2005

Loch-style Home International - Spring

Grafham Water - 10th June 2005

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP

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Confederation of English Fly Fishers

England – Ireland – Scotland – Wales

Grafham Water
England

Friday 10th June 2005

Match Booklet & Programme

The International Fly Fishing Association

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so vital to the success and enjoyment of the event.

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Holiday Inn, Peterborough

The ladies and partners who helped
and everyone else who assisted with this event.

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INTERNATIONAL DINNER

The Holiday Inn – Peterborough
Friday 10th June 2005

8.00 FOR 8.30 PM

Dress: Team Blazers, or Lounge Suits

Menu – see inside back cover

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ENGLAND

	Trout No	lbs. ozs
Mike Childs - Team Manager		
1. **Iain Barr** - (Captain)	.....	.....
2. Martin Dixon	.....	.....
3. Mike Dixon	.....	.....
4. Phil Dixon	.....	.....
5. Gary Edmunds	.....	.....
6. Nick Hart	.....	.....
7. John Horsey	.....	.....
8. Jeff Latter	.....	.....
9. Jeremy Lucas	.....	.....
10. Bernie Maher	.....	.....
11. Dave Newing	.....	.....
12. Bill Rankin	.....	.....
13. Mark Rooney	.....	.....
14. Graham Watson	.....	.....
Totals	.....	.....

IRELAND

	Trout No	lbs. ozs
Michael Callaghan - Team Manager		
1. **Patrick Carson** - (Captain)	.....	.....
2. Dave Egan	.....	.....
3. Gerry Fox	.....	.....
4. Gerry Heaslip	.....	.....
5. Patrick Kelly	.....	.....
6. Seamus Kelly	.....	.....
7. Stanley McCart	.....	.....
8. Mick McCormack	.....	.....
9. Sam McGowan	.....	.....
10. James Maguire	.....	.....
11. Dudley Murphy	.....	.....
12. Arden Pollock	.....	.....
13. Padraig Traynor	.....	.....
14. Pat Ward	.....	.....
Totals	.....	.....

SCOTLAND

	Trout No	lbs. ozs
John Ross - Team Manager		
1. **Hugh Law** - (Captain)	.....	.....
2. Craig Cowan	.....	.....
3. Calum Crosbie	.....	.....
4. Keith Doig	.....	.....
5. David Downie	.....	.....
6. Ralph Fleming	.....	.....
7. Ronnie Glass	.....	.....
8. Kenny Hunter	.....	.....
9. Andy Kemp	.....	.....
10. John Kettles	.....	.....
11. Jim Moncur	.....	.....
12. Stephen O'Neill	.....	.....
13. William Simpson	.....	.....
14. Michael Wilson	.....	.....
Totals	.....	.....

WALES

	Trout No	lbs. ozs
Moc Morgan - Team Manager		
1. **Craig Gimblett** - (Captain)	.....	.....
2. Anthony Bevan	.....	.....
3. Aled Dixon	.....	.....
4. Matthew Griffiths	.....	.....
5. Paul Jenkins	.....	.....
6. Bob Jones	.....	.....
7. Gareth Jones	.....	.....
8. ~~Shane Jones~~ PAUL DAVIES	.....	.....
9. Nathan Midgley	.....	.....
10. Russel Owen	.....	.....
11. Ellis Phillips	.....	.....
12. Kieron Thomas	.....	.....
13. Peter Thurnall	.....	.....
14. Stewart Watkins	.....	.....
Totals	.....	.....

MATCH RESULTS

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

Brown Bowl – Top Individual Weight

Name	Country	Weight lbs	oz
.....	.....	.....	

H. Emyr Lewis - Best Fish

Name	Country	Weight lbs	oz
.....	.....	.....	

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. **THE CAPTAIN'S BADGE**
   (held by the winning captain until the next International match)
3. **THE "BROWN BOWL"** *(for the best basket of fish)*
4. **THE H. EMYR LEWIS MEMORIAL TROPHY**
   (for the heaviest trout in the match)
5. **THE GRAFHAM TROPHY** *(for best English basket of fish)*
6. **THE HARRY LAFFERTY CUP** *(for best Irish basket of fish)*
7. **THE PHOENIX SALVER** *(for best Scottish basket of fish)*
8. **THE GILLIE FARR TROPHY** *(for best Welsh basket of fish)*
9. **THE SPOON** *(Held by the team with the lowest weight)*
10. **THE JOHN HEDGES CHALICE**
    (For the best individual basket of fish - Officials)

MATCH HISTORY

Matches were fished annually on Loch Leven from 1932 until 1970 inclusive, except, during the war period 1940 to 1949. Since then, they have been fished biannually 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 three countries. Ireland did not fish in 2001 due to Foot and Mouth restrictions.

Results to date

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
England	42	26	18	7	**93**
Ireland	11	18	25	41	**95**
Scotland	26	26	24	21	**97**
Wales	18	27	29	23	**97**

(Neither England nor Scotland caught a trout at Llyn Alaw in 1972 and therefore they were both awarded a 4th place.)

Recent Results

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
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	-
	Loch Leven	E	S	W	-
2002	Lough Conn	S	E	I	W
	Llyn Brenig	S	E	I	W
2003	Chew Valley	E	W	S	I
	Loch Leven	S	W	E	I
2004	Lough Erne	I	W	S	E
	Llyn Brenig	W	E	S	I

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

LOCH INTERNATIONAL –

FISHING AND MATCH RULES

SECTION A - FISHING RULES

(See Back Cover for Local 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. Shooting heads metal core lines and metal core braided leaders are debarred.

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 the discretion of the host country. It being the responsibility 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 in no 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 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.

   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. The command of the boat will change every two hours. Competitors shall change ends every two hours or as may be mutually agreed.

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 the hours of competition.

   2a. 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.

   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 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 any direction of the Association, any Match shall be fished under the Rules of the governing body of the water on which the Match shall be 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 which may be weighed in and the starting and finishing point will

LOCAL RULES

Boats may leave the jetty at 9.50 am. But must stay within **50 metres** of the harbour walls until the start gun is fired at 10.am. Boats must be back within the harbour area by 6pm.

Aluminium or wooden thwart boards may be used with backrests. Boards will be available for those who need them. The only permitted drogues will be those issued to boatmen.

Each angler may kill 6 fish, which may include 2 brown trout. There will be no size limit. Thereafter, catch and release with, Single barbless or de-barbed hooks will earn 2lbs per fish boated. The use of buoyant flies on sinking lines e.g. boobies, is prohibited when fishing catch and release.

During practice days each angler is allowed to catch a maximum of 2 fish using buoyant flies on sinking lines e.g. boobies, when fishing catch and release.

Fish caught up to the agreed maximum of six to be killed do not require to be recorded. The 7th and subsequent fish caught under catch and release conditions, must be entered on the Anglers catch and release card, and initialled by the boatman. At the end of the match a line must be drawn after the last fish entry and the card signed by the boatman, the angler and the boat partner.

Teams are required to weigh in at the Lodge in the order of:-
England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
Captains to marshal teams in the order printed in the booklet.

Normal Grafham Water restrictions apply. N.B. Boats must not go into the Nature Reserve. Elsewhere, they must not go within 50 metres of bank anglers.

Aerators are expected to be off. In the event that they are not, fishing is not permitted within 100 metres.

Electronic fish-finders are not permitted from 6th to 10th June inclusive.

In an emergency, including engine failure, contact should be made by Mobile Phone carried by the Boatman to 07801-674683. Then an oar should be held aloft to attract help.

(These local rules are subject to agreement by the International Committee on 7th June 2005)

LIFE JACKETS ARE MANDATORY WHEN IN BOATS AND ON JETTIES



Captains – Hugh Law (Scotland), Craig Gimblett (Wales), Patrick Carson (Ireland) & Iain Barr (England).

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 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 must refer to current Safety Policy document regarding personal protective equipment.

