2007

Loch-style Home International - Spring

Rutland Water - 1st June 2007

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING COMPETITION

Confederation of English Fly Fishers

England – Ireland – Scotland - Wales

Rutland Water

England

Friday 1st June 2007

Match Booklet & Programme

THE INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

Acknowledgements

Our grateful thanks go to:

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All of the willing partners, friends and anyone else who so generously gave up their time to help make this event a success.

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

The Premier Travel Inn – Peterborough

Friday 1st June 2007

8.30 for 9.00 PM

Dress: Team Blazers or Lounge Suits

(For the Menu see rear of booklet)

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ENGLAND

	Number of Trout	Weight lbs	Weight oz
Graham Watson – Team Manager			
1. **Keith Nicholson** (Captain)	.....	.....	.....
2. Chris Bobby	.....	.....	.....
3. Philip Dixon	.....	.....	.....
4. Simon Gaines	.....	.....	.....
5. John Gollop	.....	.....	.....
6. Andrew Green	.....	.....	.....
7. Mike Gunnell	.....	.....	.....
8. Peter Hartley	.....	.....	.....
9. Peter Kempton	.....	.....	.....
10. Richard Kesek	.....	.....	.....
11. Baz Reece	.....	.....	.....
12. Lindsay Simpson	.....	.....	.....
13. Rob Sosbe	.....	.....	.....
14. Gary Wright	.....	.....	.....
Totals	.....	.....	.....

IRELAND

	Number of Trout	Weight lbs	Weight oz
Michael Callaghan - Manager			
1. **Pat Foley** (captain)	.....	.....	.....
2. John Burke	.....	.....	.....
3. Colin Cahill	.....	.....	.....
4. Aidan Heffernan	.....	.....	.....
5. Tony Hogg	.....	.....	.....
6. Sam McGowan	.....	.....	.....
7. Fechin McMorrow	.....	.....	.....
8. Dudley Murphy	.....	.....	.....
9. Colin Murray	.....	.....	.....
10. Kieran O'Mahoney	.....	.....	.....
11. Arden Pollock	.....	.....	.....
12. Brian Stanfield	.....	.....	.....
13. Gary Stewart	.....	.....	.....
14. Tom Sweeney	.....	.....	.....
Totals	.....	.....	.....

SCOTLAND

	Number of Trout	Weight lbs	Weight oz
John Ross - Team Manager			
1. **Calum Crosbie** (Captain)	.....	.....	.....
2. Tom Burnett	.....	.....	.....
3. Ian Gilfillan	.....	.....	.....
4. Stan Headley	.....	.....	.....
5. Kenny Hunter	.....	.....	.....
6. Ian Jones	.....	.....	.....
7. John Kettles	.....	.....	.....
8. Stuart Malcolmson	.....	.....	.....
9. Steven Nicoll	.....	.....	.....
10. Paul Sharp	.....	.....	.....
11. Gus Shepherd	.....	.....	.....
12. Ian Simpson	.....	.....	.....
13. Ian Storrar	.....	.....	.....
14. Mick Thomson	.....	.....	.....
Totals	.....	.....	.....

WALES

	Number of Trout	Weight lbs	Weight oz
Moc Morgan - Team Manager			
1. **Phil Thomas** (Captain)	.....	.....	.....
2. George Barron	.....	.....	.....
3. Tony Bevan	.....	.....	.....
4. Malcolm Edwards	.....	.....	.....
5. Scott Graham	.....	.....	.....
6. Brian Jeremiah	.....	.....	.....
7. Glyn Jones	.....	.....	.....
8. Steve Jones	.....	.....	.....
9. Brian Morgan	.....	.....	.....
10. Gary Preston	.....	.....	.....
11. Dai Rickets	.....	.....	.....
12. Mark Thomas	.....	.....	.....
13. Geoff Thompson	.....	.....	.....
14. Spencer Williams	.....	.....	.....
Totals	.....	.....	.....

MATCH RESULTS

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

The Brown Bowl – Top Individual Weight

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

H. Emyr Lewis Trophy – Best Fish

Name	Country	Weight lbs	Weight 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

Ireland did not fish in 2001 due to the Foot & Mouth restrictions.

England resigned from the association in 1972 and rejoined in 1974.

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

SUMMARY OF LOCH RESULTS
(AS FROM 1932)

	1st	*2nd*	*3rd*	*4th*	*Matches fished*
ENGLAND	43	27	19	8	97
IRELAND	11	20	26	42	99
SCOTLAND	29	26	25	21	101
WALES	18	28	30	25	101

RECENT RESULTS

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
2001	Grafham Water, England	S	E	W	-
	Loch Leven, Scotland	E	S	W	-
2002	Lough Conn, Ireland	S	E	I	W
	Llyn Brenig, Wales	S	E	I	W
2003	Chew Valley Lake, England	E	W	S	I
	Loch Leven, Scotland	S	W	E	I
2004	Lower Lough Erne, Ireland	I	W	S	E
	Llyn Brenig, Wales	W	E	S	I
2005	Grafham Water, England	S	W	E	I
	Lake of Menteith, Scotland	S	E	I	W
2006	Lough Lein, Ireland	E	I	S	W
	Llyn Brenig, Wales	S	I	W	E

RULES

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

revised to take effect from 1st January 2007

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.

b. 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.

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. Fish Finders, Echo Sounders etc. are debarred during the official practice days and the actual Match day.

f. One mobile phone, switched off, is permitted in each boat and strongly recommended as a safety measure. The phone is only to be used to contact the emergency number for help in the event of a serious situation or breakdown developing.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

b. The same conditions will apply in respect of the individual awards except that in the event of a tie, by weight and numbers, the tying competitors will hold the trophy for an equal period of time. Where a replica is involved each tying competitor will receive such a replica.

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.

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 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 may leave the jetty at 0950 but must stay within **150 metres** of the harbour walls until the start gun is fired at 1000. Boats must be back within the harbour area by 1800.

2. The only permitted drogues will be those issued to the boatmen.

3. A maximum of 4 hook points is permitted on the cast.

4. 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 is prohibited when fishing catch and release. Note: A fly will be classed as buoyant if, when fully saturated and held under the surface, rises towards the surface when released.

5. During the official practise days when fishing under catch and release conditions, each angler is permitted to catch a maximum of 2 fish using flies dressed on double hooks or buoyant flies fished on a sinking line.

6. Fish caught up to the agreed maximum of 6 to be killed are not required 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 boatman and both competitors.

7. If the aerators are switched on, fishing is not permitted within 100 metres.

8. Electronic fish finders are not permitted on either the official practise days or the match day.

9. Life jackets are mandatory both in the boats and on the jetty.

10. In an emergency, including engine failure, assistance should be sought by mobile phone on 07895 484113 or 07843 216089, then a single oar raised vertically to attract help. Any competition boat, upon recognising the distress signal, should immediately attend the scene to render assistance if required to preserve life or prevent injury.

11. The following restrictions and exclusion zones apply:

a. Boats must not go within 50 metres of any bank angler. Note: Only competition boats will be on the water on match day but there may

be pleasure anglers fishing from the banks.

b. Boats must not go within 50 metres of the bank when in the Nature Reserve. The South Arm Nature Reserve extends from Gibbits Point on the south shore all the way round to the corner of the Bunds Wall and Green Bank on the peninsular. The North Arm Nature Reserve extends for the whole of the Tim Appletons bank.

c. No drifting boats are permitted within the Whitwell Creek Exclusion Zone. The zone is indicated by an imaginary line extending between the two white marker boards located at Ernie's Point and The Seat.

d. No drifting boats are permitted within the Dam Wall Exclusion Zone. The zone is indicated by a line of red buoys.

e. No fishing or boats are permitted within the boat moorings located in front of the Sailing club. This area is deemed to be that encompassed by the outermost mooring buoys and/or moored boats.

f. For all exclusion zones except the Sailing Club boat moorings, competitors are permitted to cast into the zone but must stop fishing as soon as the drifting boat reaches the zone boundary, unless playing a fish already hooked.

g. Boats are permitted to motor carefully through all exclusion zones except the Sailing Club boat moorings, if this action would reduce the disturbance to other drifting competition boats.

12. Teams are required to weigh in at the Lodge in the order of:

England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales.

Team members are required at the scales in the same order they are listed in this booklet.

Note: Additional restrictions may come into effect if unusually low water levels are experienced during the competition week. These will be at the discretion of the fishery staff.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 29th, 2007

1500 - 1700	Check into Hotel
1700	Boat Draw for International Match. One representative from each country to attend with International President and Secretary.
1800	Team Meetings England – Ireland – Scotland – Wales -
1930	Dinner – First Sitting
2030	Dinner – Second Sitting
2130	IFFA AGM

Wednesday, May 30th, 2007

0700 – 0830	Breakfast
0900	Team Photographs at Rutland Water
1000 – 1800	Practise – Catch & Release
1830	Team Meetings
1930	Dinner – First Sitting
2030	Dinner – Second Sitting

Thursday, May 31st, 2007

0700 – 0900	Breakfast
1000 – 1800	Practise – Catch & Release
1830	Team Meetings
1930	Dinner – First Sitting
2030	Dinner – Second Sitting

Friday, June 1st, 2007

0700 – 0830	Breakfast
0900	Boatmen's Briefing
0930	Parade of Teams
1000	Start of International Match
1030	Start of Officials Match
1700	End of Officials match and Weigh-in
1800	End of International match
1815	International Match Weigh-in
1945	Team Photographs at Hotel (Team Blazers)
2030	Pre-Dinner Drinks
2100	International Dinner & Presentation of Trophies

Saturday, June 2nd, 2007

0730 - 0930	Breakfast & Departure (Rooms cleared by 1200)

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

MENU

Celery and Stilton Soup, finished with Cream and Croutons
or
Fanned Ogen Melon with Fruits of the Forest Sauce

– – –

Chicken Breast stuffed with Herbs and Nuts and coated in a rich Red Wine and Mushroom sauce
or
Roast Topside of Beef served with Chasseur Sauce or traditionally with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

All main courses are served with fresh market vegetables and potatoes

– – –

Sticky Toffee Sponge Pudding
or
Blackcurrant Cheesecake

– – –

Coffee and Mints



Captains – Phil Thomas (Wales), Keith Nicholson (England), Calum Crosbie (Scotland) & Pat Foley (Ireland).



