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INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING COMPETITION

Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association

ENGLAND • IRELAND • SCOTLAND • WALES

Lough Conn
Gortnor Abbey
County Mayo

Saturday, 18th May, 2002

Match Booklet & Programme

International Fly Fishing Association

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Frank Reilly (Chairman) and all the officers of the Connaught Comittee.

International Dinner
Downhill House Hotel
@ 8 p.m.
Saturday, 18th May, 2002
Dress: Blazers or Lounge Suits

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ENGLAND

TEAM MGR: John Lindsey

		Trout	Weight
1	Richard Cobbledick (Capt)		
2	Neil Bailey		
3	Iain Barr		
4	Chris Bobby		
5	Rob Edmunds		
6	Nigel Evans		
7	John Gollop		
8	Gary Haskins		
9	Simon Hodges		
10	Julian Hubbard		
11	Martin Introna		
12	Dave Parker		
13	Simon Robinson		
14	Dave Shipman		
	TOTALS		

IRELAND

TEAM MGR: Michael Callaghan

		Trout	Weight
1	Gerry Buckley (Captain)		
2	Albert Berry		
3	Robert Crichton		
4	Seán Daly		
5	Tony Doherty		
6	Séamus Feeney		
7	Pat Feerick		
8	Brian McDonagh		
9	Sam McGowan		
10	Fechin McMorrow		
11	Reg O'Keefe		
12	Brendan Spillane		
13	Brian Stanfield		
14	Greg White		
	TOTALS		

SCOTLAND

TEAM MGR: John Ross

		Trout	Weight
1	Alastair Mackellar (Capt.)		
2	Andrew W. Anderson		
3	Peter Auchterlonie		
4	John Buchanan		
5	Mark R. Dewar		
6	Colin Elder		
7	Jim Fairgrieve		
8	Ronnie Glass		
9	Jim Hunter		
10	Gordon Inglis		
11	Jim Kyle		
12	Hugh Law		
13	Neil Mitchell		
14	George Reed		
	TOTALS		

WALES

TEAM MGR: Moc Morgan

		Trout	Weight
1	Cliff Harvey (Captain)		
2	Paul Cooke		
3	Eric Davies		
4	Daniel Edwards		
5	Martin Graham		
6	Richard Hooper		
7	Carl Jones		
8	Tim Llewellyn		
9	Terry Lougher		
10	John McMullen		
11	Brian Middleton		
12	Julian Richards		
13	Jeff Thomas		
14	Hugh Williams		
	TOTALS		

MATCH RESULTS

	Country	Total Trout	Weight
1st			
2nd			
3rd			
4th			

Brown Bowl — Top Individual Weight

Name	Country	Weight

H Emyr Lewis — Best Fish

Name	Country	Weight

TROPHIES

National organisations will compete for the Association Trophies as listed hereunder and such other Trophies as may from time to time be accepted by the Association. No other prizes or awards will be competed for in any match arranged by the Association.

1. Graham Munro Hall Memorial Trophy (the premier award)
   Held by the winning team until the next international match.
2. Captain's Badge
   Held by the winning Captain until the next international match.
3. Brown Bowl
   Best individual basket.
4. H. Emyr Lewis Memorial Trophy
   Heaviest trout in the match.
5. The Grafham Trophy
   Best individual basket in English Team.
6. Harry Lafferty Cup
   Best individual basket in Irish Team.
7. The Phoenix Salver
   Best individual basket in Scottish Team.
8. Gillie Farr Trophy
   Best individual basket in Welsh Team.
9. The Spoon
   Held by the team with the lowest weight.
10. John Hedges Chalice
    Best individual basket — Officials.

MATCH HISTORY

Matches were fished annually on Loch Leven from 1932 to 1970 inclusive, except during the war period, 1940 to 1949. Since then they have been fished bi-annually with all four countries normally taking their turn as hosts. However, England resigned from the Association in 1972 and rejoined in 1974, and so have fished fewer matches than the other 3 countries. Ireland did not fish in 2001 due to Foot & Mouth restrictions.

Results to Date

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
England	41	23	17½	5½	87
Ireland	10	18	23	38	89
Scotland	23	26	21½	20½	91
Wales	17	24	29	21	91

(Neither England nor Scotland caught a trout at Llyn Alaw in 1972; hence the halves)

Recent Results

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1996 Lough Owel	E	S	I	W
Llyn Trawsfynydd	S	W	E	I
1997 Bewl Water	E	W	S	I
Loch Leven	I	W	E	S
1998 Lough Arrow	I	E	W	S
Llyn Trawsfynydd	E	S	I	W
1999 Rutland Water	E	W	S	I
Loch Leven	S	E	W	I
2000 Lough Erne	I	W	E	S
Llyn Brenig	E	S	W	I
2001 Grafham Water	S	E	W	–
Lough Leven	E	S	W	–

LOCAL RULES

1. The size limit is 12 inches.
2. On practice days, fishing will be on a catch and release basis.
3. On match day there will be a bag limit of 3 fish. When a competitor has caught 4 fish he may continur on a 'catch and release' basis and each Eligible fish will count as 1.5 lbs. Details to be recorded by boatmen on card provided.
4. There will be a minimum 15 minute break for boatmen during which they may go ashore.
5. Teams will weigh-in in the order of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales following the order printed in this booklet.

BOATING ARRANGEMENTS

The chief boat steward is **Mr. P.J. Hallinan.** He will attend to all queries and no boatmen other than those appointed by Mr. Hallinan will be used. Each country will have their own boat steward as follows:

England — **Mr. John Warren**
Ireland — **Mr. Michael Monaghan**
Scotland — **Mr. Padraig Traynor**
Wales — **Mr. Ian Wise**

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

LOCH INTERNATIONAL FISHING AND MATCH RULES

Revised to take effect from 1st January 1999

SECTION A — FISHING RULES

1. Fishing shall be carried out respecting the spirit and traditions of game angling.
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 specification. The hook shall be single or double provided that in the 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. The overall length of the fly shall not exceed fifteen-sixteenths of an inch. Fly dressings may include beads provided these beads are buoyant. Attractor chemicals and the use of light emitters to flies are debarred.
4. Lines, casts and leaders shall not be additionally weighted. No form of shooting head line, metal core line or metal core braided leader is permitted.

5. One rod, not exceeding 12 feet in length, to be used by each competitor, but each competitor will be entitled to have in the boat 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 if 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. It being the responsibility of the host country to have 32 drogues available for each Match.
   (b) The anchoring of boats when fishing, is prohibited. Boats must be allowed to drift freely when fishing, and not to be 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) Boat seats, thwart boards and the use of tackle boxes as seats are permitted provided the height of the "seat" is not more than 5 inches above the gunwale.
   (d) During a Match, no boat may encroach within a distance of 100 yards in front of another boat from which competitors are fishing, nor disturb the water in front of or around any such boat by the indiscriminate use of the motor.
   (e) Electronic aids, e.g. Telephones, Fish Finders, Echo Sounders etc. are debarred during the official practice days and the actual Match day.
7. ***(a)*** A competitor's rod when working flies or retrieving casts, must be hand held and must be above water level. Competitors must not stand in the boat when casting or retrieving line. 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 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.