Match Programme

Welcome to all Competitors, Officials, & Guests

Tuesday

6p.m. **Team Meetings**
England - Cambridge Room
Ireland - Burghley One
Scotland - Burghley Two
Wales - Stilton
7.45p.m. **Dinner**
9.30p.m. **I.F.F.A. Officials Meeting & Draw**
Cambridge Room

Wednesday

6.30 – 8.00a.m. **Buffet Breakfast** (late meals available to 9.30a.m.)
8.30a.m. **Deliver Flags to John Mees at Grafham**
9.00a.m. **Flags flown**
9.05a.m. **Photographs** (Teams, Captains & Group)
9.30a.m. **Team Managers check boat numbers and allocation with John Mees.**
10.a.m. – 5.00p.m. **Teams Practice**
(No more than 2 fish to be killed if necessary, Total C+R recommended)
6p.m. **Team Meetings** (Rooms as above)
7.45p.m. **Dinner**

Thursday

6.30 – 8.00a.m. **Buffet Breakfast** (late meals available to 9.30)
10. a.m. – 5.00p.m. **Practice** – (Catch and Release Recommended)
6p.m. **Team Meetings** (Rooms as above)
7.45p.m. **Dinner**

Friday

6.30 – 8.00a.m. **Buffet Breakfast** (late meals available to 9.30)
8.45a.m. **Teams Assemble at Grafham**
9.00a.m. **Boatmen's Briefing**
9.25a.m. **Welcome by:- Town Crier** (Lewis Carlin)
9.35a.m. **Assemble for Parade to Boats** (Scotland, Ireland, Wales, England)
10.a.m. – 6.00p.m. **International Match** See Match Booklet for details)
10.30 a.m. – 5.30p.m. **Officials Competition**
5.40p.m. **Officials weigh in.**
6.10p.m. **Match Teams Weigh-in.** (In the order of England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and in Match Booklet sequence)
7.30p.m. **Team Photographs** (Team Blazers)
8.30p.m. **Pre-dinner drinks.**
9.00p.m. **International dinner & Presentation of Trophies.** (late bar for residents)

Saturday

6.30 – 9.30a.m. **Buffet breakfast.** (Clear rooms by noon latest)

Goodbye and a Safe and Speedy Journey Home

International Dinner Menu

Friday 10th June 2005

Duck Liver Parfait
Served with Ciabatta Crouté and a Brandy Chutney

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Cream of Vegetable Soup
Served with Focaccia Croutons and Crusty Bread

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Peppered Roasted Sirloin of Beef
Served with Glazed red cabbage and
Chateau potatoes with a Madeira Jus

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Sticky Toffee Pudding
Served with cream or custard
or
White Chocolate Truffle Torte
Served with double cream and chocolate orange sauce

Cheese and Biscuits

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Coffee



England

Iain Barr (Captain), Martin Dixon, Mike Dixon, Phil Dixon, Gary Edmunds, Nick Hart, John Horsey, Jeff Latter, Jeremy Lucas, Bernie Maher, Dave Newing, Bill Rankin, Mark Rooney, Graham Watson & Mike Childs (Manager).



Ireland

Patrick Carson (Captain), Dave Egan, Gerry Fox, Gerry Heaslip, Patrick Kelly, Seamus Kelly, Stanley McCart, Mick McCormack, Sam McGowan, James Maguire, Dudley Murphy, Arden Pollock, Padraig Traynor, Pat Ward & Michael Callaghan (Manager).



Scotland

Hugh Law (Captain), Craig Cowan, Calum Crosbie, Keith Doig, David Downie, Ralph Fleming, Ronnie Glass, Kenny Hunter, Andy Kemp, John Kettles, Jim Moncur, Stephen O'Neill, William Simpson, Michael Wilson & John Ross (Manager).



Wales

Craig Gimblett (Captain), Anthony Bevan, Aled Dixon, Matthew Griffiths, Paul Jenkins, Bob Jones, Gareth Jones, Paul Davies, Nathan Midgley, Russell Owen, Ellis Phllips, Kieron Thomas, Peter Thurnall, Stewart Watkins & Moc Morgan (Manager).

England

Iain Barr (Captain), Martin Dixon, Mike Dixon, Phil Dixon, Gary Edmunds, Nick Hart, John Horsey, Jeff Latter, Jeremy Lucas, Bernie Maher, Dave Newing, Bill Rankin, Mark Rooney, Graham Watson & Mike Childs (Manager).

1. Scotland	64 fish	146-0-0
2. Wales	65 fish	145-14-6
3. England	67 fish	143-3-14
4. Ireland	42 fish	99-14-2

Full Results >>



MATCHES THE HOME INTERNATIONAL - GRAFHAM WATER

MATCHES THE SPRING INTERNATIONAL - GRAFHAM WATER

Hugh's Law

'Forget team tactics - just do your own thing!' Scotland take clean sweep

ENGLAND SCOTLAND WALES IRELAND

England discuss tactics in Grafham's car park

The Irish team adopt a different pre-match approach

Team Managers on parade before venturing afloat for the unofficial match, won by Moc Morgan (centre right) of Wales.

The England Team applaud the other teams onto the pontoon

The teams take to the boats

CLASSIC MALTS Scotland triumphed by the narrowest of margins to win the Spring Home International at Grafham – the second time they've achieved this at the Cambridgeshire venue.

They produced a clean sweep, also taking the Brown Bowl winner as top individual and the best fish.

The match was one of the closest in its 60-year history with under 2oz separating the winners from second-placed Wales. Then, there was little more than 2lb between Wales and England amazing after eight hours of competition with the top three teams bagging almost the same number of fish. The weight of a single fish was all that separated the top three teams!

After a hot, calm week preceding the event, match day dawned completely different – throwing many a team plan into disarray. Overcast, grey sky and a strong wind greeted anglers. In fact, the sudden weather change made the English look visibly tense as they posed for pre-match team photos. So, Scottish Captain Hugh Law abandoned his game plan instructing his team to do whatever they felt comfortable with.

"The only help we gained from practice was fish location," said Hugh. "So I told the team to fish whatever lines and flies they felt necessary to catch. Our ability to adjust on the day was perhaps the decisive factor that earned us victory."

That has to be true, but also the freedom to explore any method they deemed fit for the day must have relaxed them.

Throughout the day, pulling tactics started to dominate but fish followed and swirled at flies, and many hooked trout wouldn't stick. For this reason, it proved a difficult day for many. During practice Hugh and his team noticed that fish moved to the surface in late afternoon and this trend repeated itself on match day – especially at L Buoy.

"There was always a good head of fish around L Buoy throughout practice and these switched on later in the afternoon, so later some of us exploited this by using the same flies and sinking lines but casting out and retrieving more or less straight away."

The Scots have a huge tradition in competition flyfishing and are becoming the in-form team in the Home International. But the detail of their success is a closely guarded secret. "Good management" is all Hugh would reveal.

Scotland's Dave Downie is on the motor as he exits the pontoon prior to the competition start

BROWN BOWL WINNER

IN HIS eighth year as a competition angler, Stephen O'Neill (right) from Glasgow, achieved his dream. In only his second international Stephen's pulling expertise earned him the coveted Brown Bowl for gaining top individual place with eight fish for 22lb 1 750oz.

"It's a dream to be top rod. This is my finest moment. I'm especially pleased as I qualified by finishing 16th in the Scottish National. And to win here is the pinnacle of my angling career so far," said the Neilston FF club member.

The 37 year-old, fishing since he was 12, found H Buoy and M Buoy consistent all week before the match, with Sparklers, Black Blobs and Diawl Bach all finding success on a Di 7 line. On match day the Sparkler Booby was top fly for him around H Buoy, again on a Di-7 line. He swapped Blobs and Sparklers around on his three-fly cast, using a mixed retrieve of stripping then slowing down, finding the fish about 6ft down.

"After a hot, calm practice," continued Stephen, "I prayed for wind as I prefer to pull my flies. Nymphs are just too slow for me."

It's a reflection of Scotland's prowess that they also took the best fish of the day – Andy Kemp latching onto a 4lb 8.625oz rainbow.