England

Keith Nicholson (Captain), Chris Bobby, Phil Dixon, Simon Gaines, John Gollop, Andrew Green, Mike Gunnell, Peter Hartley, Peter Kempton, Richard Kesek, Baz Reece, Lindsay Simpson, Rob Sosbe, Gary Wright & Graham Watson (Manager).



Ireland

Pat Foley (Captain), John Burke, Colin Cahill, Aidan Hefferman, Tony Hogg, Sam McGowan, Fechin McMorrow, Dudley Murphy, Colin Murray, Kieran O'Mahoney, Arden Pollock, Brian Stanfield, Gary Stewart, Tom Sweeney & Michael Callaghan (Manager).



Scotland

Calum Crosbie (Captain), Tom Burnett, Ian Gilfillan, Stan Headley, Kenny Hunter, Ian Jones, John Kettles, Stuart Malcomson, Steven Nicoll, Paul Sharp, Gus Shepherd, Ian Simpson, Ian Storrar, Mick Thomason & John Ross (Manager).



Wales

Phil Thomas (Captain), George Barron, Tony Bevan, Malcom Edwards, Scott Graham, Brian Jeremiah, Glyn Jones, Steve Jones, Brian Morgan, Gary Preston, Dai Ricketts, Mark Thomas, Geoff Thompson, Spencer Williams & Moc Morgan (Manager).



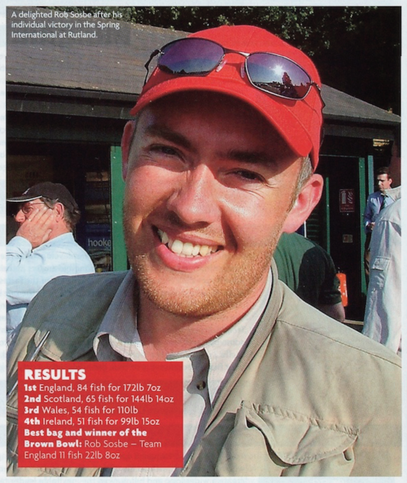
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SPRING INTERNATIONAL – RUTLAND, JUNE 1

I'M SO PROUD

Spring International Champion **Rob Sosbe** of England remembers his best ever day afloat


A delighted Rob Sosbe after his individual victory in the Spring International at Rutland.

RESULTS
1st England, 84 fish for 172lb 7oz
2nd Scotland, 65 fish for 144lb 14oz
3rd Wales, 54 fish for 110lb
4th Ireland, 51 fish for 99lb 15oz
Best bag and winner of the Brown Bowl: Rob Sosbe – Team England 11 fish 22lb 8oz

AS I fished for England during this year's home international, it never crossed my m nd that I would win both the Grafham trophy and the Brown Bowl. am humbled looking at some of the angling greats dating back to 1957 that adorn these superb trophies. Now my name joins the fray after an unforgettable day's fishing.

Ask anyone who has competed for their country at any event and they will tell you that it is one of the proudest moments of your life. Fishing for England is no different and it was a very proud moment marching along with my other 13 team mates behind a single piper to our boats prior to the start of the match. All sorts of thoughts run through your mind and the nerves never settle until the first few casts of the day are made and that first fish is in the net!

I left the fishing lodge at 10am steering my boat and competitor for the day, Tony Bevan representing the Welsh team, towards East Creek. As the gun signalled the start of the match, I watched the boats head off and decided to try my luck in Church Bay. Setting up my drift in front of the church, cast out a midge tip line and four nymphs into the water After 30 minutes of fishless activity it was obvious that the fish we had found during practice were no longer in residence. Time for a move. Having control of the boat for the first two hours, moved to the point of East Creek. After a brief five minutes of motoring, we arrived to see three of my fellow England team in residence on various drifts across the Lodge Bay to East creek. Andrew Green signalled that he already had three fish and Chris Bobby had also managed a couple on the method we had come across during practice. I quickly swapped my nymph on the point to a Booby and cast out, more confident of getting a take.

n no more than five minutes of fishing, had my first fish safely in the net after it had taken a plain Cruncher on the top dropper Three casts later I had my second, and quickly my th rd fish came to the net, both fish falling for the small Cat Booby on the point. Two hours gone and had five fish and my partner was still fishless. My fourth and fifth fish came to the Diawl Bach on the second dropper and the Buzzer fished three feet from the Booby. Takes were now becoming very finicky and Tony, after taking his first fish of the day from the point of East Creek, suggested a move to the Sailing Club where both our teams had found a small pocket of fish during practice. I agreed.

Arriving a short while later in Sailing Club Bay found two boats already drifting. set up our drift in the middle of the bay and was confident that a few fish still remained here.

On my first cast had a solid take that didn't stick, my second cast produced my sixth fish, which took the Booby on the point. As the rules of the competition dictated, I was now on catch and release and all my flies now had to be de-barbed before I continued. Also, as was fishing a midge tip line, was not allowed to fish a buoyant fly on my cast. Fortunately, while practicing, our team had already thought of this issue and had tied up some Boobies with small eyes, which actually sank under their own weight. It replaced the Cat Booby and a quick check with both ghillie and Tony confirmed that indeed the Booby sank. On my next drift a further fish took the new point fly and upped my tally to seven fish. The next drift provided yet another solid take to the Diawl Bach on the top dropper and I now had eight fish to Tony's one.

Feeling the pressure, Tony changed to a slime line, which gave instant success as fish number two was netted by our ghillie Paddy Mounter We then fished on for a while without a sniff and knew it was time to head off in search of some more fish.

At the start of the match Tony had said that he wanted to spend the last two hours fishing the Normanton bank and had managed to keep him in the Sailing Club until 4.30pm. As we motored back and passed East Creek I managed to convince him again that it might be worth another drift where we had caught earlier in the day. A deal was made and I agreed that if he or I had no action on a short drift in East creek, we would head off to the blue pipes on the Normanton bank. Fortunately for me managed two further fish on our first drift and this convinced him to stay in East Creek for the final 45 minutes. With 30 minutes to go I had 10 fish, and Tony two. Setting a drift next to 15 buoy in the creek proved invaluable as my next two casts resulted in two takes but no fish. Third time lucky it proved to be again as a rainbow followed up my point fly and promptly swallowed it on the hang. Within seconds it was in the net and I had eleven fish for my efforts on the day.

Time was quickly up and the weigh in drew ever closer As arrived back at Rutland lodge, I quickly began to realise that our team had done very well with the whole squad managing to catch on what had proved to be a tough day on Rutland. As I left my boat and headed for terra firma with my catch, little did know that my 11 fish was the best that any of the 53 other competitors had managed during the day!

"It was a superb day and a great experience, one that will live in my angling memory for many, many years to come" Rob Sosbe, Brown Bowl winner, 2007 Spring International


Tense moments as Rob's catch is put on the scales at the weigh-in.

TOP 20 INDIVIDUALS
1 Rob Sosbe (England) 22lb 8oz
2 Keith Nicholson (England) 21lb 9oz
3 Lindsay Simpson (England) 20lb 7oz
4 Andrew Green (England) 19lb 13oz
5 Stuart Malcolmson (Scotland) 19lb 12oz
6 Scott Graham (Wales) 18lb 2oz
7 Steven Nicoll (Scotland) 15lb 11oz
8 Brian Morgan (Wales) 15lb 3oz
9 Stan Headley (Scotland) 15lb
10 Tony Hogg (Ireland) 14lb 7oz
11 Kenny Hunter (Scotland) 13lb 9oz
12 Calum Crosbie (Scotland) 12lb 14oz
13 Mike Gunnell (England) 12lb 11oz
14 Baz Reece (England) 12lb 8oz
15 Ian Gilfillan (Scotland) 12lb 2oz
16 Simon Gaines (England) 11lb 12oz
17 Arden Pollock (Ireland) 11lb 5oz
18 Spencer Williams (Wales) 11lb 3oz
19 Tom Burnett (Scotland) 11lb 2oz
20 Malcolm Edwards (Wales) 11lb

ROB'S WINNING RIG
THE rig I used is a development on a standard washing line set up, where a heavyweight 'sacrificial' nymph is used to get the Booby and the other nymphs down deeper when you need to fish them slow and static.

This was a method developed a few years back by the Bewl boys (Bill Rankin) - and in the hot summer months it enables you to fish your patterns static at depths far deeper than you can fish with the bung. You also get the added advantage of a Booby sat enticingly at depth and, by varying the amount of leader from fly line to the top dropper, you can fish the set-up down to around 20 feet deep if required.

