul	I	23
Michael Hennessey & David Long	I	27
Jack McNeely & Tom McElroy	I	36



Captains – Len Childs (England), Colin Welson (Wales), Robbie Marshall (Ireland) & Nigel Muckle (Scotland).

(Nowal Photographers)



England

Len Childs (Captain), Paul Canning, Ronnie Duke, Julian Hubbard, Nikki Long, Mick Massingham, Paul Miller, Ron Neil, Andrew Ramsden, Graham Walker, Paul Weiss, Glyn Whitbread, John White & Alan Williams.
(Nowal Photographers)



Ireland

Robbie Marshall (Captain), John Behan, Toby Bradshaw, Michael Hennessey, Dermot Long, Mick McCormack, Noel McLoughlin, Cyril Murray, Ivor Haslett, Robert Kenny, Robin Paul, Michael Ruttledge, Padraig Munroe & Brian Stanfield.
(Nowal Photographers)



Scotland

Nigel Muckle (Captain), John Adamson, Graham Brown, Craig Cowan, Jake Harvey, Bill Horsburgh, Francie Jarrett, Archie McClymont, Alastair McKellar, Stuart Malcomson, Bill Patrick, Andrew Richardson, Sandy Sutherland & David Wallace.
(Nowal Photographers)



Wales

Colin Welson (Captain), Wayne Abraham, Eric William Booth, Raymond Christopher, Stephen Doherty, John Garside, Phil Hooper, Kevin Lewis, Ray Morgan, Harry Wyn Owen, Ronald Shepherd, Peter Mark Thomas, David Williams & Stephen Winston.
(Nowal Photographers)



Match
SCENE
Continued

AUTUMN INTERNATIONAL

IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

IAN MUCKLE reports on the autumn International at an out-of-sorts Loch Leven.

IN spite of tremendous sport on Scotland's Loch Leven during early summer, the signs looked ominous for the Autumn International after three weeks of unusually hot weather. Water temperature had soared to 22 degrees, and an algal bloom had cut the visibility

Stressed trout were leaping from the water, while anglers with fish finders were reporting large numbers of trout retreating to the depths.

Practise produced few fish for any teams, although one of the Scottish totals would certainly have clinched the International had it been taken on the Saturday However, those superb rainbows in the 6lb and over class were absent from catches, which consisted mainly of brown trout.

So it was that on a very-difficult match day, the four teams set out to do battle knowing that even a fish per rod would almost certainly ensure a win. In fact 11 trout weighing 17lb 12oz were enough to take the gold medals for the Irish. The other three teams each had nine fish, so it was all down to size of fish at the end of the day Half the field blanked.

In the event, Wales took second with 15lb 11.6oz; England came third with 13lb 2.6oz; and home team Scotland were last with 12lb 8oz. A strong gusting wind made many favoured areas uncomfortable to fish, and the water was still coloured after the algal bloom. Most boats headed up to the north shore to fish the more sheltered drifts, such as Factor's Pier to Scart and North Queich Mouth to the North Buoy However, Irishman Toby Bradshaw headed south and persevered in the waves off St Serf's Island to take two fish for 4lb 3.1oz on his Black Cat and win the Brown Bowl for the best basket – the second time he's done this in a Home International.

The heaviest trout was taken by Paul Miller, Cortland Team England, and weighed 2lb 15.25oz. Top English rod was Paul Canning. The other three England rods to requalify for the Spring 1998 International on Lough Arrow were Nikki Long, Paul Miller and Graham Walker

Best basket for Wales came from David Williams with two for 4lb 2.75oz; and for Scotland, Sandy Sutherland with one for 2lb 14.3oz. The total number of fish weighed in was 38 for 59lb 2.25oz.

After the match, winning captain **Robbie Marshall** commented. "Obviously, I'm delighted for the lads. Loch Leven proved to be a difficult venue, but the fish were of good quality We look forward to fishing it in 1999 "

Welsh skipper **Colin Welson** said: "The fish were excellent, even if the loch was a bit difficult. I'm very proud of the team"

Len Childs, leading the English squad, had this to say- "Loch Leven was a very good venue, and the rainbows especially were super We will be back, but not tomorrow!"