SPRING INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

Team results
1. Scotland 64 fish for 146lb; **2. Wales** 65 fish for 145lb 14.375oz;
3. England 67 fish for 143lb 3.875oz; **4. Ireland** 42 fish for 99lb 14.125oz

Top individual and Brown Bowl winner
Stephen O'Neill, Scotland, 8 fish for 22lb 1.750oz

Best fish: Andy Kemp 14th), Scotland, 4lb 8.625oz

England best basket: Graham Watson, 7 fish for 15lb 2.750oz
Ireland best basket: Mick McCormack, 6 fish for 13lb 10.750oz
Wales best basket: Russel Owen, 10 fish for 21lb 7.625oz

Individual results
1. Stephen O'Neill, Sco, 8 for 22lb 1.75oz; **2. Russel Owen**, Wal, 10 for 21lb 7.625oz; **3. Matthew Griffiths**, Wal, 9 for 21lb 0.875oz; **4. John Kettles**, Sco, 10 for 19lb 5.75oz; **5. Stewart Watkins**, Wal, 9 for 19lb 5.5oz; **6. Craig Gimblett**, Wal, 8 for 17lb 10.5oz; **7. Kenny Hunter** Sco, 8 for 17lb 10.375oz; **8. Paul Jenkins**, Wal, 7 for 16lb 0.375oz; **9. Graham Watson**, Eng, 7 for 15lb 2.75oz; **10. John Horsey**, Eng, 8 for 14lb 8.375oz

European Fly Fishing Championships

San River, Poland - 14th-19th June 2005

England

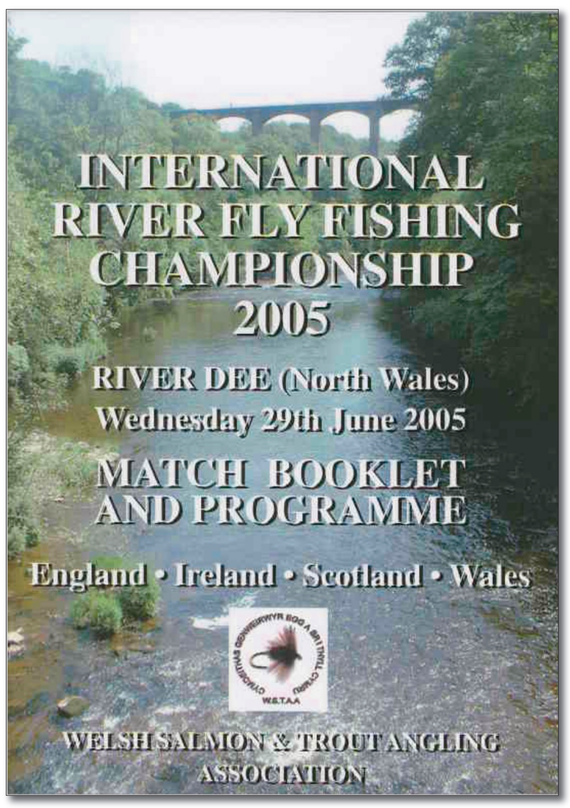
Paul Page (Captain), Iain Barr, Stuart Crofts, Jeremy Lucas, Baz Reece, John Tyzack & Howard Croston (Reserve).

1.	Poland 2	139 placing pts
2.	Czech Republic 1	143 placing pts
3.	Poland 1	160 placing pts
4.	France	161 placing pts
5.	Czech Republic 2	218 placing pts
6.	Italy	232 placing pts
7.	Finland	252 placing pts
8.	Romania	273 placing pts
9.	England 1	277 placing pts
10.	Germany	281 placing pts
11.	Luxembourg	320 placing pts
12.	Norway	323 placing pts
13.	Slovenia	327 placing pts
14.	Ireland	332 placing pts
15.	Portugal	352 placing pts
16.	Holland	375 placing pts
17.	England 2 (Ladies)	386 placing pts
18.	Sweden	423 placing pts

Individuals:

1.	Lukaz Pazdernik *(Czech Republic 1)*	40 fish	12 placing pts
2.	Lukasz Ostafin *(Poland 2)*	46 fish	13 placing pts
3.	Josef Lach *(Poland 2)*	42 fish	18 placing pts
4.	Piotr Konieczny *(Poland 1)*	55 fish	23 placing pts
5.	Oldrich Dvorak *(Czech Republic 1)*	45 fish	24 placing pts
6.	Piotr Wrobel *(Poland 1)*	31 fish	24 placing pts
7.	Lucian Borda *(Poland 2)*	53 fish	25 placing pts
8.	Thibaut Guilpain *(France)*	36 fish	27 placing pts
9.	Andrzej Zasadzki *(Poland 2)*	28 fish	27 placing pts
10.	Edgardo Dona *(Italy)*	26 fish	28 placing pts

31. Stuart Crofts *(England)*
39. John Tyzack *(England)*
54. Iain Barr *(England)*
59. Jeremy Lucas *(England)*
65. Baz Reece *(England)*
77. Howard Croston *(England)*



ROLL OF HONOUR

All home nations have tasted success since the inception of the event in 1992. All except Ireland have won in successive years and only Ireland and England have won on home soil.

	Geoff Clarkson Trophy	Moc Morgan Trophy	Mike Childs Trophy
1992	England	Martyn Adams (Eng)	
1993	Scotland	Paul Buchanan (Sco)	Jeremy Lucas (Eng)
1994	England	Jeremy Lucas (Eng)	Jim Fairgrieve(Scot)
1995	Scotland	Jim Fairgrieve (Sco)	Jeremy Herrman(Eng)
1996	Scotland	Trevor Colclough (Eng)	Terry Morgan (Wal)
1997	Wales	Carl Jones (Wal)	Paul Buchanan (Scot)
1998	Wales	Gwilym Hughes (Wal)	Gwilym Hughes(Wal)
1999	Ireland	Willie Russell (Ire)	Jake Harvey (Sco)
2000	England	Ian Jones (Sco)	Ian Jones (Sco)
2001	NO COMPETITION (Foot & Mouth Disease)		
2002	England	John Tyzack (Eng)	John Tyzack (Eng)
2003	Scotland	Simon Robinson (Eng)	Paul Jemkins.(Wal)
2004	England	Jack Harvey (Sco)	Jim Fairgrieve (Sco)
2005			

2005 EVENT RESULT
Geoff Clarkson Trophy *(Winning Team)*

1st .....

2nd .....

3rd .....

4th .....

Moc Morgan Trophy *(Highest Placed Individual)*

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Mike Childs Trophy *(Largest Fish)*

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INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

' CROESO' ' WELCOME' 'CROESO'

Welcome: to Maelor Angling Club: to Llangollen: and to Wales

The first ever River International Match was held here on the river Dee in 1992.

In those days the set up was very different from what it is today - but equally enjoyable.

It all started when the late Geoff Clarkson of England helped me organise the 1990 World Championship here in Wales. After what was a highly successful Championship, he said he had a wonderful idea - to set up an International match for river anglers from the four countries. I immediately agreed. However Geoff, in his inimitable, clever way worked it so that the initial rivers' match would be held in Wales! Thankfully Geoff was a great help and we had considerable fun in promoting the event.

It is only fair and just to record here the immense part played by Ken Bathers and Arthur Jones of Maelor Angling Club both of whom had experience in running matches on the river Dee and who provided us with some expert help and advice.

Throughout the years the river matches have developed and grown. A number of changes have occurred along the way. This year sees the third time for the event to be hosted by Maelor club.

Having carried out various researches into the history of angling in Wales, I am convinced that Maelor club has been in existence for well over a hundred years (my guess is 123 years) and is one of the oldest angling clubs in Wales. It has always had hard working and dedicated officers at the helm which undoubtedly is responsible for its success.

By the time this year's river international match commences we hope that Maelor will have purchased an additional two miles of premier water on the river Dee - both banks. Towards the end of last year the Flexsys beat at Cefn Mawr came up for sale and Maelor is in the process of purchasing it. Therefore if all goes well 2005 will long be remembered by Maelor as the year it purchased Cefn Mawr and the year it hosted the International.

There have been numerous championships held on the river Dee - the World Championship in 1990, the first ever River International in 1992, the World Youth Championship in 1996 and the Commonwealth championship in 2000. All these matches produced some excellent results. In fact the Commonwealth record catch for one session was 17 fish - and this occurred on a beat owned by Maelor fishery. This fishery is one of the most popular venues for river matches in the world. Little wonder the International was keen to return here for a third time.