The set-up was on a Sixth Sense midge tip with four feet from fly line to first dropper, four feet to the next dropper, another four feet to the next and then only two feet to the Cat Booby on the point. I fished a Heavyweight Buzzer tied on a Tiemco 2457 to get the Booby down and to fish the other two nymphs on the static washing line. I used 8lb Rio Fluoroflex tippet and a 10ft 8wt Loomis GLX Distance rod.

1. England	84 fish	172-7-6
2. Scotland	65 fish	144-14-0
3. Wales	54 fish	110-0-10
4. Ireland	51 fish	99-15-6

Full Results >>



IRELAND

NEWBRIDGE CREDIT UNION



International River Fly Fishing Championship 2007

Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association

River Liffey, Newbridge, County Kildare, Ireland.

Friday 6th July 2007

England ~ Ireland ~ Scotland ~ Wales

Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association (AFFILIATED TO INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION)

Match Booklet & Programme

River Liffey International Fly Fishing Championships

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- The Electricity Supply Board
- The Management and Staff of the Keadeen Hotel, for making us all welcome, and attending to our requirements.
- The Eastern Regional Fisheries Board
- Clane Trout and Salmon Angler's Association

To each controller, a very special thanks is due, both for giving up their time, and giving their commitment on the day of the competition. Without controllers this competition would not take place.

To all who sponsored this event and to all those who supplied prizes for the controllers.

Cox's Cash & Carry, Newbridge
Rorys, Temple Bar
Southside Angling, Dublin
Clonav Angling
Newbridge Garden Centre
Pat Cleere Angling , Clane
Flemings, Naas
Tony Donohoe, Newbridge
Country Man Angling, Naas

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Ireland.

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Wales

River Liffey International Fly Fishing Championships

WELCOME BACK to River Liffey, Newbridge

The Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association welcomes all officials, competitors and their guests to the 2007 International River Fly Fishing Championships.

Kildare is the home of the thoroughbred horse racing industry in Ireland. The Curragh Racecourse is the home of all the Irish Classics. Angling on the Liffey pre-dates both.

We hope your visit will be very pleasant and we wish all anglers tight line in the competition.

Anglers Prayer

Lord grant that I may catch a fish so big, that when talking of it afterwards I will not have to lie.

PAST RESULTS

Year	Venue	First	Second	Third	Fourth
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, Wales	England	Wales	Scotland	Ireland
2001	No match took place due to the Foot & Mouth Epidemic				
2002	R. Ure, England	England	Scotland	Wales	Ireland
2003	R. Agivey, Ireland	Scotland	Ireland	England	Wales
2004	R. Tummel, Scotland	Scotland	England	Wales	Ireland
2005	R. Dee, Wales	Scotland	England	Wales	Ireland
2006	R. Wear, England	England	Wales	Scotland	Ireland
2007	R. Liffey, Ireland				

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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday 4th July

10.00 am – 5.00 pm.	Official practice day on the Competition Beats
6.00pm	Team members and officials to check into the Keadeen Hotel.
7.00 - 8.00pm	Dinner served.
9.00 pm	International Meeting. The draw for Competitors beats will take place. Team Captains to draw for beats and start points.

Thursday 5th July

7.30 – 9.00am	Breakfast.
9.15 am	Team Photographs in Hotel Grounds.
10.00am – 5.30pm	Walk Beats. No fishing allowed on Competition Beats. Fishing available on adjacent stretches of the river.
7.00 – 8.00pm	Dinner served.

Friday 6th July

7.00 – 8.45am	Breakfast.
8.45 am	Controllers briefing in Keadeen car park.
9.00 am	Controllers and Competitors move off to their respective beats.
10.00 – 11.30 am	First Session.
11.30 – 1.00 pm	Second Session.
1.00 – 2.30 pm	Lunch Break at Sarsfield Club House Score cards for Session 1& 2 must be handed to an IFFA Official.

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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

2.30 – 4.00 pm	Third session. Score cards to be collected and delivered to IFFA Officials at the Keadeen Hotel.
4.00 – 5.30 pm	Fourth Session.
5.30 – 6.00 pm	All Competitors and Controllers return to the Keadeen Hotel car park. Score cards for session 4 must be handed to an IFFA Official immediately.
6.15 – 7.00 pm	IFFA Officials meet to agree final results.
8.00 pm	Pre Dinner Drinks in Hotel Bar
8.30 pm	International Dinner, followed by the presentation of trophies.

Saturday 7th July

8.00 – 10.00 am	Breakfast and farewells.

River Liffey International Fly Fishing Championships

TEAMS

ENGLAND

Team Manager: Stuart Wardle.

Simon Robinson (Captain)
Grant Breckell
John Emmerson
Andrew Gooding
John Tyzack

Mike Tinnion (reserve)

IRELAND

Team Manager: Ian Rowand.

Brian Russell (Captain)
Gay Doody
Colm Lynch
Stuart McMurran
Seamus O'Neill

Peter Doherty (reserve)

TEAMS

SCOTLAND

Team Manager: Franz Grimley.

Grant Gibson (Captain)
David Chalmers
Billy Dewar
Jake Harvey
Derick Logan

Neil Sinclair (reserve)

WALES

Team Manager: Moc Morgan

Allen Hughes
Paul Jenkins
Dean Kibble
Brian Morgan
Jonathon Williams

Gavin Perry (reserve)

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2007 COMPETITION RESULTS

Geoff Clarkson Trophy.
Presented to the Winning Team

First Place _____

Second Place _____

Third Place _____

Fourth Place _____

Highest Placed Individual
Moc Morgan Trophy

Winner _____

Largest Fish
Mike Childs Trophy

Winner _____

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 the fly shall not exceed fifteen-sixteenth 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 to 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 landing nets made of knotless mesh.
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 and fish at least 30 metres up or down stream from the spot he/she is fishing, irrespective of how long he/she has fished there.
8. Competitors may not walk or cast outside 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 & 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.
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 may remain on the same beat at the discretion of the host country.
   For the duration of the match, apart from competitors and controllers, access to the competition beats will be restricted to the following persons:
   a. those who are on the beats for the sole purpose of collecting score cards.
   b. two nominated persons from each country who are only allowed to communicate with their respective competitors and their controllers, however, they must not encroach within 30 metres of a competitor from another country, or communicate in any way with that competitor or their controller.
6. Controllers are responsible for ensuring that the competitors on their beats comply with the rules, including the start and close times of their sessions. To be fair to all, controllers are not to give advice, net fish or in any other way give advantage to their anglers.
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 score cards for Sessions 1 and 2 must be collected and handed to an IFFA official immediately after Session 2. At the end of Session 3 score cards must be collected and returned to an IFFA official as soon as possible. On the completion of the match, score cards for Session 4 must be handed to an IFFA official without any delay. All score cards will be scrutinised by a sub-committee consisting of the International President, one elected committee member from each country and the IFFA Secretary, for the purpose of computing the results.
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. Similarly, team positions will be determined by a grand total of all the team members' "placings". If individuals or teams have the same totals, the higher position will be awarded to the individual or team with the most points.
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 consis-ting 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.

Section C – Local Rules

1. The competition species will be brown trout only
2. The minimum size will be 20 cm.
3. Shuffling of the river bed is not allowed.
4. Controllers are not expected to deep wade.
5. Controllers must measure fish on the river bank.

SAFETY INFORMATION

The River level can rise unexpectedly due to Hydro Stations upstream generating power, creating flash floods.

The use of a personal buoyancy aid is strongly recommended.

Caution must be exercised when deep wading. The use of a wading staff is recommended.

Caution must be exercised when in the vicinity of overhead power lines.

All competitors are advised to read the Safety & Risk Assessment Policy Statements.

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International Dinner

Friday 6th July 2007, 8.30pm

Dress Lounge suit or Blazer

Menu

Potato, Leek and Onion Soup

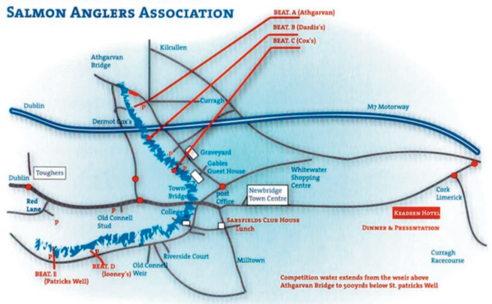
Supreme of Fresh Chicken with a Smoked Salmon and Cream Cheese Filling, accompanied by a Fresh Herb Cream
or
Roast Leg of Curragh Lamb with a Fresh Herb Stuffing and Garden Mint Sauce