Scottish captain **Nigel Muckle** was philosophical. "The result was disappointing, but the lads worked so hard for very little return, and I'm proud of them. It's just a real shame that we didn't see Leven at its best."

Irish captain Robbie Marshall.

Ireland team member Toby Bradshaw won the Brown Bowl for the best basket with two fish for 4lb 3.1oz.

A piper leads the teams out to start the first day's fishing.

Welsh captain Colin Welson.

England captain Len Childs.

Scottish captain Nigel Muckle.

AUTUMN HOME INTERNATIONAL

Loch Leven

IRELAND won a dire match in which just 38 fish were caught and more than half the anglers blanked.

Toby Bradshaw led the way for the Irish with a brace of trout for 3-2-0, the best bag of the day.

England manager Bob Church described the match as 'one to forget'. He said: "A pea soup algae was over the whole loch, cutting visibility down to a few inches."

Result: 1 Ireland, 11 for 17-12-0; 2 Wales, 9 for 15-11-6; 3 England, 9 for 13-2-6; 4 Scotland, 9 for 12-8-0.

England

Len Childs (Captain), Paul Canning, Ronnie Duke, Julian Hubbard, Nikki Long, Mick Massingham, Paul Miller, Ron Neil, Andrew Ramsden, Graham Walker, Paul Weiss, Glyn Whitbread, John White & Alan Williams.

1. Ireland	11 fish	17-12-0
2. Wales	9 fish	15-11-10
3. England	9 fish	13-2-10
4. Scotland	9 fish	12-8-0

Full Results >>

Loch-style National

Grafham Water

ENGLISH LOCH-STYLE CHAMPIONSHIP

HOT SPORT AT GRAFHAM



Fish on! John Braithwaite and Ian Greenwood battle it out.

GRAFHAM WATER in Cambridgeshire turned on the heat for the English National, fished 24 hours earlier than planned in respect for the funeral of the Princess of Wales. A day of wind, waves and cloud created the ideal fishing conditions for loch-style fishing, and the fish duly responded.

This year's champion, Farmoor regular **Jim Longmore**, from Southall, Middlesex, found the Hi-D line the most productive. He realised early on that mini lures brought lots of plucks but few firm takes. But a combination of a lure on the bob, and a Hare's Ear and a Shellback on the droppers. produced a bag limit of 12 fish and a three-hour time bonus.

Second-placed **Chris Howitt**, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, worked a Viva and Stickfly on a slime intermediate line for his 12 fish, while a size 14 Silver Invicta on an intermediate line took a 3lb 15.5oz rainbow for Penrith angler **Andrew Dixon**.

Northampton nurse **Julie Emerson** became only the second lady in the 65-year history of home internationals to qualify for a place in the full England team. Julie, who works as a staff nurse on a renal dialysis unit, also celebrated her 11th wedding anniversary on the same day.

The rod average for the day was an impressive 8.3 with the top 43 anglers taking double-figure catches.



National winner Jim Longmore receives the trophy from Tom Bilson.



Hugs and kisses from Wendy Miller for qualifier Julie Emerson.





The two Cortland England teams for next year's Internationals.

Qualifiers: 1 **Jim Longmore**, Southall, 24lb 7.5oz, 2 **Chris Howitt**, Tunbridge Wells, 23lb 1oz, 3 **Chris Guthrie**, Tyne & Wear, 22lb 15.5oz, 4 **Dave Monks**, Bristol, 22lb, 5 **Brian Frogatt**, Rugby, 21lb 14oz, 6 **Trevor Bellamy**, Peterborough, 21lb 13oz, 7 **Nigel Nixon**, Leek, 21lb 12.5oz, 8 **Robert Sosbe**, Leicester, 21lb 10.5oz, 9 **Paul Wild**, Stamford, 21lb 6.5oz, 10 **Iain Barr** Market Deeping, 21lb 6oz, 11 **Paul McLinden**, Coventry, 21lb 1oz, 12 **Andrew Ramsden**, Keswick, 20lb 14.5oz, 13 **Richard Meigh**, Stoke on Trent, 20lb 8oz, 14 **Andrew Dixon**, Penrith, 20lb 7.5oz, 15 **Mike Betts**, Sittingbourne, 20lb 3.5oz, 16 **Julie Emerson**, Northampton, 19lb 15.5oz, 17 **Keith Gollop**, Tiverton, 19lb 8.5oz, 18 **Daren Hoskin**, Bristol, 19lb 8oz, 19 **Martyn Adams**, Birmingham, 19lb 1oz, 20 **Hugh Frew**, Southborough, 18lb 13.5oz, 21 **Pat McLintic**, Aylesbury, 18lb 6.5oz, 22 **Ivan Blythe**, Reading, 18lb 5oz. These form next year's Cortland Team England squads for the home internationals on Lough Arrow and Llyn Trawsfynydd.