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2005 RIVERS FLY FISHING INTERNATIONAL

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

**For anglers coming into hotel early for Saturday fishing:*

Saturday 25th June.	River Dee. Unofficial practice on Maelor Fishery
10.00 am	*(Meet at Chainbridge Hotel Car Park)*
Sunday 26th June.	
7.30 - 8.30 am	Breakfast
10.00 am	River Dee. Unoffical practice on Maelor Fisherey *(Meet at Chainbridge Hotel Car Park)*
3.00 - 5.00 pm	Teams Check into Hotel
Monday 27th June	
7.0 - 8.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 am	Meet at Chainbridge Hotel Car Park and collect packed lunches
10.00 am	River Dee - Official Practice on competition water
6.00 pm	Team Meetings
7.00- 8.00 pm	Dinner Served
9.00 pm	International Meeting - Draw for beats
Tuesday 28th June	
7.00 - 8.00 am	Breakfast.
9.15 am	Photographs (Teams, Captains, Officials) at Chainbridge Collect Packed Lunches
10.00 am	River Dee - Rest Competition Water - Walk Beats only Practice on non-Competition Water (if required)
6.00 pm	Team meetings
7.00 - 8.00 pm	Dinner Served
8.30 pm	Meeting of Beat controllers
Wednesday 29th June	MATCH DAY
7.00 -8.00 am	Breakfast
8.00 am	Controllers Briefing - Chainbridge Hotel Car Park Collect packed Lunches
8.30 am	Controllers and competitors move off to beats
10.00 am - 11.30 am	First Session of Competition
11.30 am - 1.00 pm	Second Session of Competition
1.00 pm - 2.30 pm	Lunch break (Packed Lunches)
2.30 pm - 4.00 pm	Third Session of Competition
4.00 pm - 5.30 pm	Fourth session of Competition
7.45 pm	Pre Dinner drinks.
8.00 pm	International Banquet.
Thursday 30th June	
7.00 am - 8.00 am	Breakfast ; Farewells and Safe journey

Controllers for 2005 Rivers International

Head controllers:

Alan Thomas
Phil Jones
Alvin Evans
Stan Jones
Trevor Jones

Controllers:

1 Eddie Moorhouse
2 John Chappel
3 Emrys Hughes
4 Brian Williams
5 Jack Wilson
6 Barry Upton
7 Paul Jenkins
8 Martin Fowel
9 David Gartside
10 Les Jones
11 Lloyd Gerrard
12 Harry Wyn Owen
13 Mike Roberts
14 Brian Morgan
15 Del Williams
16 Rick Prichard
17 Peter Holborn
18 Mike Evans
19 Alan Roberts
20 John Roberts

	SESSION 1 Section / Peg No.			SESSION 2 Section / Peg No.		
	Fish	Points	Place	Fish	Points	Place
ENGLAND: Paul Page (Man.)						
Tony Curtis (Captain)						
John Tyzack						
Stuart Crofts						
Dave Parker						
Jeremy Lucas						
Simon Robinson. (Reserve)						
IRELAND: Ian Rowand (Man.)						
Gay Doody (Captain)						
Sean Bowen						
David Grey						
Gary Houston						
Nicky Moore						
Cecil Black						
Brian Russell (Reserve)						
SCOTLAND: Franz Grimley (Man.)						
Grant Gibson (Captain)						
Dick Logan						
Jake Harvey						
Ian Jones.						
Billy Dewar						
Robert Irvine (Reserve)						
WALES: Moc Morgan (Man.)						
Andrew Roynon (Captain)						
Dean Kibble						
Geoff Thompson						
Iwan Lewis						
Dave Hansen						
Philip Morgan (Reserve)						

SESSION 3 Section / Peg No.			SESSION 4 Section / Peg No.			TOTAL		
Fish	Points	Place	Fish	Points	Place	Fish	Points	Place

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION (IFFA)

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- *Ken Bathers, for organising the fishing facilities and much, much more.*
- *Peter Evans, for taking responsibility of the controllers.*

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To all controllers for giving so generously of their time for the success of this event.

To Mathew Clark of Runcorn for sponsoring the Champagne.

To management and staff at Chainbridge Hotel, Llangollen.

To everyone who helped in any way.

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INTERNATIONAL BANQUET

CHAINBRIDGE HOTEL
LLANGOLLEN
on
WEDNESDAY 29th June 2005

Pre-dinner drinks at 7.45pm.
Dinner at 8.15 pm

Dress: International Blazer or Lounge Suit



INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION.

Previous results:

1992	R Dee, Wales	England	Wales	Scotland	Ireland
1993	R Wharfe, England	Scotland	Wales	England	Ireland
1994	R Tweed, Scotland	England	Scotland	Ireland	Wales
1995	R Agivey, Ireland	Scotland	England	Ireland	Wales
1996	R Dee, Wales	Scotland	Wales	England	Ireland
1997	R Wye, England	Wales	England	Scotland	Ireland
1998	R Tweed, Scotland	Wales	Scotland	England	Ireland
1999	R.Liffey, Ireland	Ireland	Wales	Scotland	England
2000	R Dee, N Wales	England	Wales	Scotland	Ireland
2001	No match due to the Foot and Mount disease.				
2002	R Ure, England	England	Scotland	Wales	Ireland
2003	R Agivey, Ireland	Scotland			
2004	R Tummel, Scotland	Scotland			
2005	R.Dee, Wales				



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Captains – Gay Doody (Ireland), Andrew Roynon (Wales), Tony Curtis (England) & Grant Gibson (Scotland).



England

Tony Curtis (Captain), Stuart Crofts, Jeremy Lucas, Dave Parker, John Tyzack, Simon Robinson (Reserve) & Paul Page (Manager).



Ireland

Gay Doody (Captain), Sean Bowen, David Grey, Gary Houston, Nicky Moore, Cecil Black, Brian Russell (Reserve) & Ian Rowand (Manager).



Scotland

Grant Gibson (Captain), Dick Logan, Jake Harvey, Ian Jones, Billy Dewar, Robert Irvine (Reserve) & Franz Grimley (Manager).



Wales

Andrew Roynon (Captain), Dean Kibble, Geoff Thompson, Iwan Lewis, Dave Hansen, Phillip Morgan (Reserve) & Moc Morgan (Manager).

England

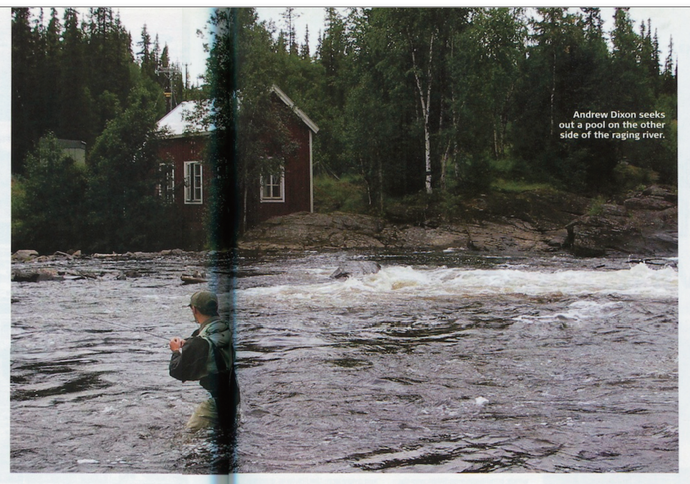
Tony Curtis (Captain), Stuart Crofts, Jeremy Lucas, Dave Parker, John Tyzack, Simon Robinson (Reserve) & Paul Page (Manager).

1. Scotland	39 fish	1881 points	40 placings
2. England	29 fish	1299 points	49 placings
3. Wales	27 fish	1184 points	55 placings
4. Ireland	21 fish	964 points	62 placings

Full Results >>

World Fly Fishing Championships

Lycksele, Lapland, Sweden - 16th-22nd August 2005



Andrew Dixon seeks out a pool on the other side of the raging river.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SWEDEN

Just two points away from gold!

ENGLAND have returned from the World Championships in Sweden with their first medal since Poland in 1998 – thanks to the determined efforts of Andrew Dixon.

Andrew won the bronze medal with 17 place points – an agonising two points behind the gold medal position!

In session one he took 41 fish to win his section from the Upper Juktan river. Session two saw another nine fish from the Lower Juktan to take ninth place. Andrew felt this was a "rubbish" peg and only expected a couple of fish from it, so he was really pleased with that result.

The next morning, on the Lower Logde he prised out 14 fish for fifth place, before moving on to the Upper Logde where he took 11 fish for another first.

That was probably his best session, because the previous three competitors had taken just six fish, then two, then one and even a blank. There was a decent pool across the other side of the river and he had to cast 25 yards across fast current, putting in an aerial mend, which allowed his flies to free drift for about three seconds before being dragged away by the flow.

He used double or triple nymph in that pool, but for the second half of his session, didn't get a take. So he decided to switch to a single or double dry fly and instantly got some more action.

Andrew's last session was on the lake, where he had one fish with 15 minutes to go, then in a desperate last ditch effort, he decided to move as far into the sedge grass as he dared. Casting into small holes in the weeds, he managed to bost another three fish and with it won his third session.



Left to right: silver medalist Massimo Valsesia of Italy, gold medal winner Bertrand Jacquemin from France, and England's Andrew Dixon with his bronze medal.

TEAM FALL AT FINAL HURDLE

TEAM England were in a medal winning position for almost the entire championship, but fell away to fifth place in the very last session.

They had drawn three dreadful pegs on the Lower Logde river and knew that by the final session they were relying on other countries to slip up. Sadly, at this level, they rarely make a mistake!