Seasonal Fresh Vegetables

Citrus Cream and White Chocolate Roulade with Raspberry Coulis

Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee
After Dinner Mints

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Captains – Grant Gibson (Scotland), Simon Robinson (England), Allen Hughes (Wales) & Brian Russell (Ireland).
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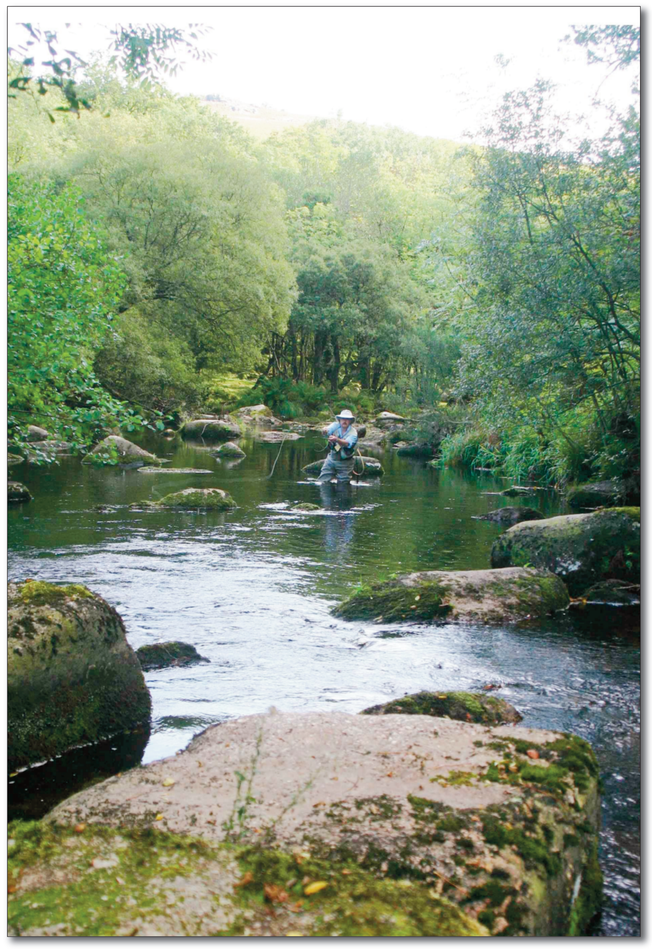
1. Scotland	72 fish	3245 points	44 placings
2. Ireland	71 fish	3187 points	47 placings
3. England	51 fish	2299 points	57 placings
4. Wales	48 fish	2231 points	57 placings

Full Results >>

Rivers National

River Dart















1.	John Tyzack	32 fish	5 pts
2.	Alex Bobba	17 fish	6 pts
3.	Peri Karageorgopoulos	31 fish	8 pts
4.	Mike Tinnion	21 fish	9 pts
5.	Andrew Gooding	11 fish	9 pts
6.	Richard Cobbledick	23 fish	10 pts
7.	Robert Dadd	25 fish	12 pts
8.	Tony Fox	17 fish	12 pts
9.	Kevin Moran	9 fish	13 pts
10.	Ian Greenwood	9 fish	14 pts
11.	Andy Croucher	15 fish	15 pts
12.	Baz Reece	13 fish	16 pts
13.	Simon Kidd	13 fish	16 pts
14.	Gary Hedges	10 fish	17 pts
15.	Peter Kempton	7 fish	17 pts
16.	David Drake	13 fish	18 pts
17.	David Critchlow	8 fish	18 pts
18.	Paul Gaskell	11 fish	19 pts
19.	Bernie Maher	11 fish	20 pts
20.	Martin Dixon	6 fish	21 pts
21.	John Emerson	7 fish	22 pts
22.	David Johns	4 fish	22 pts
23.	Bob Worts	8 fish	23 pts
24.	Vince Brooks	7 fish	23 pts
25.	Grant Breckell	6 fish	24 pts
26.	Phil Dixon	4 fish	25 pts
27.	Denis Symonds	3 fish	28 pts
28.	Joel Beeney	3 fish	28 pts
29.	Bill Rankin	2 fish	28 pts
30.	Matt Grady	1 fish	28 pts
31.	Jay Curry	3 fish	29 pts
32.	Ray Hyde	1 fish	29 pts

World Fly Fishing Championships

Kemi-Simo, Finland - 13th-19th June 2007

England

Ian Greenwood (Captain), Andrew Dixon, John Horsey, Dave Parker, Simon Robinson, John Tyzack & Howard Croston (Reserve).

1.	France	179 placing pts
2.	Czech Republic	231 placing pts
3.	Finland	249 placing pts
4.	Portugal	267 placing pts
5.	Spain	274 placing pts
6.	USA	280 placing pts
7.	England	290 placing pts
8.	Italy	292 placing pts
9.	Australia	305 placing pts
10.	Slovakia	309 placing pts
11.	South Africa	310 placing pts
12.	Bosnia-Herzegovina	310 placing pts
13.	Scotland	328 placing pts
14.	Poland	337 placing pts
15.	Norway	340 placing pts
16.	Croatia	344 placing pts
17.	Romania	355 placing pts
18.	Belgium	366 placing pts
19.	Slovenia	380 placing pts
20.	Holland	381 placing pts
21.	Ireland	411 placing pts
22.	Canada	420 placing pts

Individuals:

1.	Marek Walczyk *(Poland)*	36 fish	246 placing pts
2.	Eric Lelouvier *(France)*	30 fish	251 placing pts
3.	Antonin Pesek *(Czech Republic)*	22 fish	251 placing pts
4.	Bertrand Jacquemin *(France)*	22 fish	252 placing pts
5.	Yann Caleri *(France)*	29 fish	255 placing pts
6.	Julien Daguillanes *(France)*	24 fish	256 placing pts
7.	Pieter Van Der Westhuisen *(South Africa)*	40 fish	257 placing pts
8.	Marinko Puskaric *(Croatia)*	18 fish	263 placing pts
9.	Jonathan Riley *(Australia)*	33 fish	266 placing pts
10.	Luca Tescaro *(Italy)*	19 fish	266 placing pts

21. John Horsey *(England)*
34. Simon Robinson *(England)*
50. John Tyzack *(England)*
58. Andrew Dixon *(England)*
82. Davey Parker *(England)*
109. Howard Croston *(England)*

European Fly Fishing Championships

Sunnfjord, Norway

C.E.F.F.

Confederation of English Fly Fishers

European Championship Norway 2007

Paul Page
England Team
Manager / Captain
Contact: william@wpage.fslife.co.uk

England Rivers International Team Manager for 14 years and European Team Manager for 3 years. 1 Loch Style International cap plus 2 European Gland Slam Golds.
One of England's most experienced team managers, with many Team Gold and silver medals. Many years experience at the highest levels of Competitive Fly Fishing

Stuart crofts
Competitor
Contact: Pennine@troutbum.freeserve.co.uk

6 World Championship caps; 3 European Championship caps; and 5 River International caps. The team's entomology and River fly fishing expert. Team player with many years experience at the highest levels of Competitive Fly Fishing

Jeremy Lucas
Competitor
Contact: jjbrlucas@btopenworld.com

2 World Championship caps; 2 European Championship caps; 7 Loch Style International caps; and 3 River International caps.
One of the team's all-rounder's. General tactician and team player with many years experience at the highest levels of Competitive Fly Fishing

Mike Tinnion
Competitor
Contact: miketinnion@aol.com

3 World Championship caps; 3 European Championship caps; 1 Loch Style International caps; and 2 River International caps.
One of the team's all-rounder's. Resourceful and solid team player with experience at the highest levels of Competitive Fly Fishing during recent years.

Iain Barr
Competitor
Contact: iain barr2000@yahoo.co.uk

5 World Championship caps; 4 European Championship caps; 9 Loch Style International caps; and 1 River International cap.
One of the team's all-rounder's. Innovative tactician and team player with years of experience at the highest levels of Competitive Fly Fishing.

Simon Kidd
Competitor
Contact: simon.kidd3@btinternet.com

6 World Championship caps; and 1 River International cap.
One of the team's all-rounder's. Open minded and analytical team player with experience at the highest levels of Competitive Fly Fishing during recent years.

Vince Brooks
Competitor
Contact: vbrooksvince@aol.com

1 European Championship cap; and 5 Loch Style International caps.
The team's wild brown trout boat fishing expert. New to the squad but with many years experience at National and International levels of Competitive Fly Fishing

Reports by Jeremy Lucas from Sunnfjord, Forde, Norway

August 13th 2007



The England Team has arrived in the Forde area of south west Norway, about 200 km north of Bergen. The scenery is spectacular. We fished today on the Gaular River, on practice water not far from the Championship sectors. As is typical in early preparation for an International, we used a whole range of methods, essentially working in pairs, over about two kilometres of river. All team members caught a total of 103 brown trout between 20 cm and 40cm. The Championship minimum size will be 16cm on some sectors, and 18cm on the others (5 sectors in all).

After the four hour fishing session we explored the area around Sunnfjord and were astonished by the majestic beauty of this region of Norway. Several of us have visited Norway before, but this region stands out. Our guide, John Kaasa, tells me that even the Norwegians find this region stunning. We are this evening tired and happy, though missing home already, of course.

Tomorrow we make our first fishing approach on one of the vast lakes, from both bank and boat. I will be partnering Iain Barr, as we both explore different methods, sectioning up the water, each of us attempting to put our varied experiences of drift fishing, and our different skills, to develop an optimised approach in time for our actual boat sessions. This will be a fascinating experience for both of us, actually, because we have many differences in our fly fishing histories. As today, when I paired up with Stuart Crofts, both dedicated river specialists, we escalated our learning experience by working so closely together.

There is a long way to go, but we have had a wonderful start. Now, we feel poised, close to the beginning of this particular Championship campaign; excited, tempered by the reality that there is so far to go.