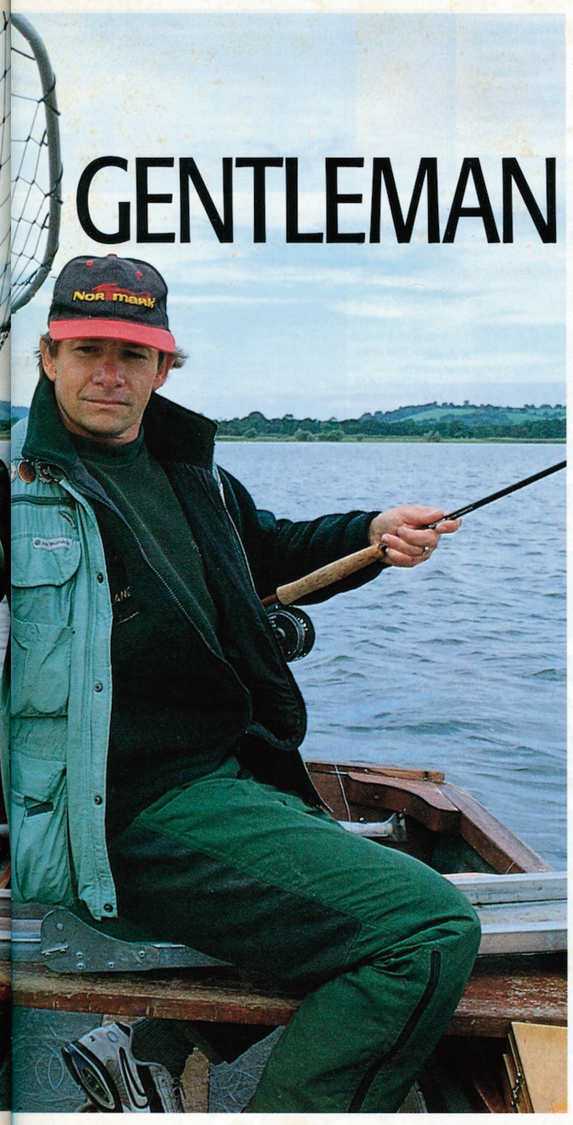
1. Jim Longmore	24-7-8
2. Chris Howitt	23-1-0
3. Chris Guthrie	22-15-8
4. Dave Monks	22-0-0
5. Brian Froggatt	21-14-0
6. Trevor Bellamy	21-13-0
7. Nigel Nixon	21-12-8
8. Robert Sosbe	21-10-8
9. Paul Wild	21-6-8
10. Iain Barr	21-6-0
11. Paul McLinden	21-1-0
12. Andrew Ramsden	20-14-8
13. Richard Meigh	20-8-0
14. Andew Dixon	20-7-8
15. Mike Betts	20-3-8
16. Julie Emerson	19-15-8
17. Keith Gollop	19-8-8
18. Daren Hoskin	19-8-0
19. Martyn Adams	19-1-0
20. Hugh Frew	18-13-8
Reserves	
21. Pat McLintic	18-6-8
22. Ivan Blythe	18-5-0

Best Fish: 3-15-8 Andrew Dixon



JIM LONGMORE won the England National at Grafham Water last year. His competition achievements have all come in the last three years after entering the England eliminators. He failed in his first two attempts to qualify, but succeeded at the third. At his first International at Llyn Trawsfynydd in North Wales, he kept his place to fish his second International at Bewl Water. Last year he won the southern heat of the eliminators at Bewl to get into the National Final at Grafham, where he finished top rod to become the English Champion.





GENTLEMAN JIM

In just three seasons, west London angler Jim Longmore has come from being a pleasure bank angler to National Champion. CERI JONES shares a boat with him at Chew to find out the reason for his success.