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 handle a mounted rod (see Section A Rule 5) during the hours of the competition.
2. ***(a)*** Match results will be decided by weight of fish — the higher weight taking the higher placing. In the event of equality in weights, the country with the greater number of trout will take precedence over the country with the fewer. In the event of a tie in weight and numbers of fish, 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 replica.
3. ***(a)*** There shall be no trophies or prizes awarded to individual anglers apart from "The Brown Bowl" and "The H. 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 the competitors are not permitted.
4. Subject to any direction of the Association, any Match shall be fished under the rules of the governing body of the water on which the match is fished, insofar as these

are compatible with the Rules of this Association. For every Match, the Association shall fix the hours of 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 organisation. Such information will be included in the Match Booklet.
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 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. Any dispute or complaint on any matter in any Match shall be notified to the Secretary before the weigh-in is completed and before the results are announced. A Sub-Committee consisting of the International President, who will have the casting vote and one non-competing official from each country taking part, shall at once be 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-Committee shall be final.

N.B.

COMPETITORS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO WEAR BUOYANCY AIDS AND EYE PROTECTORS WHEN EITHER TRAVELLING IN OR FISHING FROM BOATS.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 15th, 2002

12n — 4 pm	Fáilte go Downhill House Hotel Registration at Reception. Hand in National Flags and Trophies.
6.00 pm	Team meetings. Order Packed Lunches.
7.30 pm	Dinner.
9.00 pm	Annual General Meeting of I.F.F.A.

Thursday, May 16th, 2002

7 — 8.30 am	Breakfast Collect Packed Lunches
9.30 pm	Photographs at Gortnor Abbey.
10.30 — 5 pm	Fishing — Catch & Release
6.00 pm	Team Meetings. Order Packed Lunches.
8.00 pm	Dinner & Entertainment

Friday, May 17th, 2002

7 — 8.30 am	Breakfast Collect Packed Lunches
10.00 am	Fishing — Catch & Release
6.00 pm	Team Meetings Order Packed Lunches
8.00 pm	Dinner and Early to Bed

Saturday, May 18th, 2002

7 — 8 am	Breakfast
9.00 am	Boatmans Briefing
10.00 am	International Match begins
10.30 am	Officials Match begins
5.00 pm	Officials Match ends & Weigh-in at 5.10 pm
6.00 pm	International Match ends and all boats ashore.

Saturday, May 18th, 2002 — Cont'd.

6.10 pm	International Match Weigh-in
8.10 pm	Assemble in Bar
8.30 pm	International Dinner Results & Presentation of Prizes Entertainment & Party Pieces in Bar

Sunday, May 19th, 2002

8.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 am	Settle Bills & Farewells Slán Abhaile and looking forward to Brennig.

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

MENU

Dressed Egg Mayonnaise

◆ ♓ ◆

Cream of Carrot and Coriander Soup

◆ ♓ ◆

Roast Sirloin of Beef
with Horseradish Sauce

Poached Fresh Moy Salmon

Selection of Seasonal Vegetables
and Potatoes

◆ ♓ ◆

Baked Alaska with Strawberry Coulis

◆ ♓ ◆

Tea or Coffee

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Captains – Gerry Buckley (Ireland), Cliff Harvey (Wales), Alastair Mackellar (Scotland) & Richard Cobbledick (England).
(Eleanor Robinson Photographer)



England

Richard Cobbledick (Captain), Neil Bailey, Iain Barr, Chris Bobby, Rob Edmunds, Nigel Evans, John Gollop, Gary Haskins, Simon Hodges, Dave Hodgson, Julian Hubbard, Dave Parker, Simon Robinson, Dave Shipman & John Lindsey (Manager).
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Ireland

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(Eleanor Robinson Photographer)



Scotland

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(Eleanor Robinson Photographer)



Wales

Cliff Harvey (Captain), Paul Cooke, Eric Davies, Daniel Edwards, Martin Graham, Richard Hooper, Carl Jones, Tim Llewellyn, Terry Lougher, John McMullen, Brian Middleton, Julian Richards, Jeff Thomas, Hugh Williams & Moc Morgan (Manager).
(Eleanor Robinson Photographer)

INTERNATIONAL - IRELAND LOUGH CONN

Scots pull for victory

SCOTLAND strolled away to win the International by almost 8lb. And top rod Gordon Inglis, won the prestigious Brown Bowl to complete a clean sweep.

Winning tactics were mostly pulled wets on intermediate lines, a tactic that covered more water than the static dry fly approach of the English, who finished second.

The weather leading up to the event was erratic with each day of the week before the match featuring very different conditions. Despite this, the Scots caught well in practice.

Match day dawned with a flat calm and according to local ghillies, a windy day followed by a flat calm the following day is the kiss of death. Despite the water being like a mirror, there was hardly any fly life and this slowed the sport. But the Scots stuck to their game plan of pulling wet flies and 11 of their 14 anglers caught fish. When compared to the other teams, this was a huge achievement because many blanked.

Although quite hard, the match scotched rumours that there are few fish in the mighty 36,000-acre water.

RESULTS

1 Scotland, 15 fish for 20.28lb; 2 England, 9 for 12.35lb; 3 Ireland, 9 for 11.39lb; 4 Wales, 10 for 11.19lb

INDIVIDUALS

1 Gordon Inglis, Scotland, 3 fish for 3.6lb; 2 Richard Cobbledick, 2 for 3.31; George Reed, Scotland, 1 for 3.02lb; 4 Pat Feerick, Ireland, 3 for 2.97lb; 5 Tim Llewellyn, Wales, 2 for 2.93lb; 6 Jim Fairgrieve, Scotland, 2 for 2.65lb; 7 John McMullen, Wales, 2 for 2.63lb; 8 Robert Edmunds, England, 1 for 2.59lb; 9 John Buchanan, Scotland, 2 for 2.31lb; 10 Julian Hubbard, England, 1 for 2.14lb; 11 Fechin McMorrow, Ireland, 1 for 2.06lb; 12 Eric Davies, Wales, 2 for 2.03lb; 13 Iain Barr, England. 2 for 1.84lb.

England

Richard Cobbledick Captain), Neil Bailey, Iain Barr, Chris Bobby, Rob Edmunds, Nigel Evans, John Gollop, Gary Haskins, Simon Hodges, Dave Hodgson, Julian Hubbard, Dave Parker, Simon Robinson, Dave Shipman & John Lindsey (Manager).

1. Scotland	15 fish	20.280 lbs
2. England	9 fish	12.350 lbs
3. Ireland	9 fish	11.390 lbs
3. Wales	10 fish	11.190 lbs

Full Results >>

INTERNATIONAL RIVER FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP

2002

Confederation of English Fly Fishers

England-Ireland-Scotland-Wales

RIVER URE, WENSLEYDALE,
NORTH YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND
FRIDAY 21st JUNE 2002

Match Booklet

International Fly Fishing Association

Acknowledgements

To **Lord Bolton** of Bolton Hall, Wensley, North Yorkshire, the riparian owner who kindly allowed his stretch of the River Ure to be used for this International Match.

To **John G Hills**, the Agent for the Bolton Estate, and his Staff, for their invaluable assistance.

To **Mike Mee** – Chief Controller and **John M Burton** for their support and assistance in the planning of this event.

To the members of the **Bolton Estate Angling Syndicate** for all their co-operation.

To each **Controller** for giving their time on match day to enable the competition to take place.

To **John and Margaret** of the **Three Horseshoes** at Wensley for their assistance and co-operation during the competition.

To the **Management and Staff** of the **Quality Hotel, Scotch Corner** for their freindly assistance throughout the event.