France won the event, Finland finished strongly to take silver and the Czech Republic came from nowhere to finish third. Italy pipped England for 4th place – ahead of the Poles, last year's World Champions Slovakia, host nation Sweden and 13 other countries.

England's squad consisted of manager Ian Greenwood, team members Andrew Dixon, Simon Kidd, Tony Curtis, Simon Robinson and John Horsey - with Mick Tinnion as the traveling reserve. Their guide for the duration was Finnish International angler Antti Vappula who had already spent a week in Sweden assessing the venues and waters.

"There is no doubt that England are back up there with the best countries in the World on rivers and are still the team to be beaten on lakes. If we can achieve some sensible balance between rivers and lake fishing in World Championships, we will almost certainly be back amongst the team medals again," said John Horsey.

THE VENUES

Lake Rodingtrask – brownies hiding in the grass

DURING practice, team manager Ian Greenwood cracked the problem of hooking the small, wild browns.

Simon Kidd and John frequently got sharp pulls, but striking simply bumped the fish off. Ian got them to see the swirl, then immediately lift the rod and keep retrieving – something years of loch-styling for wild browns had taught him. During the match, the team were all programmed to ignore the snatch take and keep lifting the rod until it finally hung itself, a tactic which helped England dominate the lake sessions.

They also knew that the brownies liked to live around long sedge grasses that extended out of the water along the margins. However, after the first two drifts along these margins all the fish seemed to bolt into these grasses and they spent the rest of the three hours fishing not by but IN, the sedge grass!

Left alone for a while though, the fish would venture back out of the cover and feed once again in open water.

Those tactics helped England take more than their fair share of the fish and they finished the lake sessions with Andrew Dixon and Simon Kidd on first places, John in fifth, Tony Curtis with a 12th and Simon Robinson in 15th.

Logde River – danger pegs

THE Logde was the biggest and most powerful of the two rivers – as John Horsey can testify! He fell in three times during his two sessions and once with a fish safely in his landing net! Both Simons also got a soaking in the quest for that elusive extra fish.

Heavy rainfall made the river rise by at least a metre and as ever, the draw was crucial. Having three of the England team draw on the "dangerous pegs" meant that in theory, they were looking at three blanks.

Both Tony Curtis and John managed one measurable fish from their pegs – the only fish recorded from those pegs in all five sessions – but Simon Kidd had one undersized fish and blanked.

Simon has been one of England's top performers in recent years, finishing in the top 10 for the last three World Championships. So for him not to catch meant that there were no catchable fish in that beat – no-one else caught a fish there either.

Juktan River – hooked up on slime

WHAT a strange river this turned out be! During practice, the team could hardly fish it due to the suspended algae and weed constantly coming downstream with the flow. On every cast the flies hooked up with slime and weed, which had to be removed by hand.

At lunchtime the England team met up for a chat and discovered only five fish had been taken by six anglers. Then Simon Kidd arrived and revealed he had taken a dozen!

Simon's tactics were upstream nymphs and dries, not allowing any drag through the current or against the bottom of the river. As soon as the flies touched a rock on the bottom, they were "slimed". Armed with that advice, the team spent the afternoon practicing upstream nymph and dry fly combinations and all caught. On match days, the river was still slimy, but their tactics helped take plenty of grayling and browns.



Friendly rivalry: England's John Horsey(left) poses with competitors.

ODDS AGAINST STILLWATER ANGLERS

OF the five sessions in this year's World Championship, just one was on a lake, with four on two different rivers.

"Perhaps they should be renamed the World River Championships," said John Horsey.

"Last year in the European Championships in Sweden, we fished three river sessions and one lake session – all for totally wild browns, grayling and Arctic char. Torrential rain flooded the rivers, making the match both dangerous and a lottery when drawing a good peg was concerned. But the rain didn't affect the lake session.

So this year, did FIPS Mouche and the organisers learn their lesson? Apparently not. This year, we had even worse rain, resulting in swollen rivers and some beats that were deemed so dangerous that they had to be moved. They moved five of these "unfishable" beats further downstream to the official practice water – where every country, including England, had been practicising prior to the match. And they did this the night before the first day of competition so no teams had a chance to survey the water."

Worse still – England drew not one, nor two but an unbelievable three of these pegs. To take a solitary fish from these beats was a real achievement and they managed to do this on two of them.

Once again, the rain did not affect the lake sessions. The wild browns responded well to delicate loch style tactics and the venue stood the pressure of fishing for all five sessions.

"So why, in a country like Sweden that possess hundreds of fantastic lakes full of wild brown trout and char, did they only include one lake session? " asked John.

"I firmly believe that the World Champions - team or individual - should be those who possess a multitude of both river and stillwater skills. At the moment the odds are stacked very heavily in the direction of river anglers and that simply cannot be right," he added.

England

Ian Greenwood (Captain), Tony Curtis, Andrew Dixon, John Horsey, Simon Kidd, Simon Robinson & Mike Tinnion (Reserve).

1.	France	148 placing pts
2.	Finland	177 placing pts
3.	Czech Republic	191 placing pts
4.	Italy	202 placing pts
5.	England	218 placing pts
6.	Spain	226 placing pts
7.	Belgium	230 placing pts
8.	Poland	240 placing pts
9.	Slovakia	243 placing pts
10.	Norway	276 placing pts

Individuals:

1.	Bertrand Jaquemin *(France)*	53 fish	15 placing pts
2.	Massimi Valsesia *(Italy)*	48 fish	15 placing pts
3.	Andrew Dixon *(England)*	79 fish	17 placing pts
4.	Jarkko Suominen *(Finland)*	53 fish	17 placing pts
5.	Pavel Machan *(Czech Republic)*	52 fish	25 placing pts
6.	Martin Droz *(Czech Republic)*	56 fish	26 placing pts
7.	Pablo Castro *(Spain)*	47 fish	27 placing pts
8.	Bernard Marguet *(France)*	52 fish	28 placing pts
9.	Eric Lelouvier *(France)*	63 fish	29 placing pts
10.	Stephane Vincent *(France)*	56 fish	29 placing pts

18. Simon Kidd *(England)*
30. Simon Robinson *(England)*
53. Tony Curtis *(England)*
63. John Horsey *(England)*

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MATCH BOOKLET

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INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Westerwood Hotel
Friday 9th September 2005
8.00 p.m. for 8.30 p.m.

Dress: Lounge Suits or Blazers

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ENGLAND

Mike Childs - Team Manager

		Trout	lbs	oz
1)	**Jeremy Lucas (Capt.)**	.....	.....	
2)	Vince Brooks	.....	.....	
3)	Andy Cottam	.....	.....	
4)	Martin Dixon	.....	.....	
5)	Mike Dixon	.....	.....	
6)	Nick Dunn	.....	.....	
7)	Julie Emerson	.....	.....	
8)	Nick Halstead	.....	.....	
9)	John Horsey	.....	.....	
10)	Mark Miles	.....	.....	
11)	Simon Robinson	.....	.....	
12)	Frank Sumnall	.....	.....	
13)	Dick Turpin	.....	.....	
14)	Graham Watson	.....	.....	
TOTALS		____	_____	
		____	_____	

IRELAND

Michael Callaghan - Team Manager

		Trout	lbs	oz
1)	**Seamus Feeney (Capt.)**	.....	.....	
2)	Laurence Barkey	.....	.....	
3)	Jim Dillon	.....	.....	
4)	Padraig Fahy	.....	.....	
5)	James Fegan	.....	.....	
6)	Eddie Harte	.....	.....	
7)	Mike Keady	.....	.....	
8)	Peadar McAvinney	.....	.....	
9)	Laurence McCarthy	.....	.....	
10)	Mick McCormack	.....	.....	
11)	Pat Noonan	.....	.....	
12)	Robert Reilly	.....	.....	
13)	Tom Sullivan	.....	.....	
14)	Danny Walsh	.....	.....	
TOTALS		____	_____	
		____	_____	

SCOTLAND

John Ross - Team Manager

		Trout	lbs	oz
1)	**William Dewar (Capt.)**	.....	.....	
2)	Robert Baldi	.....	.....	
3)	Derek Barclay	.....	.....	
4)	Mike Cordiner	.....	.....	
5)	John Dunbar	.....	.....	
6)	John Kettles	.....	.....	
7)	John Laurenson	.....	.....	
8)	Jeff Lawson	.....	.....	
9)	James Litster	.....	.....	
10)	Dugald MacGilp	.....	.....	
11)	Campbell Morgan	.....	.....	
12)	John Morton	.....	.....	
13)	David Stewart	.....	.....	
14)	Jim Watson	.....	.....	
TOTALS		____	_____	
		____	_____	

WALES

Moc Morgan - Team Manager

		Trout	lbs	oz
1)	**Gareth Dixon (Capt.)**	.....	.....	
2)	Neal Anthony	.....	.....	
3)	Richard Barclay	.....	.....	
4)	Craig Evans	.....	.....	
5)	Ian Jones	.....	.....	
6)	Steve Jones	.....	.....	
7)	Mark McCarthy	.....	.....	
8)	Marco Orsi	.....	.....	
9)	Dai Ricketts	.....	.....	
10)	James Thomas	.....	.....	
11)	Jeff Thomas	.....	.....	
12)	Phil Thomas	.....	.....	
13)	Geoff Thompson	.....	.....	
14)	Gareth Williams	.....	.....	
TOTALS		____	_____	
		____	_____	

MATCH RESULTS

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

Brown Bowl – Top Individual Weight

Name	Country	Weight lbs	Weight ozs
.....	.....	.....	.....