Ceri: **What do you do for a living, Jim?**

Jim: *I'm a sound operator for BBC outside broadcasts, which entails an awful lot of travelling, covering many football matches. I usually take a rod with me for when I've a few hours to spare. With the number of competitions around nowadays, it can be very difficult to fit them in with work*

How long have you been fishing?

I started flyfishing about 10 years ago although it seems only yesterday that I fished my first Benson and Hedges. The first trout I caught was at Barn Elms Reservoirs in west London, although my first serious trout fishing started on Queen Mother Reservoir.

What club do you fish for?

I fish for Queen Mother Fly Fishers which now is just a group of 15 mates. We were a club of more than 100 members at one time.

How did you finish top rod at Grafham in the English National?

On practice day I managed to find fish around G buoy, as did many others. My set up was with a Hi-D line and mini lures, but later I switched to large nymphs which worked much better. I caught fish in many areas but found most were around 300 yards out from the bank.

I had a very successful practice day, which normally means a disastrous match. But luckily match day was a repeat of the practice.

On match day I was into fish on my first few casts. Within half an hour my boat partner and I had taken five fish between us, and they were still coming to the Shellback Hare's Ear. It worked so well on the middle dropper that I switched it to the point and caught quicker.

When I had finished with 12 fish by ten to three, I was so pleased that I offered my flies to my boat partner without thinking of the possible consquences. He accepted with gratitude. He was already on nine but the next took him under the boat where he lost it along with my flies.

I wasn't too upset for him, for it could have been a different story. I had the feeling that every one of my boat partner's fish was more than two pounds and his bag twice the size of mine. Fortunately the scales told a different story, but happily we both qualified.

I see today you've taken a few of the fish on your shellback Hare's Ear. Tell me more about the fly?

The Grafham match was the first time I used the fly for loch styling. I can't say I invented the fly, for I have seen it around used by other anglers. I tied up a leaded version two months earlier to fish Farmoor Reservoir, when I wanted a heavy point fly to get my Buzzers down. It caught fish more than the Buzzers so I tied some unleaded versions for competition fishing. And it's caught me a lot of fish.

What is your favourite style of fishing?

Up until a few years ago most of my fishing was off the bank, but now I prefer to boat fish especially nymphing with a floating line, but last season I had to use a sinking line all the time.

What tackle do you use?

For loch-style competition fishing I use two 10ft sages RPL+. The lines are 7# sinkers and 6# floaters. I have a full range of Cortland lines – I believe they are the the best lines available – plus an Airflo Di-7, Glass line and a Wet Cel Hi-D.

The nylon I've used for the last five years has been Drennan Sub-surface and Maxima Green, 4lb for dry fly and 5lb for pulling lures and nymphs. I'm also quite a fan of Diamond, a fluorocarbon-coated line which was originally marketed for coarse fishing. It's half the price of other fluorocarbons around. I've been broken a few times when using it, but certainly less than when using double strength lines.

JIM'S TOP SIX RESERVOIR FAVOURITES



1. Nymph variant (works well at Bewl).



2. Mackay double (top all-round Bewl point fly).



3. Shellback Hare's Ear



4. Claret mini-lure (good fly for Farmoor daphnia feeders).



5. Flashback Diawl Bach (works well at Bewl and Trawsfynydd)

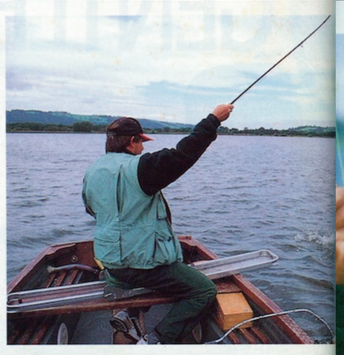


6. Coral mini booby (works well at Bewl)

What method did you enjoy most success with last season?

It had to be with the fast-sinking Di-7 line. I'm not necessarily letting it fish too deep, maybe only eight to 10ft. I've put two markers on the line (pic right), which allows me to "hang" the flies twice, once at 20 ft and then again at 10ft. Some days you will catch trout at both depths, but generally "hanging" at 10ft produces most takes. The method works well in clear water at Grafham and Bewl.