To everyone who helped in any way.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday 19th June :

9am	**River Ure : Official Practice Day on Competition Beats.**
3pm – 5pm	Check-in at Scotch Corner Hotel.
6pm	Team Meetings.
7.45 – 8pm	Evening Meal served.
Before 9pm	Order packed lunches if required.
9.30 pm	***International Meeting – Draw for Beats.***

Thursday 20th June :

7 – 8am	Buffet Breakfast.
9.15am	Photographs at Lord's Bridge, Wensley. [Teams / Captains / Officials].
10am	River Ure : **Rest Water – Walk Beats**.
6pm	Team Meetings.
7.45 – 8pm	Evening Meal served.
Before 9pm	Order packed lunches if required.

Year	Venue	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1997	*English Wye*	Wales	England	Scotland	Ireland
1998	*Scottish Tweed*	Wales	Scotland	England	Ireland
1999	*Irish Liffey*	Ireland	Wales	Scotland	England
2000	*Welsh Dee*	England	Wales	Scotland	Ireland
2001	*No Match held*	– *Foot and Mouth Epidemic*			

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

Friday 19th June :

7 – 8am	Buffet Breakfast
8.30am	Controllers Briefing – 'Three Horseshoes', Wensley, Wensleydale.
9am	Competitors and Controllers move off to Beats.
10 – 11.30am	First Session.
11.30 – 1pm	Second Session.
1 – 2.30pm	Lunch Break
2.30 – 4pm	Third Session.
4 –5.30pm	Fourth Session.
5.30pm	End of Championship. Competitors and Controllers return to 'Three Horseshoes' and hand in cards.
6pm	Return to 'Scotch Corner Hotel'. IFFA officials meet to agree results.
8.15pm	Pre Dinner Drinks
8.45pm	INTERNATIONAL DINNER.

2002 EVENT RESULTS

Final Team Placings

Geoffrey Clarkson Trophy

1st .....
2nd .....
3rd .....
4th .....

Highest Placed Individual

Moc Morgan Trophy Winner

.....

Largest Fish

Mike Childs Trophy Winner

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INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

River International Fishing and Match Rules

SECTION A – FISHING RULES

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

2 Matches shall be fished with artificial flies on barbless or debarbed single hooks. Not more than **three** flies shall be mounted on a cast and flies may be artificially weighted.

3 Fly irons will measure not more than **five-eighths of an inch** overall, including the eye. The overall length of a fly shall not exceed **fifteen- sixteenths of an inch**. Flies may be of any pattern or material and may be fished floating or sunk. Attractor chemicals and the use of light emitters on flies are debarred.

4 A competitor may use only one rod at a time, maximum length **12** feet, but may have a second ready mounted as a spare. Any manufactured fly line may be used. Braided leaders, weighted or unweighted, are allowed. Coloured sleeving may be used at the end of the fly line to improve visibility but no other bite indicators are permitted. **Note:** a "sacrificial" floating fly is not deemed to be a bite indicator provided it is one of the three permitted flies (see Fishing Rules 2 & 3).

5 Competitors must provide for themselves landining nets made of knotless mesh. /cont.

SECTION A - FISHING RULES / cont.

6 At the beginning of the morning & afternoon sessions, all Competitors must be at the start points they have been allocated. 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

7 At the end of Session 1 and Session 3, every competitor must move at least 30 metres from the spot he / she is fishing, irrespective of how long he / she has fished there.

8 Competitors may not walk or cast outside of their beat. Should a fish, whilst being played, move outside the beat, the Competitor must play it from, and land it within, the beat.

9 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.

SECTION B - MATCH RULES

1 The Match venue will be divided into five beats. There will be one competitor from each country on each beat. The Match itself will consist of four sessions.

2 The Host organisation shall identify the beats and the start points before the draw takes place. The draw for beats and start points will be carried out by IFFA officials and will take place not less than 36 hours before the start of the Match. The Team Captains will draw their team members' morning and afternoon beats, and start points within the beats.

3 The river stretches to be used for the Match may not be fished by anyone during the day preceding the event but beats may be walked.

SECTION B - MATCH RULES / cont.

4 Subject to any direction of the Association, any Match shall be fished under the rules of the governing body of the water on which the Match is fished, insofar as these are compatible with the rules of the Association. For every Match, the Association shall fix the hours of fishing. The minimum size and species of fish to be measured will be decided by the Host organisation. **Such information will be included in the Match Booklet.**

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

6 Controllers are are responsible for ensuring that the competitors on their beats comply with the rules, including the start and close times of their sessions.

7 Catch & Release will apply. All fish must be netted and presented to the controllers whilst still in the landing net. At the time of netting the fish, 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 **overall 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.

8 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 i.e. 51 points.

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

SECTION B - MATCH RULES / cont.

10 Competitors from each of the five beats will be "placed" Separately according to the points they have scored in Each of the four sessions; i.e. 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.

11 Individuals' " placings" in the four 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. Similarily, 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.

12 If any competitor or controller sees anything which he / she thinks contravenes 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 and before the results are announced. A Sub-Committee consisting of the International President, who will have the casting vote, and one non-competing official from each country taking part, shall at once be 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-Committee shall be final.

SECTION C - LOCAL RULES

1. The competition species will be Brown Trout and Grayling only.
2. The minimum size to count in the competition will be 20cm.
3. Shuffling the river bed is not allowed in this competition.



Captains



England

Chris Howitt (Captain), Paul Davison, Simon Robinson, Mike Tinnion, John Tyzack, Andrew Dixon (Reserve) & Paul Page (Manager).



England

Chris Howitt (Captain), Paul Davison, Simon Robinson, Mike Tinnion, John Tyzack, Andrew Dixon (Reserve) & Paul Page (Manager).



Ireland

Nicky Moore, Willie Russell, Wilson Clinghan, Gay Doody & Kevin Somers.



Scotland

Franz Grimley, Marcus Stuart, Grant Gibson, Andy Walker & Ian Jones.



Wales

Carl Jones, Paul Jenkins, Moc Morgan, Dean Kibble & Colin Thomas.

RIVER INTERNATIONAL - River Ure, North Yorkshire

FOR the second year running England won gold, catching and releasing a total of 92 fish for a comfortably victory over Scotland finishing with 67 fish. Wales came third and Ireland picked up the wooden spoon.

After a poor start England's five men put away their early nerves and fished hard to gain 10 individual session firsts, five seconds, two thirds and three fourths between them.

John Tyzack from Stockport was the overall winner with three session firsts and one second place. Close behind was Simon Robinson in 2nd and Mike Tinnion 3rd. Captain Chris Howitt finished 9th and Paul Davison 12th.

The England Squad, which included Andrew Dixon the team's reserve, successfully fished a combination of bugs and dries to catch fish in a near perfect, clear, Summer level River Ure on Lord Bolton's Estate at Wensleydale.

Team Manager, Paul Page, said: "We know from experience that it is one thing to catch from a run when you are the first angler to fish it. To win, you must learn how to catch fish from an area that has been fished many times during the day by up to eight international anglers".



England

Chris Howitt (Captain), Paul Davison, Simon Robinson, Mike Tinnion, John Tyzack, Andrew Dixon (Reserve) & Paul Page (Manager).