14th August:
Lake Haukedalsvt, an hour into the mountains from Forde. We fished from bank and boat this hugely prolific trout lake. Some areas were populated by very small fish, however, in colossal numbers. In my afternoon session, for example, I caught almost a hundred trout, while only five of them would have been above the size limit. Vince Brooks, Mike Tinnion and Iain Barr, however, all found a shallow water area in the east of the lake where a glacier fed river flows in, and each managed in the region of 40 takable trout.

No single method is shining out, though small nymphs and wet flies seem to be more consistent that dry fly. We are finding that slow sinking lines probably produce a more successful hook up rate than the floater, but this may be just a feature of this lake on this particular day.

Like most of Western Europe, Norway is being pounded by rain. Today we watched showers cascading between the mountains, ignited by rainbows. This really is an awesomely beautiful country. The fabulous fishing is a bonus.



England

Paul Page (Manager/Captain), Iain Barr, Vince Brooks, Stuart Crofts, Simon Kidd, Jeremy Lucas, Mike Tinnion & Baz Reece (Support).







WORDS: Iain Barr PICTURES: England Team manager Paul Page

CUTTING EDGE

Iain Barr reveals the incredible tactical journey towards England's silver medal in the European Championships

TEAM England set off to Sunnfjord, Norway for the 13th Fips Mouche European Championships in high hopes. The team had practised on a wild brown trout venue in the North of England and fished regularly on Eyebrook Reservoir where the fishing is predominantly on the surface, closely mimicking Norway.

The competition venues consisted of three lake sessions, two of which would be from a drifting boat and one from the shore. The two remaining sessions would be on rivers, fed from the famous Norwegian glaciers. We were solely fishing for wild brown trout as there are no grayling that far south in Norway

I have been spoilt by some of the fishing venues have witnessed in my exploits for England, but Sunnfjord offered some of the most stunning scenery I've ever seen. It is locally known as the Waterfall Capital of Norway with breathtaking flows of water falling down the hills around almost every bend. The waterfalls, fed by the persistent rain, left us wet for eight days!

My optimism grew as we practised on the local lakes. Guided by John Kaasa, previously a Norwegian Team member he told us to expect up to 20 fish in our three-hour session from the boats. fished with the impressive Jeremy Lucas. We returned with a creditable 14 wild trout all over the minimum requirement of 18cm. We met for a team brief only to be blown away by the others who had 40-60 each in just three hours!



Although they didn't count in the competition, super-fit seatrout readily took your fly.

STEEP BANKS

THIS was the start of the jigsaw puzzle we were to put together and part of our tactical plan to come home with a medal. Never before have been involved in such a technical and tactical approach to competitive flyfishing. After swapping partners and lake positions we ventured out for a further three hours. The corner of our igsaw was fixed in place as we confirmed there were very few trout around the margins where there was a cliff face. In contrast, like shoaling rainbows, there were hundreds, if not thousands in the shallow bays. On this practice lake, a local guide told me they net some 0,000 tonne of wild brown trout from September 1 to October 1 every year. They obviously missed some After several more lake sessions catching obscene amounts of wild trout, the picture become clearer Steep banks were ruled out but shallow bays, weeds, trees and any form of structure were areas to target. The trout were looking for mainly terrestrials so overhanging trees were always happy hunting grounds.

LEADER SET UP

THIS played a major part in our onslaught on Europe. Many of the river experts in our team fished with fine leader material down to 4lb. I started with 8lb fluorocarbon and soon found that it made no difference. Seeing how far I could go, tried 10lb still no difference at all. While I was pulling



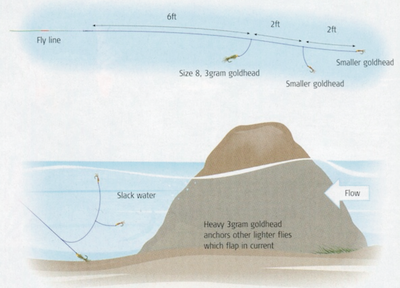
England's Jeremy Lucas nets a stunning Norwegian brown on the Guala river.

out brown trout two or three at a time, my fellow team member would be undoing knots. This is valuable time wasted when you only have three hours It was a team decision to fish no less than 6lb but most used 8lb-plus. I used Frog Hair fluorocarbon which has a high strength and fine diameter and landed many 'trios' on the 8.8lb strength. The leader length the team agreed on was 14-16 feet maximum, in contrast to the 22 feet use here on the reservoirs. We were allowed to fish three flies and the distance between flies was crucial. We also shortened droppers down to four inches maximum to reduce tangles this did not affect the numbers of fish caught. Slowly we were refining our approach to maximise fishing time in our three-hour sessions.

THE PLOP

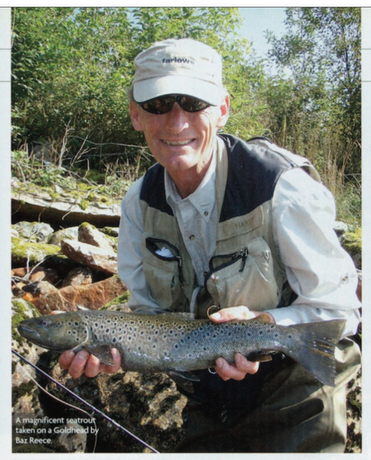
WE soon realised the trout were attracted to the 'plop' as the fly hit the water. Many teams had this method but placing the middle dropper nearer the point fly produced more fish. Mick Tinnion had been catching fish on a local pattern fished on the middle dropper I fished the same pattern on the top dropper and had virtually nothing. There had to be a reason. raised the question about distance between the flies and this is where the reason lay. Mick had been fishing his Claret Hopper with green tag just

SACRIFICIAL NYMPH RIVER RIG





Peace and tranquillity. A still-looking Navatna competition lake.



A magnificent seatrout taken on a Goldhead by Baz Reece.

three feet away from his mini Humungus or Woolly Bugger on the point. This was tied with a 3mm gold Tungsten bead to make a vivid 'plop' when it hit the water I had my middle dropper six foot away from my point fly. The fish were hearing the 'plop' from the point fly and searching for their next meal. However within seconds this was already six inches or so down so immediately below most feeding fish. They were, however seeing the Claret Hopper sitting in the film, yet to be dragged down by the weight of the point fly. In my case, they were hearing the 'plop' which was instantly below them but not seeing the dropper as it was too far away. This was a major part of our jigsaw coming together

INSTANT TAKES

WHEN reservoir fishing, we have all witnessed fish that take the fly within a split second of it hitting the surface. Rainbows are quick, wild browns are much faster! Team tactics were to cast out and ensure every cast made in the three hours turned over so the leader straightened. As we nipped the line to turn the flies over we kept hold of the line, so we were 'fishing' the flies almost in mid-air before they hit the water I would estimate, in the early part of the sessions, over 70 per cent of the fish came within a second of the fly hitting the surface. Yet another piece of the jigsaw was in place.

CHOICE OF LINE

ON the lakes, we soon learnt that there were fish in the top few inches and some feeding several feet down on daphnia. Wild brown trout substantially feed on floating terrestrials so we came up with a method of fishing dry fly and the 'plop'. Most would opt for the floating line but we found that this 'bounced' too many fish off The slime line sitting just a few inches down, helps set the hook better as the line 'digs' in adding a weight to set the hook. Jeremy Lucas felt he was landing just one fish in eight takes on the floating line That is a tiny proportion and a mistake many other teams would make. However Jeremy did master the floating line by fishing it dead slow. Any flies pulled resulted in them bouncing off but fished dead slow the hook rates increased for him and this was his confident method.

DRY FLY

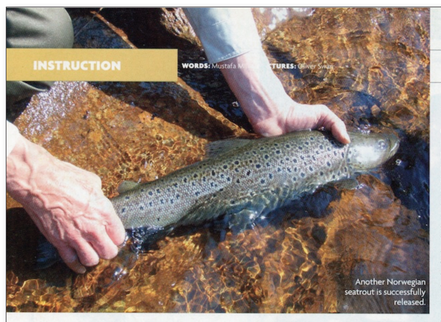
TO maximise our opportunities we didn't want to miss trout taking the dry fly so readily off the top. We also wanted to catch those attracted to the 'plop'. started fishing my first dropper a Bibio Hopper six or seven feet away from the fly line and greased this up. I had my next dropper the Claret Hopper six feet from this, which also greased up and then just three foot to a Mini Humungus. Keeping the top dropper

WINNING SET-UP



FAVOURITE FLIES FOR NORWAY





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Another Norwegian seatrout is successfully released.

away from the end of the slime line and keeping it greased up allowed me to fish it as a dry for at least 20 seconds, wh le the Claret Hopper stayed dry for about five seconds and the Humungus fished the drop through the layers. This had all methods covered in one cast.

We would start with two dries and a 'plopping' fly The middle dropper would then be a wet fly or emerger as it was dragged down and the point fly and the Humungus would be a tantalising small fry a substantial meal to a small wild trout. Once it all settled we would then stroke it back slowly optimising our chances of catching more fish in the same cast. More casting and covering the same water wasted time so it was important to hook-up on every cast, which in practice was not impossible

RIVER FISHING

THE rivers were rising and falling every day as the rain continued to fall. So much so that a Volvo estate car was seen floating down the river through the town after leaving the road It was classic wild brown trout fishing and the fish were just where you'd expect to find them behind every boulder in every back-eddy and under every tree. This made the river fishing easier now we just had to get the flies and techniques right.