H Emyr Lewis – Best Fish

Name	Country	Weight lbs	Weight ozs
.....	.....	.....	.....

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 biannually 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	42	26	19	7	94
Ireland	11	18	25	42	96
Scotland	27	26	24	21	98
Wales	18	28	29	23	98

(Neither England nor Scotland caught a trout at Llyn Alaw in 1972 and therefore they were both awarded a 4th place.)

Recent Results

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
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	–
	Loch Leven	E	S	W	–
2002	Lough Conn	S	E	I	W
	Llyn Brenig	S	E	I	W
2003	Chew Valley	E	W	S	I
	Loch Leven	S	W	E	I
2004	Lough Erne	I	W	S	E
	Llyn Brenig	W	E	S	I
2005	Grafham Water	S	W	E	I

RULES

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

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. Shooting heads, metal core lines and metal core braided leaders are debarred.
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 the discretion of the host country. It being the responsibility 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 or around any such boat by the indiscriminate use of the motor.
6e. Electronic aids, e.g. Telephones, Fish Finders, Echo Sounders etc. are also debarred during the official practice days and the actual Match day.
7a. 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.
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. The command of the boat will change every two hours. Competitors shall change ends every two hours or as may be mutually agreed.

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 the hours of the competition.
2a. 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.
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 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 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 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 must refer to current Safety Policy document regarding personal protective equipment.

LOCAL RULES

1. Boats will remain within the starting area in the harbour until the gun is fired and all boats must be ashore before 6 p.m.
2. All fish under eleven (11) inches to be returned to the water unharmed.
   Fish will be measured from the nose to the fork of the tail.
3. During practice days fishing will be on a "catch and release" basis. One fish may be kept to spoon stomach contents.
4. On match day there will be a limit of eight (8) fish killed. Thereafter the competitor may continue to fish on a "catch and release" basis and each additional fish will count as two (2) pounds. Details of the additional fish are to be recorded by the boatman on the match card provided and at the end of the match the boatman, the angler and the boat partner must all sign the card. The card is to be used **only after** the angler has caught and killed his/her eighth (8th) fish.
5. Exclusion zone:- fishing is not allowed inside the roped buoys in Gateside Bay.
6. Hooks are **not** required to be de-barbed and the weight of fish killed will **not** be capped.
7. The Health and Safety Executive requires that buoyancy aids or life jackets must be worn and are provided by the fishery.
8. Competitors are strongly advised to wear eye protectors when either fishing from or travelling in boats
9. Teams will weigh in the order England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales following the order printed in this booklet.

International Dinner Menu

Friday 9th September 2005

Cock-a-leekie Soup

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Haggis, Neeps & Tatties

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Roast & Braised Medallion of Beef,
served with a red wine jus

Seasonal Vegetables and Skirlie Potatoes

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Cranachan with Raspberry Compote

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Coffee and Mints

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INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING COMPETITION

Scottish Anglers National Association

ENGLAND IRELAND SCOTLAND WALES

AUTUMN INTERNATIONAL
LAKE OF MENTEITH
SCOTLAND
FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2005

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Autumn International Match
Lake of Menteith
September 2005

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 6th September

4.00 pm-7.00 pm	Arrive and book in at Westerwood Hotel
7.30 pm/8.00 pm	Dinner
	Team meeting rooms
	England: Conference room 1
	Ireland: Conference room 2
	Scotland: Board room
	Wales: Conference room 3
Before 9.00 pm	Order packed lunches if required (Order on a daily basis the night before)
9.00 pm	International Committee Meeting in Board room

Wednesday 7th September

7.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 am	Photographs for teams, captains and officials at Lake
10.00 am-6.00 pm	Fishing catch and release
Evening	Team meetings in same rooms
7.30 / 8.00 pm	Dinner

Thursday 8th September

7.00 am	Breakfast
10.00 am-6.00 pm	Fishing catch and release
10.15 am	Rules meeting in Lake Lodge
Evening	Team meetings in same rooms
7.30 / 8.00 pm	Dinner

Friday 9th September

7.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 am	Boatmen's briefing (Health and Safety procedures)
9.30 am	Parade of teams
10.00 am-6.00 pm	International Match
5.00 pm	End of official match and weigh-in
6.00 pm	International weigh-in
8.00 pm	Sparkling wine reception and Scottish Piper
8.30 pm	International Dinner
	Results & Presentation of Trophies

Saturday 10th September

8.00 am	Breakfast and home after settling your bills!!



Captains – Jeremy Lucas (England), William Dewar (Scotland), Gareth Dixon (Wales) & Seamus Feeney (Ireland).
(SMK Photographics)



England

Jeremy Lucas (Captain), Andy Cottam, Vince Brooks, Martin Dixon, Mike Dixon, Nick Dunn, Julie Emerson, Nick Halstead, John Horsey, Mark Miles, Simon Robinson, Frank Sumnall, Dick Turpin, Graham Watson & Mike Childs (Manager).
(SMK Photographics)



Ireland

Seamus Feeney (Captain), Laurence Barkey, Jim Dillon, Pardraig Fahy, James Fegan, Eddie Harte, Mike Keady, Peadar McAvinney, Laurence McCarthy, Mick McCormack, Pat Noonan, Robert Reilly, Tom Sullivan, Danny Walsh & Michael Callaghan (Manager).
(SMK Photographics)



Scotland

William Dewar (Captain), Robert Baldi, Derek Barclay, Mike Cordiner, John Dunbar, John Kettles, John Laurenson, Jeff Lawson, James Litster, Dugald MacGilp, Campbell Morgan, John Morton, David Stewart, Jim Watson & John Ross (Manager).
(SMK Photographics)



Wales

Gareth Dixon (Captain), Neal Anthony, Richard Barclay, Craig Evans, Ian Jones, Steve Jones, Mark McCarthy, Marco Orsi, Dai Ricketts, James Thomas, Jeff Thomas, Phil Thomas, Geoff Thompson, Gareth Williams & Moc Morgan (Manager).
(SMK Photographics)

England

Jeremy Lucas (Captain), Andy Cottam, Vince Brooks, Martin Dixon, Mike Dixon, Nick Dunn, Julie Emerson, Nick Halstead, John Horsey, Mark Miles, Simon Robinson, Frank Sumnall, Dick Turpin, Graham Watson & Mike Childs (Manager).

Scottish success at the Lake

The Lake of Menteith once again proved its quality as a competition water in both the home international and the Scottish Ladies National Final. The Scottish team followed its spring victory at Grafham by another win in the autumn international held at the Lake. Scotland had 72 fish weighing 150lb4.5oz England 74 fish for 145lb9 5oz Ireland 63 fish for 129lb10oz and Wales 48 fish for 100lb11.5oz. The Scots also had individual anglers in second, third and fourth places with Derek Barclay, James Litster and John Dunbar. Reedy Point, Stable Point, Hotel Bay and the road shore were top marks, with one of the top techniques being Orange Blob and Cormorant on a ghost tip line. New Ladies National Champion after the Final at the venue is Abigail Leonard, whose total catch of 7 for 14lb was well ahead of the rest of the field. Second was Liz Ellison, 5 for 10lb8oz, while third was Nicki Bruce, 5 for 9lb14oz. Ailsa Smith of Kinross landed the heaviest trout.

QUALITY SCORES OVER QUANTITY

ENGLAND may have caught more fish, but victory went to the Scottish in the International FFA Autumn Match at the Lake of Menteith.