1. England	92 fish	4714 points	38 placings
2. Scotland	67 fish	3457 points	49 placings
3. Wales	46 fish	2389 points	56 placings
4. Ireland	60 fish	3019 points	57 placings

Full Results >>

Rivers National

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1.	John Tyzack	19 fish	4 placing points
2.	Simon Robinson	9 fish	9 pts
3.	Dave Hodgson	7 fish	11 pts
4.	John Ball	7 fish	11 pts
5.	Dave Mee	7 fish	13 pts
6.	Simon Kidd	8 fish	14 pts
7.	Mike Tinnion	7 fish	14 pts
8.	Ian Greenwood	8 fish	15 pts
9.	Tim Burn	7 fish	15 pts
10.	Chris Howitt	5 fish	16 pts
11.	Keith McAdam	4 fish	16 pts
12.	Paul Davison	5 fish	17 pts
13.	Baz Reece	4 fish	18 pts
14.	Gary Pearson	5 fish	19 pts
15.	Graham Willis	4 fish	20 pts
16.	Andrew Green	4 fish	20 pts
17.	Jim Curry	3 fish	24 pts
18.	Alex Bobba	2 fish	24 pts
19.	John Griffin	2 fish	24 pts
20.	Tony Plant	2 fish	24 pts
21.	Mike Heritage	4 fish	25 pts
22.	Alex Urquhart	2 fish	25 pts
23.	Tony Curtis	2 fish	27 pts
24.	Gary Hedges	1 fish	27 pts
25.	Larry Jones	1 fish	27 pts
26.	Andrew Dixon	1 fish	29 pts
27.	Matt Grady	1 fish	31 pts
28.	David Drake	Nil	32 pts
29.	Nick Halstead	Nil	32 pts
30.	Simon Newman	Nil	32 pts
31.	Steve Preston	Nil	32 pts
32.	Leon Smith	Nil	32 pts

Airflo Classic - Individuals

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MATCHES

AIRFLO
SMALLWATER CLASSIC
ELINOR TROUT FISHERY
13 OCTOBER 2002

TIGHT FINISH

HERTFORDSHIRE angler Leigh Pond won top individual and ACA Masterline Predators took the team prize in this Final. But what a finish it was.

With just one fish separating the top four teams and three fish covering the top 12 individuals, things were tense at the weigh-in.

Trout Fisherman Tackle Team member, Leigh purchased one of the new Airflo 40yd Plus intermediate tip fly lines specially to tackle this Final. He knew that long casting was the answer at Elinor Fishery because of the intense practice pushing fish further out.

Sticking with a Black Fritz and an Orange Blob, Leigh took eight rainbows at various pegs around the water. Anglers moved around the lake from peg to peg in eight sessions throughout the day. The first two fish caught by each angler were weighed in, with all subsequent fish returned and the numbers recorded by marshals. The weight of the two retained fish was used to decide positions in the event of a tie in the number of fish caught.

Leigh was fortunate that his two retained fish weighed 5lb plus, giving him a weight advantage over his rivals. But his team, Rib Valley, missed winning the team event by just one fish, finishing third overall. Leigh receives an invitation to fish in the Bob Church Classic next year.

England internationals Ron Gent, Rob Edmunds and Simon King comprised the victorious ACA Masterline Predators team. Rob, who is now taking a break from the international scene, said: "The match was very peggy and after fishing the first peg the fish got wary and moved further out. They'd seen just about every lure known to man so we went small with size 12 or 14 Crunchers on floating lines. They had to be retrieved slowly in the coloured water."

Team member Ron Gent strayed from the plan and caught five fish on a Black Blob.

The Cheshire Hawks namely Mike Laycock, John Calvert and Mick Reade, took second place and these top two teams qualify to compete in next year's European Open with legs in Belgium, France and England.

Altogether, 16 teams of three and 24 individuals took part. The finalists had qualified from over 500 anglers who fished over 50 preliminary rounds and eight regional finals held throughout England.

Airflo provided excellent prizes of rods, reels, lines and lead crystal and were represented by Fishtec's Allan Crawford-Plane.



The winning ACA Masterline Predators team. [Left to right]: Ron Gent, Fishtec's Allan Crawford-Plane, Rob Edmunds and Simon King.



Second-placed team Cheshire Hawks. [L to R]: John Calvert, Mike Laycock, Allan Crawford-Plane and Mick Reade.



Leigh Pond (right) receives the individual winner's spoils from Fishtec's Allan Crawford-Plane.

RESULTS

Individuals

1 Leigh Pond; 2 Simon King; 3 Andrew Scott; 4 Mike Laycock; 5 Ed Foster; 6 Craig Smith; 7 Darren Grabham; 8 Phil Dixon; 9 Ron Gent; 10 Lloyd Pallet

Teams

1 ACA Masterline Predators; 2 Cheshire Hawks; 3 Rib Valley; 4 Wychwood Northumbrian Hawks; 5 Fishawks

1.	Leigh Pond	8 fish	
2.	Simon King		
3.	Andrew Scott		
4.	Michael Laycock		
5.	Ed Foster		
6.	Craig Smith		
7.	Darren Grabham		
8.	Phil Dixon		
9.	Ron Gent		
10.	Lloyd Pallet		
11.	Malcom Randle		
12.	Mick Reade		
13.	Simon Robinson		
14.	Vince Barker		
15.	Andy Cottam		
16.	Mike Symons		
17.	Derrick Grabham		
18.	Terry Sharpe		
19.	Mark Sheppard		
20.	Alex Hunt		
21.	John Calvert		
22.	Brian Parrot		
23.	Fred Bainbridge		
24.	Martyn Adams		
25.	Tom Nelson		
26.	Martin Winch		
27.	Chris Bolt		
28.	Graeme Bell		
29.	Baz Reece		
30.	Davey Parker		
31.	Stuart Pickard		
32.	Colin Bradley		
33.	Keith Bryant		
34.	Mark Sturgess		
35.	Rob Edmunds		
36.	Simon Kidd		
37.	Wade Brown		
38.	Barry Ashall		
39.	Paul Hudson		
40.	Bradley Gifford		
41.	Mick Tracey		
42.	C Peaston		
43.	Ian Buckley		
44=	Richard Shaw		
44=	Trevor Thompson		
46.	Peter Appleby		
47.	Vince Howley		
48.	Andrew G Taylor		
49.	Roger Cramer		
50.	George Parker		
51.	Michael Catt		
52.	Bill Hutchinson		
53.	Dennis Symonds		
54.	Geoff Smith		
55.	Adrian Holland		
56.	Daryll Cottrell		
57.	Mike Chapman		
58=	Les Lockey		
58=	Lawrence Robb		
60.	Tom Sanderson		
61=	Steve Beacall		
61=	Bob Forsythe		
61=	Alan Hardy		
61=	David Hogan		
61=	Peter Morris		
61=	Craig Peel		
61=	Mike Phillips		
61=	Mick Phipps		
61=	James Simpson		
61=	Steven Williams		
61=	Andrew Willoughby		

Loch-style National

Chew Valley Lake

MATCHES

ENGLISH NATIONAL CHEW VALLEY 21 SEPTEMBER 2002



National winner, David Murray from Bewl Piscatorials.



Richard Cobbledick with his second place trophy.



John Horsey (left) took third place.

SOUTHERN angler David Murray is the new national champion having caught 10 fish for 23lb 13oz on Chew Valley Lake. One hundred anglers gave themselves a one in five chance of qualifying for next year's internationals with the top 20 going through, but they had to work for their fish.

Close finishes are always exciting and this was a classic with just 2½oz separating first and second and just 1oz between third and fourth.

The delicate approach saw more fish in the boat and Dave, from Bewl Piscatorials, fished the bung technique to great effect. He fished small Buzzers under a Floating Fry to catch his limit from the middle of the lake by 5.35pm 25 minutes before the match finished.

Chew, a renowned nymph and dry fly venue, had not been stocked for two weeks and since then had endured many matches, so the fishing was always going to be tough for this the venue's first ever national. It was no surprise therefore to see Southwest anglers fill the top positions predominantly with their dry fly and nymph skills.