I have now fished for England 22 times and you never stop learning. Baz Reece, who travelled as our 'go-for' cook, cleaner and general fly tyer found a technique for fishing deep holes in fast water He used a very heavy sacrificial fly on the top dropper with two small nymphs on the droppers. The heavy fly got the other two more natural flies to the depth required. Once down there he swung his rod downstream so the flies travelled slightly faster than the current. The heavy sacrificial fly kept the smaller nymphs anchored deep and they fluttered freely in the current. When a fish took the smaller nymphs, the weight of the heavy sacrificial fly set the hook and the fish was on.

The 'duo' and 'trio' methods proved fruitful, as did the 'double dry fly' method. The duo and trio consists of a dry fly on the top dropper with one or two small nymphs fished below it. You often watch for the dry fly disappearing, showing that a fish has taken a nymph. The double dry has to be one of the fastest methods for 'hoovering' a beat. You cast every few seconds into a fresh piece of water Put an imaginary grid in front of you, stand in one place, cast once into every square, move several feet and repeat the process. This way, no fish is left uncovered. Confidence was high on the rivers but took one extra practice session and had a great three hours netting over 45 trout.

READY TO GO

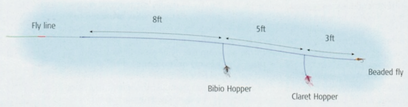
N all previous championships the team usually needed the full two weeks practice, but after just a few days we wanted the competition to begin. This team had something special. The refining of casts, leader lengths, choice of lines, approach to beats, choice of flies etc had this team focused and ready We used the remaining practice to keep refining and bu lding our confidence.

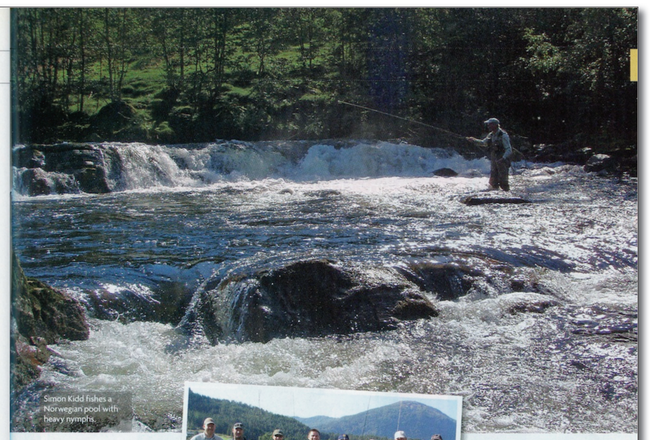
COMPETITION

MY first session was boat fishing on Navatna Lake. Fish moved readily in front of the landing stage but headed for the shallow bays across the other side. A cliff face came in from the left and the opposite offered small bays and trees! Most boats went right, but one wandered left. This was to be the winner of this session, the French angler who had practised previously over 90 days before (legal limit before a championship and found a small brook coming in. He came in with 20 and I with 16 from the other side of the lake. I missed a fair few but this always happens on barbless hooks, stuck with my game plan and fished shallow bays, taking 10 fish but then I spotted one moving in a wind lane. picked up a further six in the wind lanes to finish in second place. We added this to our tactics as we knew the shallow bays and margins would take a lot of pressure and would soon produce very few fish, then wind lanes would be a good back-up plan.

My second session was on the Gaula River A Slovakian had taken just four fish from the beat before me so knew was in for a tough time. I fished the margins with small dries and nymphs taking just one fish as tried desperately not to spook the wary trout. turned to the Di-3, a Red Tag Goldhead and a mixture of nymphs and wets on droppers. I fished down and across and missed a few fish on my way down. came to a small pool at the base of my beat and the fun started. Unfortunately dropped three as brought them through the fast water towards the net. My only option was to cross the river I did this but had a 30 yard sprint through ankle depth water and a 10 yard wade at chest deep to each fish. Twenty two fish later and 12 or so wasted journeys by fish of just a few millimetres, saw me physically exhausted. had to sit for 30-40 minutes after the match for fear of fainting. This effort and a truly magnificent team performance on day one, saw us finish in

ENGLAND'S STANDARD LEADER SET-UP





Simon Kidd fishes a Norwegian pool with heavy nymphs.



The result of a lot of hard work. Team England, European silver medallists.

sixth place well within striking distance. Stuart Crofts took a very impressive second on a beat of river which looked devoid of fish and the rest of the team backed this up with solid performances.

DAY 2

THIS involved just one session with a much-needed rest in the afternoon. drew my second lake boat session and had a great day with an Irish angler We boated 24 trout, me taking 13 to give me a close third place. But better was to come. England stormed up the table with ust 19 placing points for all five team members. My third was backed by three incredible second places and a 10th. Team tactics refined in practice continued to rally and head us up the table. We were now second, just one point behind the Czech Republic going into the last two sessions. was lying second individual having finished sixth after day one.

DAY 3

WAS on the bank lake session this morning as the heavens opened again. Long distance casting was to play a major part in this championships and the bank session was no exception. The controller said that the first guy had 10, then this was followed by two fives. started with the tried and tested trio of Bibio Hopper Claret Hopper and Humungus on the point. missed five fish before netting my first. I took a further four in the first hour then all dried up. Simon Kidd had told of catching fish 40 seconds down on slime lines by just fishing the drop. tried it and it worked, taking nine more fish to finish with another second place.

LAST SESSION

ALL team members were bused off to the final session and news filtered through that England were still lying second and I was occupying top individual. However knew we had some tough pegs going into the last session and teams were right behind us. was on the Jolster River, which produced the least fish of all venues. Simon had a tough beat on the Gaula and Vince Brooks had a tough boat session to conquer. The heavy rain continued and the river had risen by two feet since the morning, making my beat dangerous and very fast. caught a beauty of 32.8cm on my third cast, but all dried up until winkled one more out with just 10 minutes to go. was convinced I'd blown it as an individual but hoped that this magnificent team would do England proud and cling to the top three. had been in a team silver medal position in a couple of championships only to slip out of the medals on the last day, and I didn't want to do it again. We had mixed fortunes on the last day as the Czech Republic angler on my beat won the last session only for a fellow team member of his to blank on another beat, on which England did well. Vince Brooks had a solid performance in the boat session; Jeremy Lucas also backed this with a good performance but was it enough?

We sat quietly down to dinner certain that lightening was going to strike for a third time. A subdued and exhausted Paul Page slipped away to get the results. Head down, he returned to give us the news, then revealed that England had won the silver medal and that 'd won silver individual. We had beaten the French, two Czech Republic teams, the Polish and many more top countries. clung to silver individual but owe the very metal and ribbons to the team and management that surrounded me. The Italians squeezed past England by just 12 points and Jorge Pisco of Portugal edged me out by three points to deservedly be crowned European Champion 2007

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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – SUNNFJORD NORWAY

Captain – Paul Page

Competitors – Iain Barr – Stuart Crofts – Mike Tinnion – Jeremy Lucas – Simon Kidd – Vince Brooks

Guide – John Kassa

Support module – Baz Reece

Competing Teams – Norway x 2 – Czech Republic x 2 – England – England Ladies – Luxembourg – Ireland – Slovakia – Hungary – Finland – Bulgaria – Rumania – France – Netherland – Portugal – Polandx2 – Italy.

Venues – Jolstra River – Gaula River – Movato Lake (boat) – Hestadfjorden Lake (boat) – Viksdalsvato Lake (bank)



The team were based in cabins in the town of Forde. It was a central base for all the many rivers and lakes that the guide had lined up for practice. It was an opportunity to keep the teams as a close knit unit and also to save costs. Baz was asked to come along at his own expense to provide a multi role as Cook, Chauffeur, Gofer and to help in the fishing practice.
John Kassa met the teams and had found some suitable practice venues that were as close to the match venues as possible.
The area had enjoyed some lovely weather and the rivers were in fine shape. Each of the rivers was crystal clear as were the lakes that they fed. The region is very mountainous and quite stunning in its natural beauty.

The practice days were very interesting and productive. The first river to be fished produced some very good catches indeed to a variety of methods. The trout were not the largest but perfect natural beauties. The lakes from boat and bank provided some stunning bags of fish. It was not uncommon for individuals to record 40 fish to a session! But these fish did not like sustained pressure and became more wily as they were covered again.

Initially the practice was a familiarisation to the area but as the days drew on Paul began to manage the practice by pairing the team and working the water in a structured way. Each pairing had to fish different flies and use different methods.
This shared the abilities and gained better fishing practices throughout the team so each was confident to use a method that had less confidence with before.
At the meetings Paul took detailed notes to help formulate tactics for the match. Each individual in the team contributed to the effort so that there were no surprises in the match itself and each one had the same flies and array of methods to use.


VINCE BROOKS AND JOHN KASSA

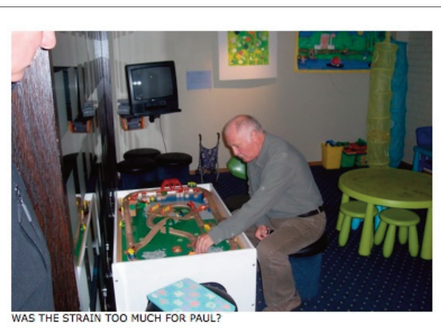
After a few days the weather turned and the rivers became torrents and even the lakes rose very quickly. In pleasure fishing you would have given it a miss but the lads were sent out in the pouring rain to produce a result as it could have been possible to see these conditions in the match. But such was the diversity of the team that methods were found to pull fish from some tough water. The catch rate did go down on the rivers but the lads still caught and the lakes showed little change but perhaps were a little colder.