When you are retrieving, you'll feel the marker come over your finger. So "hanging" the flies becomes automatic. I generally don't "hang" for more than 10 seconds, unless I'm getting a lot of takes.



Jim Longmore plays a rainbow at Chew hooked on the Shellback Hare's Ear.

What is your local water?

You could say my local water is Bewl, although it's still 75 miles away from my home in West London. For the first couple of weeks of the season I fish the bank. Then I spend the rest of the season on a boat. I also used to fish Farmoor regularly a few years before I got into competition fishing. I'd like the time to fish there more often as the Farmoor fish were superb last season.

What do you put your success down to?

Fly fishing is all about confidence. You've got to stick to what you feel is right. I'm a firm believer in doing the right thing with the wrong fly rather than the wrong thing with the right fly.

What is your best fish to date?

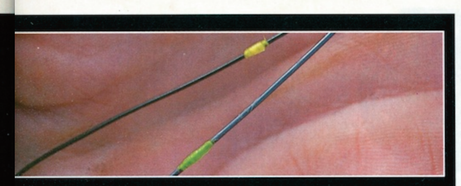
I've had a few big rainbows from small waters but my best fish has got to be the 11lb brown from Farmoor four years ago. I caught it from the bank on a Green Buzzer. Originally I thought it was a big stockie rainbow and played it quite casually. But it was a different story when I saw that I had hooked a resident brown.

What anglers have helped you along the way?

Two guys I'd like to mention are Kevin Hart and Micky Bewick. I teamed up with them at Queen Mother Flyfishers, which Kevin started. He taught loch styling to many anglers in those early days. Micky works in a tackle shop and always picks up the local news and hot flies. They are both good friends of mine.

What is your aim in the near future?

I have fished the English final of the Benson and Hedges on a number of occasions, but would like to get through to the International final of The Hardy. My main aim for the next few years is to stay in the England team and maybe one day win the Brown Bowl.





Jim Longmore dibbles his fly at the end of a cast.

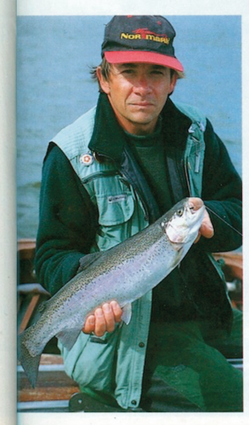
Well Jim, I see you've tackled up today with a floater and nymphs, while I've put on an intermediate and mini lures. Let's see which method will work best?

A warm south-westerly wind offers ideal drifting conditions for Chew, but our first two drifts along the Morton Bank draw a blank. So we motor over to Wick where things start to happen.

Jim takes a brace on his Shellback Hare's Ear, while I catch fish on the Viva. Spooning the trout as we motor back up the drift, I find them full of corixa, which proves that you don't always have to be specific to match the hatch.

During the next few drifts we take another six rainbows all around 2½lb to 3lb in a fast and furious spell of action. Then things go quiet.

Motoring around looking for more feeding fish brings us to Villice, where we find trout fry feeding. Here the intermediate and Viva work better as the fish are taking a little deeper. Jim changes lines and once again that Shellback Hare's Ear does the business. So by the end of the day, it's honours even.



Jim shows the quality of Chew rainbows found at the end of last season.

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Tickets:
Day-ticket £11 (8 fish).
Boat for 2 (including day-tickets) £53

HOW TO TIE THE MACKAY

Hook: Size 10 -12 double
Thread: Black
Tail: Black marabou
Rib: Fine gold wire or oval gold tinsel
Body: Hare's fur
Cheeks: Fluorescent light orange and white floss,



1. Fix the hook in the vice and run the tying thread down to the bend. Catch in a pinch of black marabou plus two inches of fine gold wire. Take a small amount of hare fur and offer it up to the thread.



2. Using a pinch and twist method dub the fur on to the thread to form an even rope. Wind the rope to cover two thirds of the hook shank.



3. Wind the gold wire rib in evenly spaced turns. Take three inches of light orange fluorescent floss, fold it in three, and catch it in so that the two ends lie along either side of the body.



4. Add a small section of dubbed hare fur before adding the front cheeks of fluorescent white floss. These are added in exactly the same way as the orange cheeks.



5. Add a final small pinch of hare fur at the head and cast off the thread with a whip finish. Finally trim the cheeks to length.