In total, nine out of the 20 qualifiers from Chew were nymph and dry fly anglers from the Southwest or the West Country with Midlanders falling way behind. The only angler to really succeed with Midlands-style pulling tactics was Cheshire's Philip Dixon in fourth place. Top Midland's rod was Ed Foster in 10th; the rest were much further down the field.

Second-placed Richard Cobbledick from Cornwall had yet to catch a fish at 1pm and if he'd changed tactics sooner he could have won the match. After switching to a slime line with nymphs and a Damsel on the point he confounded everyone by catching his 10 fish limit in just 2½ hours from the Roman Shallows area.

During the two official practice days, light winds and rising fish greeted anglers but they were hard to tempt. On match day there was a flat calm for the first two hours and this favoured third placed dry fly specialist John Horsey He'd caught six fish on dries by 12.05pm but then the ripple increased and the fish went down in bit. However, John still took his limit by 5.05pm and yet again proved his worth as a top matchman.

Out of the top 20 anglers, the odd numbers will represent England next year in the Spring international at Chew Valley and the even numbers will fish the Autumn international in Scotland.

Unfortunately, the match was marred by controversy Six anglers were disqualified for oversized hooks or flies. Included in the six were Craig Barr and Pablo Mullings Craig would have qualified in 20th place. In all, 100 anglers caught 493 fish with an average fish weight of 2lb 2⅞oz.

RESULTS

David Murray, Southern, 10 fish for 23lb 13⅞oz; 2 Richard Cobbledick, South West, 10 for 23lb 11oz; 3 John Horsey, South West, 10 for 22lb 8oz; 4 Philip Dixon, Severn Trent, 22lb 7oz; 5 Andrew Scott, Tyne & Wear 9 for 22lb 4⅞oz; 6 Jeremy Clarke, Southern, 10 for 21lb 4⅞oz; 7 Andrew Gooding, West Country, 9 for 21lb 4oz; 8 Tony Baldwin, South West, 8 for 18lb 12⅞oz; 9 Peter Searle, Anglia, 7 for 18lb 12oz; 10 Ed Foster, Anglia, 9 for 18lb 10⅞oz; 11 Trevor Colclough, Severn Trent, 8 for 17lb 13⅞oz; 12 Dave Reynolds, Southern, 7 for 16lb 10⅞oz; 13 Paul Roach, South West, 8 for 16lb 8⅞oz; 14 Lee Sennington, South West, 7 for 16lb 6oz; 15 Steve Ebdon, West Country, 8 for 16lb 5⅞oz; 16 Graham Watson, Anglia, 7 for 16lb 3oz; 17 Andy Haskins, South West, 8 for 16lb 1⅞oz; 18 Mark Withyman, South West, 7 for 15lb 15⅞oz; 19 Howard Croston, North West, 7 for 15lb 12⅞oz; 20 Sean Cutting, Anglia, 7 for 15lb 11⅞oz.

1.	David Murray *(Southern)*	10 fish	23-13-8
2.	Richard Cobbledick *(South West)*	10 fish	23-11-0
3.	John Horsey *(South West)*	10 fish	22-8-0
4.	Phil Dixon *(Severn Trent)*		22-7-0
5.	Andrew Scott *(Tyne & Wear)*	9 fish	22-4-8
6.	Jeremy Clarke *(Southern)*	10 fish	21-4-8
7.	Andrew Gooding *(West Country)*	9 fish	21-4-0
8.	Tony Baldwin *(South West)*	8 fish	18-12-8
9.	Peter Searle *(Anglia)*	7 fish	18-12-0
10.	Ed Foster *(Anglia)*	9 fish	18-10-8
11.	Trevor Colclough *(Severn Trent)*	8 fish	17-13-8
12.	Dave Reynolds *(Southern)*	7 fish	16-10-8
13.	Paul Roach *(South West)*	8 fish	16-8-8
14.	Lee Sennington *(South West)*	7 fish	16-6-0
15.	Steve Ebdon *(West Country)*	8 fish	16-5-8
16.	Graham Watson *(Anglia)*	7 fish	16-3-0
17.	Andy Haskins *(South West)*	8 fish	16-1-8
18.	Mark Withyman *(South West)*	7 fish	15-12-8
19.	Howard Croston *(North West)*	7 fish	15-12-8
20.	Sean Cutting *(Anglia)*	7 fish	15-11-8

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International Fly Fishing Championship

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The Welsh Salmon & Trout Angling Association

Cymru
Ireland Scotland
England

Llyn Brenig, North Wales

Friday, 6th September, 2002

MATCH BOOKLET

Croeso ~ Welcome ~ Haulloreor hoos it gaun Cead Mile Failte

All the above words are expressions used from time to time by the host countries to welcome anglers to the international matches. This year for us in Wales they are doubly important coming after the 'annus horribilis' of 2001, when countryside pursuits were so affected by the restrictions imposed by the Foot and Mouth Disease, and when anglers, in common with all country lovers, walked in fear when they were out in the countryside. It is good that anglers as well as other visitors are able to come back to Wales this year and that country pursuits are back to normal.

This year marks the fiftieth birthday of the Welsh Salmon & Trout Angling Association and all anglers are invited to help us celebrate a famous landmark in our history. Some uncertainty exists about the exact date of the first meting of the association as there were some unofficial gatherings in the build up to the inaugral meeting. The record of membership fees for the association started in 1952.

The days before the formation of the WSTAA (known then as TheWelsh Fly Fishing Association -WFFA) the Welsh Fly Fishing team was 'invited' to participate by a 'select' committee with no reference whatsoever to the national fly fishing championship. Things altered quickly and today WSTAA has a proud record of selecting members by a trial system and it now manages nine National Fly Fishing Teams in all.

We welcome you to fish in Brenig, a venue which has given good competitions in recent years. We are sorry that it is a longish journey from the Hotel to Llyn Brenig, but there is the advantage of travelling through some very beautiful and picturesque country.

We welcome you again to the Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold and we are confident that we will again have a great and memorable time together.

It seems that this championship is destined to witness very keen competition and Wales would love to celebrate with a golden result. What a nice birthday present that would be!

Whatever the results, let's hope that you will all have a pleasant stay and keep in mind the old adage - 'the only day lost to man (or woman) is the day when they have not laughed'!

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International Banquet

Friday, 6th September, 2002
Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold
7.30 p.m.: Champagne reception.
Dress: Lounge Suits or Blazers.

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ENGLAND
Captain : Iain Barr

Competitor	*Total Fish*	*Heaviest Trout*		*Total Weight*		*Position*
Iain Barr						
Richard Cobbledick						
Peter Dighton						
Dave Doherty						
Rob Edmunds						
Duke Elsworth						
Ian Foreman						
Sag Griffith						
Gary Haskins						
Julian Hubbard						
Simon King						
Shane Miller						
Peter Strachan						
Frank Sumnall						
TOTALS						

IRELAND
Captain : Patsy Deery

Competitor	*Total Fish*	*Heaviest Trout*		*Total Weight*		*Position*
Patsy Deery						
Garry Binley						
William Burke						
Liam Cox						
Eddie Harte						
Seamus Kelly						
Stanley McCart						
Joe Barry						
Frank Reilly						
Eamonn Ross						
Brendan Spillane						
Sean Daly						
Freddie Steele						
Tom Sullivan						
TOTALS						

SCOTLAND
Captain : Iain Earle

Competitor	*Total Fish*	*Heaviest Trout*		*Total Weight*		*Position*
Iain Earle						
John Buchanan						
Tom Burnett						
David Chalmers						
Calum Crosbie						
David Downie						
Ian Jones						
Hugh Law						
David Malcolm						
Paul O'Neill						
Scott Pozzi						
Chris Scarff						
Douglas Skedd						
Michael Wilson						
TOTALS						

WALES
Captain : Anthony Bevan

Competitor	*Total Fish*	*Heaviest Trout*		*Total Weight*		*Position*
Anthony Bevan						
Gareth Dixon						
Aled Dixon						
Steve Winston						
Phil Thomas						
Paul Tapping						
Steve Whittaker						
Peter Greasley						
Spencer Williams						
Shane Jones						
Dean Kibble						
Paul Jenkins						
Paul Davies						
Scott Graham						
TOTALS						

Itinerary

Tuesday, 3rd September:
3-6 pm Check in Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold.
Deliver Trophies & Book Packed Lunches.
6-7 pm Team Meetings :
England - Prince Suite 1.
Scotland - Prince Suite 2
Ireland - King Suite
Wales -
7.30 pm Dinner
9.00 pm IFFA Executive Meeting - Palace Suite.