STUART CROFTS INTO A FISH FROM A RAGING WATERFALL

At the end of the practice the team were bonded well and were working as a solid unit. John Kassa had contributed well. Baz had kept them well fed. But there was no air of overconfidence. The trout were hungry fish and some pegs would have lots of fish in and some less. But everywhere produced and in all conditions. From delicate dries to some seriously heavy bugs the team had them all and knew how to use them.

The schedule had been demanding and when the team moved to the Rica Sunnfjord Hotel Paul did not make any demands on the team. There was official practice but it was up to the individual if they wished to go to tighten up any methods.
This was a good plan as the lads were drained and felt they had enough knowledge and did not want to complicate the thought train.
The down time was spent fly tying, walking practice beats and looking at the lake venues. Spotting other anglers and watching what was caught. At no time did any one worry what the other teams were doing or using.

The team were ready and the match started. Stuart would fish the river session and Vince the lakes with the others fishing all five sessions. Just prior to the match it began to rain again. The rivers would rise as we knew. Baz and Paul were out on the venues to watch and assist the teams to ensure they concentrated solely on the fishing.
As the results began to come in it was clear that the rivers were pegov but no single team appeared to have any advantage. The boat lakes were even and the bank again was up and down.
After the first session England came in and held sixth place. The Norwegians, French, Italians, Poles and Czechs were up there. The pressure was on.
The second session went better for the team and it was thought that we had climbed higher in the standings but had only moved up one place.


WAS THE STRAIN TOO MUCH FOR PAUL?

After the first day a good team meeting and rest saw the lads pull out the stops and pull into second position in both day twos sessions. The French went down the table with the Italians pulling up into the fray with the Norwegians, Czech and Poles.
The Irish lads were really doing well being in the top ten.
In the individual stakes Iain Barr had some firsts and seconds in his sessions and was in the top three. Mike Tinnion was putting in solid performances to earn him the title of 'The Rock'. But Stuart also put in top performances on the rivers with Jeremy, Simon and Vince getting results that mattered.
There were no runaway leaders and the top ten teams could easily win the event.

The last day was really nail biting stuff. After the first session the lads came back with some mediocre scores but there were some good placings. Paul and Baz were watching the cards and buoyed the lads with news that they were still beating some of the top teams on their venues. This was backed by England going into the last session in second place. It was as tight as a gnats chuff at the top. It was all to play for.

So into the last session and the lads dug deep. Again the placings didn't appear good. But such were the results for everyone the result could never could never be predicted.

As the lads were nervously trying to eat in the evening the result came through. England had taken the team silver! The noise was deafening as the lads took it in. Indeed there were tears as the reality set in. Amongst the din Paul had to announce that Iain Barr had secured the individual Silver as well. What a result for the team.

The Italians were in first position, Czechs third. Portugal had the top individual and Norway third.


TEAM ENGLAND A FANTASTIC RESULT

It cannot be understated that this was a great achievement. Paul had predicted that he would get a team in a medal winning position after he took up the position of manager. We can beat the French, Poles and Czechs.
The winning started a year ago with Pauls planning and the CEFFIC selection. John Ball as treasurer raising funds by all means possible.

This winning formula will be taken forward and it is hoped that we can bring this success to the attention a sponsor as the future is unclear due to Sport England stopping the grant that financially supported the Confederation.

But this was also down to a solid team performance and one of pure dedication.
One of the lads was so engrossed in fishing that he failed to spot the drop off while wading. After taking a ducking he said," I KNEW SOMETHING WAS UP WHEN ME FAG WENT OUT AND ME HAT FLOATED DOWN THE RIVER"

Brilliant!

1.	Italy	162 placing pts	237 fish
2.	England 1	174 placing pts	218 fish
3.	Czech Republic 2	183 placing pts	187 fish
4.	Czech Republic 1	184 placing pts	260 fish
5.	Poland 2	187 placing pts	207 fish
6.	Norway 2	191 placing pts	284 fish
7.	France	191 placing pts	181 fish
8.	Norway 1	198 placing pts	177 fish
9.	Finland	215 placing pts	280 fish
10.	Ireland	220 placing pts	200 fish
11.	Poland 1	223 placing pts	147 fish
12.	Slovakia	248 placing pts	153 fish
13.	Holland	259 placing pts	98 fish
14.	Portugal	270 placing pts	123 fish
15.	Hungary	306 placing pts	87 fish
16.	Luxembourg	311 placing pts	66 fish
17.	England 2 (Ladies)	347 placing pts	39 fish

Individuals:

1.	Jorge Pisco *(Portugal)*	46 fish	20 placing pts
2.	Iain Barr *(England 1)*	68 fish	23 placing pts
3.	Paal Anderson *(Norway 2)*	117 fish	24 placing pts
4.	Jan Pecina *(Czech Republic 2)*	36 fish	25 placing pts
5.	Mike Tinnion *(England 1)*	54 fish	26 placing pts
6.	Artur Trzaskos *(Poland 2)*	54 fish	27 placing pts
7.	Igor Slavik *(Czech Republic 1)*	44 fish	27 placing pts
8.	Luca Papandrea *(Italy)*	44 fish	27 placing pts
9.	James Russell *(Ireland)*	31 fish	27 placing pts
10.	Erlend Vivelid Nilssen *(Norway 2)*	76 fish	28 placing pts

39. Simon Kidd *(England 1)*
47. Jeremy Lucas *(England 1)*
64. Stuart Crofts *(England 1)*
68. Vince Brooks *(England 1)*

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING COMPETITION

Scottish Anglers National Association

ENGLAND IRELAND SCOTLAND WALES

AUTUMN INTERNATIONAL
LAKE OF MENTEITH
SCOTLAND
FRIDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2007

MATCH BOOKLET

International Fly Fishing Association Acknowledgements

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INTERNATIONAL DINNER

King Robert Hotel
Friday 14th September 2007
8.00 p.m. for 8.30 p.m.

Dress: Lounge Suits or Blazers

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ENGLAND

Graham Watson – Team Manager

		Trout	lbs	oz
1)	**Vince Brooks (Capt.)**	.....	.....	.....
2)	Craig Barr	.....	.....	.....
3)	Andrew Green	.....	.....	.....
4)	Paul Golding	.....	.....	.....
5)	Richard Kesek	.....	.....	.....
6)	Jeff Latter	.....	.....	.....
7)	Will Lear	.....	.....	.....
8)	Mick McLintic	.....	.....	.....
9)	Mark Miles	.....	.....	.....
10)	Simon Morris	.....	.....	.....
11)	Keith Nicholson	.....	.....	.....
12)	Simon Robinson	.....	.....	.....
13)	Lindsay Simpson	.....	.....	.....
14)	Rob Sosbe	.....	.....	.....
TOTALS		___	_____	
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IRELAND

Michael Callaghan – Team Manager

		Trout	lbs	oz
1)	**Robert Reilly (Capt.)**	.....	.....	.....
2)	Andrew Boyd	.....	.....	.....
3)	Paul Dunne	.....	.....	.....
4)	Padraic Fahy	.....	.....	.....
5)	Barry Fox	.....	.....	.....
6)	Liam Gilsenan	.....	.....	.....
7)	Eddie Harte	.....	.....	.....
8)	Kenny Hutchison	.....	.....	.....
9)	Mick Linehan	.....	.....	.....
10)	Stan McCart	.....	.....	.....
11)	Pat McDonnell	.....	.....	.....
12)	Dave Mears	.....	.....	.....
13)	Ivor Moffett	.....	.....	.....
14)	Michael O'Farrell	.....	.....	.....
TOTALS		___	_____	
		___	_____	

SCOTLAND

John Ross – Team Manager

		Trout	lbs	oz
1)	**Peter Auchterlonie (Capt.)**	.....	.....	.....
2)	Robert Baldi	.....	.....	.....
3)	Jim Fairgrieve	.....	.....	.....
4)	Paul Garner	.....	.....	.....
5)	Jeff Lawson	.....	.....	.....
6)	William Leach	.....	.....	.....
7)	James Litster	.....	.....	.....
8)	Kevin McCabe	.....	.....	.....
9)	Gordon Michie	.....	.....	.....
10)	David Moore	.....	.....	.....
11)	Keith Renton	.....	.....	.....
12)	Gus Shepherd	.....	.....	.....
13)	John Simpson	.....	.....	.....
14)	Michael Ward	.....	.....	.....
TOTALS		___	_____	
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WALES

Moc Morgan – Team Manager

		Trout	lbs	oz
1)	**Paul Davies (Capt.)**	.....	.....	.....
2)	Neil Ashman	.....	.....	.....
3)	Anthony Cartwright	.....	.....	.....
4)	Aled Dixon	.....	.....	.....
5)	Gareth Dixon	.....	.....	.....
6)	Craig Gimblett	.....	.....	.....
7)	Andy Hoffrock	.....	.....	.....
8)	Chris Jones	.....	.....	.....
9)	Gareth Jones	.....	.....	.....
10)	Dean Kibble	.....	.....	.....
11)	Russell Owen	.....	.....	.....
12)	Michael Roberts	.....	.....	.....
13)	Jeff Thomas	.....	.....	.....
14)	Kieron Thomas	.....	.....	.....
TOTALS		___	_____	
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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
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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	44	27	19	8	98
Ireland	11	20	26	43	100
Scotland	29	27	25	21	102
Wales	18	28	31	25	102

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

Recent Results

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
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
	Lake of Menteith	S	E	I	W
2006	Lough Lein	E	I	S	W
	Llyn Brenig	S	I	W	E
2007	Rutland Water	E	S	W	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. Fish Finders, Echo Sounders etc. are debarred during the official practice days and the actual Match day.
6f. One mobile phone, switched off, is permitted in each boat and strongly recommended as a safety measure. The phone is only to be used to contact the emergency number for help in the event of a serious situation or breakdown developing.
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.