Scotland finished with a total weight of 150lb 4oz from their 72 fish bag, while England followed with 74 weighing 145lb 9oz. Ireland were third with 63 fish totalling 129lb 10oz and Wales had 48 weighing 100lb 11oz.

Consolation for the Welsh came in the form of Ian Jones whose 5lb 14oz trout was the heaviest fish of the match. Top bag went to England's Simon Robinson with 12 fish totalling 23lb 7oz.

1. Scotland	72 fish	150-4-8
2. England	74 fish	145-9-8
3. Ireland	63 fish	129-10-0
4. Wales	48 fish	100-11-8

Full Results >>

Rivers National

River Wear - 16th September 2005







Six of the best

THREE north east anglers put their local knowledge to good use and qualified for the 2006 Rivers Home International.

The English National River Championship was fished on the River Wear in Co Durham where Tyne and Wear anglers Dave Parker, Paul Davison and Howard Croston all made it into the top six and a place in the team for 2006.

The other qualifiers to make up the six-man team (below) were John Tyzack (North West), Phil Dixon (Severn Trent) and Peri Karageorgopolous of the southern region with Paul Page as the manager. Dave Parker was also named 2005 River Champion with two place points from nine fish.



1.	Davey Parker	9 fish	2 placing points
2.	Peri Karageorgopoulos	8 fish	2 pts
3.	Paul Davison	17 fish	3 pts
4.	John Tyzack	14 fish	5 pts
5.	Howard Croston	13 fish	5 pts
6.	Phil Dixon	12 fish	5 pts
7.	Andrew Dixon	9 fish	5 pts
8.	Simon Robinson	4 fish	5 pts
9.	John Lindsey	3 fish	5 pts
10.	Leon Smith	6 fish	6 pts
11.	Mike Tinnion	4 fish	6 pts
12.	Bob Worts	3 fish	7 pts
13.	Tony Fox	3 fish	7 pts
14.	Nick Halstead	2 fish	7 pts
15.	Jeremy Lucas	9 fish	9 pts
16.	Trevor Colclough	7 fish	10 pts
17.	Gary Pearson	5 fish	10 pts
18.	Brin Woodsford	2 fish	11 pts
19.	Baz Reece	5 fish	12 pts
20.	Graham Willis	2 fish	12 pts
21.	Robbie Bell	1 fish	12 pts
22.	Darren Everitt	6 fish	13 pts
23.	Mike Heritage	1 fish	13 pts
24.	Dave Mee	1 fish	13 pts
25.	Alex Bobba	1 fish	13 pts
26.	Jay Curry	1 fish	14 pts
27=	John Ball	Nil	16 pts
27=	David Drake	Nil	16 pts
27=	Andrew Green	Nil	16 pts
27=	Gary Hodges	Nil	16 pts
27=	Alex Urquhart	Nil	16 pts
27=	Richard Wood	Nil	16 pts





English Rivers National Final, September 16th, 2005, River Wear

The event was run on a coloured and high river, but not the expected flood conditions after the previous day's heavy rain. In the event barely enough controllers were found to run the event on a 1 controller to 1 angler basis, so the organisers decided on the Thursday evening to go with a contingency plan of the anglers being paired; one to fish in the morning, the other in the afternoon, each controlling for the other. Although unsatisfactory, several anglers felt that this system was reasonable, even preferable, and a fair match was the result. It was a shame, however, that many anglers had travelled a long way, effectively for a three hour match.

An innovation this year was the introduction of a means of ending the dangerous car rush to the various beats. Anglers had to wait in the designated car parks until 9:30am (Session one starting at 10:00am), and again at 1:30pm (Session three starting at 2:00pm). This was unanimously well received.

In the coloured water the fishing was surprisingly good, though very few grayling were caught. Most of the trout caught, however, were easily above the 18cm minimum limit imposed this year. The best fishing was found on A Section in the morning, with Howard Croston doing particularly well here with catches of 11 and 2 in his two sessions. Heavy nymph tactics brought him his success. Davie Parker did extremely well with rather lighter weight nymphs on B Section, to record two comfortable first places in his two sessions. In the afternoon, the top of C Section, above Jubilee Bridge, was the place to be, with Paul Davison catching the most fish caught by anyone on the day.

Most anglers commented on the quality of the fish caught, noting that the only obvious stock fish were in the top half of C Section. The coloured water unfortunately put down the grayling which had featured so much in the practice days leading up to the competition.

We have what looks like a first-rate England Rivers Team which has the added bonus of being selected from a National which was fished on exactly the same venue as the International next year.

National Rivers Final - Match Report

About twelve miles of river split into four beats with thirty two anglers ready to compete after qualifying through regional heats.

The river Wear is one of those success stories of a river that has come back from the dead. It boasts a healthy stock of Brown Trout and Grayling in varied types of water. From fast flows, popply water and long pools. It's a fly fishers paradise. A lot of its success is down to the three clubs that manage the match length and worked together to ensure that all the water was available to competitors to practice. Much gratitude goes to the Bishop Auckland & District A.C, Ferryhill and District A.C and Willington & District A.C.

In the weeks prior to the competition the Wear was suffering low flows and was showing its knickers. It was indeed in need of rain and boy did it come. It went up five foot after some heavy precipitation, (It pissed down!) The Wear like any freestone river is prone to flash floods. However by the week before the competition it was fining down just right and through that practice week fish were to be had on Nymphs and Dries throughout the river. Plenty of wild Trout and Grayling were caught. Grayling and Trout to over 40cm were reported which shows how good this river has become.

The day prior to the competition rain came and the river rose about a foot which changed the complexion of the river putting colour into some of the areas.

Match day came and the weather was quite pleasant being warm and fairly sunny. But the organisers, Jeremy Lucas and Peter Godfrey were faced with a hefty headache. There weren't enough controllers as many didn't turn up or were sick. The competition is run over four sessions, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Some hasty decisions had to be made and it was decided that anglers would only fish two sessions being paired up with another angler who would act as controller in their non fishing sessions. Of course this was not perfect but was as good as could be offered in fairness to anglers. The controllers who did turn up roved the banks to ensure fair play. This system also meant that anglers fished undisturbed sections.

Due to the conditions section D proved to be the hardest with coloured water. But there were fish caught. The other beats produced a reasonable number of fish to rods.

Three hours split into two one and a half hour sessions is quite a long time and be mentally draining.

At the end the results were announced. The rod average was 4.63 fish per rod. The biggest fish was a lovely 42cm Brown which fell to the rod of SIMON ROBINSON.

The 2005 River Champion was announced as DAVE PARKER (Tyne and Wear) With 2 place points from 9 fish.

Loch-style National

Rutland Water - 24th September 2005

CEFF National Final

Long distance fishing commuter Andy Green explains the nymphing tactics which brought him success at Rutland Water.

THE long drive from north London up the A1 to Rutland Water has become as familiar to Andy Green as his local Walthamstow reservoirs. For since joining the Loomis Rutland Raiders team, Andy now regards the Leicestershire reservoir as his second home water. And it all paid off when Andy put the winning catch on the scales at the end of the Confederation of English Flyfishers National Final.

"Practising with the Raiders has improved my techniques no end," said London advertising copywriter Andy. "For example, I was used to using a single Booby on a Di-7. But by fishing with the team I learned the value of mixing up multiple Boobies with Cormorants in between, plus the effectiveness of a Black Booby, a Booby colour that I had rarely used before."

The day of the match was quite bright with a gentle wind that swung round from the north east to the south west making lining up drifts quite difficult. Andy's boat partner was John Tyzack and the pair started their drifts out from East Creek.

Sticking to a floating line and three skinny size 10 Diawl Bachs, Andy had his first fish in the boat within five minutes. By fishing a heavier Diawl Bach on the point, tied on a Tiemco 2547 grub hook to an 18ft leader of 7.5lb Grand Max Andy was able to cover all the depths. "I find that a floating line works much better under these conditions," said Andy. "I always feel that with a long leader on a floating line I know where my flies are in the water. With a sinking line, you are never quite sure of their position.

RESULTS: (Total weight including time bonus)

1 Andy Green 20lb 8oz
2 Andy Haskins 19lb 13.75oz
3 Tony Baldwin 18lb 14oz
4 Jeff Latter 15lb 12oz
5 Simon Gurney 15lb 6oz
6 Andrew Hedger 14lb 12.75oz
7 Andy Tamakloe 14lb 2oz
8 Paul Golding 13lb 14.75oz
9 Graham Pearson 13lb 10oz
10 Richard Kesek 12lb 12oz
11 Gary Morris 12lb 7oz
12 Keith Nicholson 12lb 4oz

"When it comes to the Diawl Bachs, I tie the peacock in by the butt ends" explained Andy. "This makes the fibres press down rather than stand up and keeps the flies slim. I finish off the nymphs with a fine red holographic rib."