Wednesday, 4th September:
7-8 am Breakfast (available at later time, if required.)
8.00 am Collect Packed Lunches from reception
9.00 am Deliver National Flags to Brenig Ranger.
9.15 am Photographs - at Brenig in front of Fishing Lodge.
10-4.30 pm Practice on Llyn Brenig. Catch & release.
4.45 pm Cheese and wine reception - Brenig Fishing Lodge.
5.15 pm Delivery of Photographs to Hotel.
6.00 pm Order Packed lunches.
6.00 pm Team Meetings. Same rooms as Tuesday.
7.30 pm Dinner. Welsh Choir in attendance.

Thursday, 5th September:
7-8.00 am Breakfast.
8.00 am Collect packed lunches from reception.
10-5.00 am Practice on Llyn Brenig - Catch & release.
6.00 pm Order packed lunches.
6.00 pm Team meetings - same rooms as Tuesday.
7.30 p.m Dinner
8.30 pm Come to the Races - in the bar!

Friday, 6th September ~ MATCH DAY.
7-8.00 am Breakfast
7.45 am Collect packed lunches from Reception.

9.00 am Boatmen briefing at the Rangers Shed.
10.00 am Match starts.
6.00 pm End of international match
6.10 pm Competitors weigh in at Fishing Lodge in following order: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales.
8.15 pm Champange Reception. Upstairs Lounge. Music by Welsh harpist.
8.30 pm International Dinner & Presentation of Trophies.
Westminster Suite: Musical entertainment.
After Dinner - Bar extension until 2.00 am (or even later!)

Sat. 7th September:
From
7.00 am Breakfast - Westminster Suite
11.00 am Settle accounts.

HWYL! Brysiwch 'nôl.

Match Results

	Country	Total Trout	Weight
1st			
2nd			
3rd			
4th			

The Brown Bowl - Top Individual Weight

Name	Country	Weight

The H. Emyr Lewis Trophy - Best Fish

Name	Country	Weight

Trophies

National organisations will compete for the Association Trophies as listed hereunder and such other Trophies as may from time to time be accepted by the Association. No other prizes or awards will be competed for in any match arranged by the Association.

1. **The Graham Munro Hall Memorial Trophy (the premier award)**
   Held by the winning team until the next International match.
2. **Captain's Badge**
   Held by the winning captain until the next International match.
3. **The Brown Bowl**
   Best individual basket.
4. **The H. Emyr Lewis Memorial Trophy**
   Heaviest trout in the match
5. **The Grafham Trophy**
   Best individual basket in the English Team.
6. **The Harry Lafferty Cup**
   Best individual basket in the Irish Team.
7. **The Phoenix Salver**
   Best individual basket in the Scottish Team
8. **The Gillie Farr Trophy**
   Best individual basket in the Welsh Team.
9. **The Spoon**
   Held by the team with the lowest weight.
10. **The John Hedges Chalice**
    Best individual basket - Officials

Match History

Matches were fished annually on Loch Leven from 1932 to 1970 inclusive, except during the war period, 1940 to 1949. Since then they have been fished bi-annually with all four countries normally taking their turn as hosts. However, England resigned from the Association in 1972 and rejoined in 1974, and so have fished fewer matches than the other 3 countries. Ireland did not fish in 2001 due to Foot and Mouth restrictions.

Results to date

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
England	41	24	17½	5½	88
Ireland	10	18	24	38	90
Scotland	24	26	21½	20½	92
Wales	17	24	29	22	92

(Neither England nor Scotland caught a trout on Llyn Alaw in 1972, hence the halves.)

Recent Results

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1997	Bewl Water	E	W	S	I
	Loch Leven	I	W	E	S
1998	Lough Arrow	I	E	W	S
	Llyn Trawsfynydd	E	S	I	W
1999	Rutland Water	E	W	S	I
	Loch Leven	S	E	W	I
2000	Lough Erne	I		E	S
	Llyn Brenig	E	S	W	I
2001	Grafham Water	S	E	W	-
	Lough Leven	E	S	W	-
2002	Lough Conn	S	E	I	W

FISHING & MATCH RULES

SECTION A. FISHING RULES.

1—Fishing shall be carried out respecting the spirit and traditions of game angling.

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 specification. The hook shall be single or double provided that in the 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. The overall length of the fly shall not exceed fifteen-sixteenths of an inch. Fly Dressings may include beads provided these beads are buoyant. Attractor chemicals and the use of light emitters to flies are debarred.

4—Lines, casts and leaders shall not be additionally weighted. No form of shooting head line, metal core line or metal core braided leader is permitted.

5—One rod, not exceeding 12 feet in length, to be used by each competitor, but each competitor will be entitled to have in the boat 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 if a reel or line is attached.

6a—Drogues, which must be uniform for all competitors, are permitted at discretion of the host country. It being the responsibiliity of the host country to have 32 drogues available for each match.

6b—The anchoring of boats when fishing is prohibited. Boats must be allowed to drift freely when fishing, and not be 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.

6c—Boat seats, thwart boards and the use of tackle boxes as seats are permitted provided the height of the 'seat' is not more than 5 inches above the gunwale.

6d—During the match, no boat may encroach within a distance of 100 yards in front of another boat from which competitors are fishing, nor disturb the water in front of or around any such boat by the indiscriminate use of the motor.

6e—Electronic aids, e.g. telephones, fish finders, echo sounders etc. are debarred during the official practice days and the actual match day.

7a—A competitor's rod when working flies or retrieving cast, must be hand held and must be above water level. Competitors must not stand in the boat when casting or retrieving line. Competitors may stand when playing a fish.

7b—Trolling of flies behind the boat is not permitted whether the boat is drifting or being driven by 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.

7c—Competitors shall change ends every two hours or as may be mutally arranged. The person for the time being in the stern, shall have command of the boat.

SECTION B. MATCH RULES

1a—Boats and boatmen shall be allocated by ballot. Mixed pairings will apply.

1b—No boatman shall be allowed to fish during the competition, nor handle a mounted rod (see section A rule 5) during hours of competition.

2a—Match results will be decided by weight of fish - the higher weight taking the higher placing. In event of equality in weight, the country with the greater number of trout will take precedent over the country with the fewer. In event of a tie in weight and numbers of fish, each country will hold any trophies for an equal period.

2b—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.

3a—There shall be no trophies or prizes awarded to individual anglers apart from 'The Brown Bowl' and 'The H 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

3b—Sweepstakes amongst the competitors are not permitted.