Drifting close by were fellow Bewl anglers Andy Tamakloe and Jeff Latter, who was catching on a kelly green intermediate and Cormorants. "I knew that Jeff had caught five fish, but by then I had six fish in the bag," said Andy.

Sport slowed up by the afternoon, but Andy kept slogging away around the yacht club and off the harbour. "One fish swam through the landing net and another fell off," said Andy. "But by the end of the match I had nine. All the fish in the afternoon had taken the middle dropper."

In contrast, boat partner John Tyzack, fishing with Buzzers, finished with three fish.

"It was great to finish ahead of two previous National Champions," smiled Andy. "But the result proved a very close-run thing."



"I always feel that with a long leader on a floating line I know where my flies are in the water. With a sinking line, you are never quite sure of their position."

1. Andrew Green 20-8-0
2. Andy Haskins 19-13-12
3. Tony Baldwin 18-14-0
4. Jeff Latter 15-12-0
5. Simon Gurney 15-6-0
6. Andrew Hedger 14-12-12
7. Andy Tamakloe 14-2-0
8. Paul Golding 13-14-12
9. Graham Pearson 13-10-0
10. Richard Kesek 12-12-0
11. Gary Morris 12-12-0
12. Keith Nicholson 12-4-0
13. Craig Barr
14. Rob Sosbe
15. Dave Hodgson
16. David Lang
17. Mark Withyman
18. Tony Curtis
19. Stewart Hume
20. Ben Dobson
21. George Williams
22. Mike Tinnion

Airflo Classic - Individuals

Elinor - 9th October 2005

Bank Open Match:

Enter now and fish for England

THE AIRFLO CEFF Bank Open 2005 kicks off this spring and offers competitors the chance to represent England against European and World counterparts.

Individuals and teams of three can enter this event, which is set to become the biggest bank-only fishing competition in Europe with great prizes, exceptional goodie bags and an emphasis on bringing the fun back into competition fly fishing – with the added bonus of the winners representing England in Europe and World competition.



The 2004 winners: Maran Kingfishers, who featured in last month's magazine.



Trout Fisherman contributor and 2004 Bank Open individual winner Leigh Pond.

Last year's winners, Maran Kingfishers, are about to embark on a European campaign against some of the best small-water anglers from the Continent.

You, too, could follow in their footsteps.

Organised by the Confederation of English Fly Fishers, each region holds a series of heats to decide the qualifiers for the regional final – there will be no restriction on the number of heats individuals can enter.

All heats will be held to fishery rules, with a vast array of prizes for the winners at every stage of the competition including fly rods, reels and lines, plus a goodie bag for each competitor.

All qualifiers from the prelims will be invited to a final in their region; this will include a wild card qualification to the regional final for the individual with the heaviest fish at each of the heats. Qualifiers from the subsequent regional finals will be entered into the Grand Final held at Elinor Trout Fishery on October 9.

Cost is £15 each or £45 for teams of three, with fishing fees to be paid on the day of the eliminator. Heats take place throughout the spring on a water near you. Please request contact numbers for regional organisers by emailing Richard Wood at Richard@fulcrum-ltd.com tel: 01202 888999.

Next year, with continued support, the competition looks set to split, with individuals and teams having separate national finals.

Maran are masters

MARAN Kingfishers made a clean sweep at the Airflo/CEFF National Stillwater Final taking both team and individual honours.

The team of Peter Appleby Fred Bainbridge and Chris Micallef had a collective bag of 31 fish – double their nearest rivals Team Packington One on 15 and well ahead of third placed Southern Feds on eight fish. This is the second year in succession the team has won this final, underlying their dominance on small waters.

Further to that Peter was also the individual champion with 13 fish, and Fred the runner up with 11 The Maran domination was broken by Chris Smith of Team Packington One who was third with 10 fish.

The culmination of local heats and regional finals took the 78 anglers to Elinor Fishery in Northamptonshire, a 50-acre spring fed lake with crystal clear water. The anglers fished six 40-minute sessions, three in the morning and three in the afternoon and after each session they moved 10 pegs, covering the whole lake.

The start saw the rods that landed on the localised pods of fish catching very quickly The rules were that the first two fish were killed to be weighed and then it was catch and release (barbless hooks were used all day) One angler had to release a 10lb fish after killing the first two average sized ones!

In the afternoon daddies were seen drifting on the lake and the imitations were taking fish. Word went round that a Sunburst Blob was also doing well, fished very quickly.

Airflo are committed sponsors to this event and provide trophies and prizes at every stage. Any fishery wanting to be assessed to hold an eliminator should contact Richard Wood at richard@fulcrum-ltd.com



National Stillwater Champions Maran Kingfishers receive the trophy.

Peter Appleby – how I won

WITH so many anglers spaced seven yards apart and wading, it was no surprise the fish moved further out. So, casting a distance of 30 yards plus was essential to success. The rest was down to having the right fly presented correctly. As creator of the Apps' Bloodworm, it's only fitting that I put my trust in this devastatingly effective pattern. And I'm not the only one, it was pleasing to see many of my fellow competitors doing the same.

I'm flattered that they were using my fly but the difference on the day was the way it was fished.

I used a floating line with a minimum 20ft leader, sometimes up to 25ft, of Fulling Mill World Class fluorocarbon and a single fly. I prefer this leader because, being matt, it doesn't shine it's also limp, doesn't curl and stays straight.

I used a traditional size 12 Apps' Bloodworm with a slow figure-of-eight retrieve, letting the fly pull round in the breeze. Half the fish taken by our team were taken this way. The rest were caught with a size 10 Yellow and White Mini Lure fished exactly the same. Both methods fished the flies about 6 inches down, exactly where the fish were feeding The trout didn't want a fast retrieve they wanted it slow and this is where many anglers went wrong on the day.

Just like last year the other reason for our success was good communication at the lunch break. We just compared and shared information about what worked at certain pegs. I'm delighted to win the crown and pleased for our three-man team who I'm very proud to fish with.

> " casting a distance of 30 yards plus was essential to success."



Right: Peter Appleby.

Individual Results

1.	Peter Appleby		
2.	Fred Bainbridge		
3.	Chris Smith		
3.	Craig Smith		
4.	Ray Cramp		
4.	Chris McAllef		
5.	Tony Shipman		
5.	John O'Regan		
6.	Vince Brooks		
6.	Adrian Slack		
7.	Peter Elliott		
7.	Derrick Grabham		
8.	Baz Palmer		
8.	Mark Sturgess		
8.	Alan Tonge		
9.	Terry Sharp	7 fish	
10.	Ed Foster		
11.	Terry Phillips		
11.	Neil Thomas		
12.	S Borthwick		
12.	Marl Shepard		
13.	Baz Reece		
14.	Ernie Craister		
14.	Peter Crowe		
14.	Steven Fish		
15.	Dave Johns		
16.	Simon Kidd		
16.	Howard Leatherdale		
17.	Andrew Grabham		
17.	J Ystenes		
18.	P Anderson		
18.	Rob Barden		
18.	John Hardy		
18.	Iain Mackay		
19.	Cliff Waldmem		
20.	Andrew Green		
21.	Vince Barker		
21.	C Sharp		
22.	P Howarth		
22.	Paul Roach		
22.	David Wortley		
24.	Andrew Smith		
24.	Andrew G Taylor		
25.	Mick McAloon		
26.	Tony Curtis		
26.	Mark Kitchingham		
26.	Malcom Randle		
26.	Mick Reade		
27.	Darren Booth	3 fish	
28.	Roger Truscott		
28.	Richard Wood		
29.	Jeff Darwin		
29.	Ian Thompson		
30.	Mick Connerton		
30.	B Harvey		
30.	Kevin Mildren		
30.	Simon Newman		
30.	J Ward		
31.	Baz Bartlett		
31.	Darren Booth		
31.	R Buckby		
31.	Richard Crawshay		
31.	Andy Croucher		
31.	Paul Fowler		
31.	Tony Hoggart		
31.	R Hopper		
31.	Gary Inwards		
31.	Graham Kennerly		
31.	Gordon Moore		
31.	D Parry		
31.	Steve Racher		
31.	R Renn		
31.	Ross Saunders		
31.	J Sexton		
31.	R Ward		