4—Subject to the direction of the Association, any match shall be fished under the Rules of the Governing Body of the water on which the match is fished, insofar as these are compatible with the rules of this association. For every match the association shall fix the hours of 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 organisation. Such information will be included in the match booklet.

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 or damage to a boat or oar, failure of 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 fifteen minutes of the end of the match will be deemed to be clean.

7—Any dispute or complaint on any matter in any Match shall be notified to the secretary, before the weigh-in is completed and before the results are announced. A sub-committee consisting of the International President, who will have the casting vote and one non-competing official from each country taking part, shall at once be 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-committee shall be final.

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

Local Rules

1—Size limit: 12 inches

2—Practice days: Catch and release basis (but fish may be kept for inspection).

3—On match day there will be a bag limit of 6 fish. When a competitor has caught his 6 fish he may continue on a catch and release basis - each fish counting as 1.5lb. Details to be recorded by boatman on card provided.

4—Boats will leave the jetty but stay within 50 metres until the start of the match at 10.00 a.m. Boats must be back at the jetty by 6.00 pm.

5—Teams will weigh-in in alphabetical order: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales.

6—On match day there will be a rescue boat on the lake. If the services of the rescue boat is needed, or if any problems arise, please hold oar aloft to attract the boat's attention. Officers may inspect flies and tackle at any time.

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION & WELSH SALMON AND TROUT ANGLING ASSOCIATION

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To everyone who helped in any way.

(Item for Information: Lakeside teas and light refreshments available at all times.)

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Autumn International

Llyn Brenig

Friday 6th September 2002

Boat No ____ Angler

Country

Bag limit: **6** fish Minimum size 12 inches
Boatman to record "catch & release" fish only after bag limit has been reached

1		7		13		19	
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Boatman's signature _____

Angler's signature _____

Boat partner's signature _____



Captains – Iain Earle (Scotland), Iain Barr (England), Anthony Bevan (Wales) & Patsy Deery (Ireland).



England
Iain Barr (Captain), Richard Cobbledick, Peter Dighton, Dave Doherty, Rob Edmunds, Duke Elsworth, Ian Foreman, Sag Griffith, Gary Haskins, Julian Hubbard, Simon King, Shane Miller, Peter Strachan & Frank Sumnall.



Ireland
Patsy Deery (Captain), Garry Binley, William Burke, Liam Cox, Eddie Harte, Seamus Kelly, Stanley McCart, Joe Barry, Frank Reilly, Eamonn Ross, Brendan Spillane, Sean Daly, Freddie Steele & Tom Sullivan.



Scotland
Iain Earle (Captain), John Buchanan, Tom Burnett, David Chalmers, Calum Crosbie, Dave Downie, Ian Jones, Hugh Law, David Malcom, Paul O'Neill, Scott Pozzi, Chris Scarff, Douglas Skedd & Michael Wilson.



Wales
Anthony Bevan (Captain), Gareth Dixon, Aled Dixon, Steve Winston, Phil Thomas, Paul Tapping, Steve Whittaker, Peter Greasley, Spencer Williams, Shane Jones, Dean Kibble, Paul Jenkins, Paul Davies & Scott Graham.

FEATURE

State of the Nations

The Home International features some of our top anglers. After this year's match at Llyn Brenig in Wales, **Russell Hill** delved deep into the competitors' minds to reveal their opinions on the state of competitive trout fishing in the UK.


Iain Earle


John Buchanan

1st: SCOTLAND

Formerly the also rans, but now they're the team to beat...

Q ***What's the secret of Scotland's success over the past three or four years?***

Iain: Three years ago Scotland were going in the wrong direction. We tried to reorganise things. The first thing was to locate a sponsor. I contacted a company and they agreed to provide a generous sum. This money enabled us to get together on quite a few occasions prior to an international. This was ideal for team building and bonding before the event.

Q ***What about your preparation for the match itself?***

Iain: With all due respect to Trout Fisherman and its readers I cannot go into too much detail. But we pool information and we work as a team. We found that individual success came with team success. This is true because we've had five Brown Bowl winners in the last five internationals. But we don't care who wins the Brown Bowl so long as the team wins. Even if you're a seasoned international, if you step out of line, your out.

Q ***In terms of fishing techniques, have Scotland contributed anything to match fishing?***

Iain: It's difficult to say. What we do is take a style and tailor it to how we want to fish it. Today, it's difficult to introduce anything new in fishing.

John: But we spent hours and hours modifying Booby fishing. We tied different variations on different lines to find out what works. We tried different leader lengths and fly combinations until we found out how the fish wanted it.

Iain: Yes, David Patterson deserves credit as one of the main instigators of loch-style Booby fishing, which is definitely a Scottish contribution to the competition scene.

John: On any given day the leader could be as short as 4ft or as long as 20ft. It can be fished singly or in a combination. You've got to find what the fish want on the day.

Iain: They will always want the Booby but they might want it static or moved.

John: Today they wanted a 15ft leader with one or two black dries above the Booby Throw it out on a Di-3; wait until the dry had sunk and then figure of eight it back.

Iain: If the fish didn't take when the dries were at the surface, they'd probably take the Booby when the flies sunk. It basically covers all the options; you're fishing dries, wets and Boobies all in one go.

Q ***Is traditional Scottish loch-style fishing on its way out?***

Iain: Regarding competitions, yes. But that's only because most of the major finals are held on stocked rainbow trout waters. We haven't forgotten how to fish loch style methods, but due to the increase of stocked rainbow waters in Scotland, we now have the progression that England has enjoyed for quite some time. We also spend a lot of time in England. Loch-style methods aren't taught to our youth that much.


Iain Barr


Richard Cobbledick

2nd: ENGLAND

Once the firm favourites but now playing second fiddle to Scotland...

Q ***What is England's main contribution to competition fly-fishing?***

Iain: We are famous for pulling lures, especially the Blob. Most England internationals are from midland reservoirs. These waters are heavily stocked, so they require fast tactics, which means pulling.


England's Iain Barr in familiar pose - leg outside the boat - shoots another long line from his boat, during the Brenig International.

Richard: But I think England is all about nymphs and dries. The southwest has contributed heavily with regard to these tactics over the last 20 years.

Iain: Reservoirs need revenue, to get revenue anglers need to catch fish, to catch fish reservoirs need to put them in, to catch them quickly anglers need to pull lures and pulling is therefore the major tactic on English midland reservoirs. Consequently, it's what England do most.

Q ***England has won more Home Internationals than any other team. What's going wrong now?***

Iain: Nothing's going wrong, it's just that other teams are catching us up.

Richard: There's an increase in awareness and all the teams are getting stronger. The tactics are no longer a secret; they are out in the open.

Iain: The difference with Scotland is that they were used to fishing for wild brownies on Loch Leven. They now stock rainbows at Leven and to catch these fish they need English techniques. You won't catch 10 rainbows in an hour fishing dries, but you could catch them fishing lures. And that's why Scotland is successful today They've caught up.

Q ***What was England's team plan for this international?***

Iain: We had four flies. A Coral Booby, a Black CDC, a Bibio Hopper and a Sparkler. We had two lines, a Di-3 and a floater. These flies and lines were the consistent catchers over the week's practice. The fish at Brenig are always looking up for food so the dry fly was a dead cert. The Boobies fished on a Di-3 will again be pretty high in the water, so taking the stockies. For me, the dry fly was going to win the match, but weather conditions on the day were not good for fishing dries.

If dry fly tactics worked on match day, then England would have won this match. And the Scots would have been second.

FEATURE


Patsy Deery


Stan McCart

3rd: IRELAND

Wild trout men still getting used to rainbows, but they're on the up...

Q ***What contribution has Ireland made to competition fishing?***

Patsy: Our style of loch fishing is completely removed from the English or Welsh style. We are traditional loch fishermen like the Scots used to be. We cast our intermediate or floating lines 20 or 15 yards out in front of the drifting boat, retrieve them and bob the top dropper fly to induce takes before recasting. To compete over here we have to change. And that's what we're doing thanks to the coaching of Stan, who has become an expert in the English and Welsh style of fishing for stocked rainbows.

Q ***Why is rainbow trout fishing different to wild brown trout fishing?***

Stan: Wild brown trout fishing is top of the water stuff and back home we are expecting a brownie to take on every retrieve. The rainbow fishing over here can be likened to a clock. The fish can switch on or off. And this is hard for us to get used to. But we are getting better at it.

Patsy: We try to represent the natural insect and this could vary from one part of a lake to another. So we are always trying to copy nature. But over here the fishing is not always copying nature.

Q ***Is there less skill in fishing for rainbows?***

Stan: No.

Patsy: No. It would be wrong for us to say that there's less skill involved. It's just different. The Scots team were once in our position and they've come on immensely over the last few years. They are now no longer second, third or fourth with the Irish team. But the Irish are getting there too. Who would have expected us to come to Wales and beat them on their own water? We have three new caps too and three anglers who have never even seen a rainbow trout before.

Q ***What were your tactics today?***

Stan: We had black CDCs and small dry Sedges. Our flies were as good as any, but conditions changed dramatically and dry fly tactics didn't work that well. That was our downfall. We fished Boobies then but one of our anglers joked, 'when do the Boobies hatch.' Some of them have never even seen a Booby before.

Patsy: I remember my first ever international on these shores, way back in 1988 at Llandegfedd. Not one Irish angler fished with anything but a floater. We were a laughing stock because we couldn't compete with anglers used to fishing stocked waters. We have evolved since then but we're still learning. Scotland were in the same predicament at that time too. We could beat Scotland then but not Wales or England. We only beat them when they came to Ireland. We are over the moon with our team's progress over here. Not just because we beat the host nation, but because we've moved a step further to challenging England and Scotland.

Q ***But Ireland has consistently filled the bottom two places at international level. Are you competitive enough?***

Patsy: I can assure you that we are competitive enough.

Stan: The results over the last 10 years indicate how competitive the Irish are. We have had four Brown Bowl winners and I think just two wooden spoons. We've won it three times and been second a couple of times.

Patsy: It's only a matter of time before Ireland will be the team to beat. And this is largely thanks to the coaching of Stan.


England's captain Iain Barr (left) Richard Cobbledick (centre) and Scotland's captain Iain Earle discuss the day's fishing.


Dave Downie, winner of the Brown Bowl at the international at Brenig.


Tony Bevan


Spencer Williams

4th: WALES

So much expected, but so little delivered. They're gutted...

Q ***Recent results would suggest there's a problem with the Welsh performance. Do you agree?***

Tony: I didn't think there was a problem, until today Everything went very well in practice. Some of the guys that blanked today were our top rods yesterday. We are absolutely stunned and there's no other word for it. During practice we found the dry fly much better than pulling, possibly because conditions were more favourable. There was a big blow yesterday on the last practice day and we all found it fairly difficult, but four or five of the team managed to catch between 12 and 15 fish on pulling tactics down fairly deep. We were confident going out this morning, but we simply had the wrong tactics.

Q ***What was the team plan?***

Tony: It was rather mixed, some doing well on floaters and others on sinkers. Almost half the team used floaters; the others fished Di-7's. We used dries like Black Bits, CDC Shuttlecock, which was probably our top fly, and the Heather Fly The pullers used Boobies of various colours.

Q ***You only had 19 youngsters turn up to fish the youth national in Wales. The future doesn't look bright.***

Tony: There is a problem, there's no doubt about that, we haven't got the youngsters coming in. I've been off the scene for the last 10 years. I've fished 16 internationals and after a long lay-off due to work commitments, I came back into it last year I was quite surprised to see the same old faces that were in it a decade ago.

Spencer: The youngsters that are coming through are extremely keen, but there aren't many of them.

Q ***Deep down, did Wales expect to win today?***

Tony: We thought we'd do a hell of a lot better I don't think the Irish take it as seriously as we do, but I think they're quite overjoyed at beating the Welsh team on their own water today And best of luck to them; they've done well. The conditions beat us today. We expected dries to work because fish look up for their food at Brenig and we were taken by surprise by the conditions. And yes we've learned a lesson there's no question about that.

Q ***Is match fishing becoming a young man's game with the dominance of stripping tactics?***

Spencer: I think so. Many of the competitions, especially early and mid season, are won on Blobs and pulling tactics.

Tony: I think it's taken the soul out of the sport. I remember about eight or so years ago the stocking density at Rutland was a lot less than it is now. I remember winning the Benson & Hedges with 16 fish all on dry fly. That was good fishing as far as I was concerned. But today, it's not weather you can catch 16 fish; it's how fast you catch and get a time bonus. So from that point of view match fishing isn't going forward.

Spencer: It's not as sporting as it used to be. For example, one of our lads lost the toss and asked his boat partner where they were heading. He refused to tell him.

HOW DAVE WON THE BROWN BOWL

SCOTLAND'S David Downie stormed to individual victory on just his third time fishing for Scotland. Using his very own Sunburst Sparkler Booby with two foam Hawthorns on droppers on a Di-3 line, he quickly got amongst the fish in the Quarry area - hooking on his very first cast. Winning tactics were to cast out, leave the flies for three to four seconds and retrieve with a figure of eight. Any surface fish would show interest in the dries, but then the flies descended to search the depths. All options were covered.

"Winning the Brown Bowl is tremendous," said David. "But the main thing is team gold. My best tactic was to stay away from the main fleet of boats. I knew that the Quarry held fish in the morning and they stayed there throughout the match. It was a lot of hard work, but you can't get much better than top individual and team gold."

Dave's tactics were spot on in the rough conditions with 11 fish falling to his Booby.

RESULTS

6 fish limit then additional 1lb 8oz per fish after limit

TEAMS

1 Scotland, 55 fish for 76lb 10.500oz; 2 England, 46 for 64lb 2.125oz; 3 Ireland, 32 for 43lb 1oz; 4 Wales, 26 for 33lb 0.750oz

INDIVIDUALS

1 Dave Downie, Sco, 12 for 17lb 11.375oz; 2 Paul O'Neill, Sco, 9 for 12lb 14.125oz; 3 Iain Barr, Eng, 8 for 11lb 7oz; 4 Tom Burnett, Sco, 6 for 8lb 11.625oz; 5 Julian Hubbard, Eng, 6 for 7lb 13.625oz; 6 David Malcolm, Sco, 5 for 7lb 7.625oz; 7 Frank Reilly, Irl, 5 for 7lb 4.125oz; 8 Calum Crosbie, Sco, 6 for 6lb 11oz; 9 William Burke, Irl, 5 for 6lb 6.5oz; 10 Simon King, Eng, 4 for 6lb 5.5oz

Best fish: Ian Foreman, England, 2lb 8.75oz.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Has this discussion touched any issues close to your heart? Write or e-mail us with your views at the address on page 5.

England

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1. Scotland	55 fish	76-10-8
2. England	46 fish	64-2-2
3. Ireland	32 fish	43-1-0
4. Wales	26 fish	33-0-12

Full Results >>