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING COMPETITION

Scottish Anglers National Association

ENGLAND IRELAND SCOTLAND WALES

AUTUMN INTERNATIONAL
LAKE OF MENTEITH
SCOTLAND
FRIDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2007

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Angler's name

Boat no

CATCH & RELEASE RECORD

This card to be used ONLY AFTER the angler has caught and killed his 6th fish

1		6		11	
2		7		12	
3		8		13	
4		9		14	
5		10		15	

Boatman's signature _____

Angler's signature _____

Boat partner's signature _____

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 six (6) 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 sixth (6th) 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 14th September 2007

Home made Chicken Liver Pate
served with Red Onion Marmalade & Scottish Oatcakes

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Seasonal Vegetable Broth
served with a Crusty Bread Roll

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Slow Roasted Sirloin of Beef
served with a Rich Pan Jus & Yorkshire pudding

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Raspberry Cranachan flavoured with Malt Whisky
served with Home made Shortbread

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Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee
served with Drambuie Truffles

Autumn International Match
Lake of Menteith
September 2007

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 11th September

4.00 pm-7.00 pm	Arrive and book in at King Robert Hotel
7.45 pm	Dinner
	Team meeting rooms
	England:
	Ireland:
	Scotland:
	Wales:
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 12th 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
7.45 pm	Dinner

Thursday 13th 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
7.45 pm	Dinner

Friday 14th 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's match and weigh-in
6.00 pm	International weigh-in
8.30 pm	International Dinner
	Results & Presentation of Trophies

Saturday 15th September

8.00 am	Breakfast and home after settling your bills!

INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

AUTUMN INTERNATIONAL

LAKE of MENTEITH

Friday 14th September 2007



Captains – Vince Brooks (England), Robert Reilly (Ireland), Paul Davies (Wales) & Peter Auchterlonie (Scotland).



England

Vince Brooks (Captain), Craig Barr, Paul Golding, Andrew Green, Richard Kesek, Jeff Latter, Will Lear, Mick McLintic, Mark Miles, Simon Morris, Keith Nicholson, Simon Robinson, Lindsay Simpson, Rob Sosbe & Graham Watson (Manager).



Ireland

Robert Reilly (Captain), Andrew Boyd, Paul Dunne, Padraic Fahy, Barry Fox, Liam Gilsenan, Eddie Harte, Kenny Hutchinson, Mike Linehan, Stan McCart, Pat McDonnell, Dave Mears, Ivor Moffett, Michael O'Farrell & Michael Callaghan (Manager).



Scotland

Peter Auchterlonie (Captain), Robert Baldi, Jim Fairgrieve, Paul Garner, Jeff Lawson, William Leach, James Litster, Kevin McCabe, Gordon Michie, David Moore, Keith Renton, Gus Shepherd, John Simpson, Michael Ward & John Ross (Manager).



Wales

Paul Davies (Captain), Neil Ashman, Anthony Cartwright, Aled Dixon, Gareth Dixon, Craig Gimblett, Andy Hoffock, Chris Jones, Gareth Jones, Dean Kibble, Russell Owen, Michael Roberts, Jeff Thomas, Kieron Thomas & Moc Morgan (Manager).



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MENTEITH MAJORS ON FINALS

THE Lake of Menteith had a busy month, hosting some of the major finals in the Scottish angling calendar

In the 2007 Scottish National Championship, Alec McEwan from Och ltree, emerged as champion. Representing the Rainbow Warriors, he caught 14 fish for 30lb 10oz, just ahead of second-placed Andy Mackay, from nverclyde, on 13 fish for 28lb 4oz, while third was Hamish Simpson of Canmore AC, 11 for 23lb 14oz. The heaviest fish at 5lb 6oz fell to A. Dunn, of Roche AC.

The Scottish Ladies National Championship was won by June Crighton from Edinburgh, with Ailsa Smith second and Elaine McCracken third. une concentrated her efforts mainly in nternational Bay and took her six-fish limit on a mix of lures and nymphs on a Di-3.

In the Autumn International, Wales came out on top with 55 fish weighing 162lb. n second place was England, 53 fish for 157lb 11oz, third Scotland, 49 for 138lb 2oz, and fourth reland, 41 for 119lb 4oz. Russell Owen of Wales was top individual with 10 fish for 25lb 8oz. Heaviest trout at 4lb 14oz went to Scotland's Robert Baldi.

Scotland won the Youth Home nternational with 43 fish weighing 106lb 8oz. In second place was reland, 32 for 81lb 1oz, third England, 28 for 74lb 6oz, and fourth Wales, 26 for 63lb 2oz. Perth angler Scott Miller was the top individual performer taking the best basket at six for 18lb 8oz and the heaviest fish at 6lb 4oz.

The Police International Fly Fishing Championship was also held at the Lake, and Scotland were victorious with 61 fish weighing 145lb 11oz. England was second, 45 fish for 108lb 15oz, Northern Ireland third, with 43 fish; and Wales fourth, with 30 fish. Top rod was Alan Hill from Ayrshire.

The 2007 Scottish National Champion Alec McEwan.

Alan Hill from Ayrshire, receives best individual trophy from Chief superintendent Gordon McKenzie

1. Wales	55 fish	162-0-0
2. England	53 fish	157-11-0
3. Scotland	49 fish	138-2-8
4. Ireland	41 fish	119-4-8

Full Results >>

Loch-style National

Grafham Water - 22nd September 2007















INTERVIEW

18-YEAR-OLD WINS ENGLISH SENIOR NATIONAL

Bewl regular Joel Beeney hits the jackpot on his first attempt

WHEN a young angler competes for the very first time with the seniors, he's bound to be nervous. But if that youngster wins the senior national on his first attempt, it would take a hard man not to offer congratulations and encouragement.

Well that's exactly what happened to Joel Beeney at Grafham Water At just 18-years-old, Joel is believed to be the youngest ever winner of the English senior National an achievement that brought huge applause from the competitors as his name was announced.

"With 100 top class anglers competing, it felt great to receive applause from them all," said a delighted Joel.

During the three days' practice, the wind blew hard and Joel elected to fish the south shore with nymphs his preferred technique. But the wind dropped on match day forcing him to change tactics to pulling two Blobs, with two nymphs in between, on a Di-3 line near G-Buoy on the opposite shore.

On a leader of approximately 20 foot he placed a Sunburst Blob on the top dropper, seven foot from the fly line. Then, on went a Cruncher nymph four foot further down on a dropper, with a further four feet to a Diawl Bach and then four feet to the Olive Blob on the point. The idea is to attract trout to the bright Blobs only for suspacious fish to turn on the more natural looking nymphs. The set-up earned Joel his eight fish by mid-afternoon, providing him with a 4.5-hour time bonus.

"As I motored back to the dock I thought I'd make the top five," claimed Joel, who clearly didn't know the enormity of what he'd achieved.

According to Joel, the key to his success was the team effort during practice. "There were six of us from Bewl practising and we shared all our information," he added.

JOEL'S JOURNEY INTO FLYFISHING

Living very close to Bewl Water, it was never going to be long before Joel discovered the delights of flyfishing. Aged 12, he cast his first fly. Then, after encouragement from an England Lady fly fisher he decided to try his luck with the England Youth Flyfishing Association.

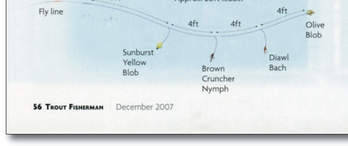
It was here that the likes of team coach Iain Barr passed on tactics and techniques as well as lots of encouragement. Joel also recognises the help of Bewl regular Jeff Latter, who took Joel under his wing.

Now, Joel has ambitions to reach the World team one day. We wish him luck.

YOUTH TEAM CONTACTS
Ireland: www.itffa.com
Scotland: www.sana.org.uk
England: www.eyfa.co.uk
Wales: www.fed-welshanglers.co.uk



THE WINNING FLY SET-UP





1. Joel Beeny *(South East)*	(8 fish for 17-4-0 @ 1:41)	21-8-0
2. Martin Burgess *(Southern)*	(8 fish for 17-3-2 @ 2:00)	21-3-2
3. Tony Curtis *(FMFF)*	(8 fish for 17-0-6 @ 2:35)	20-4-6
4. Peter Appleby *(North West)*	(8 fish for 16-12-4 @ 2:20)	20-4-4
5. Clive Collier *(South East)*	(8 fish for 16-8-2 @ 2:32)	19-12-2
6. Vince Brooks *(Southern)*	(8 fish for 17-1-12 @ 3:35)	19-5-12
7. Si Gaines *(RAF)*	(8 fish for 17-11-0 @ 5:00)	18-11-0
8. Andrew Scott *(Tyne & Wear)*	(8 fish for 15-9-10 @ 3:28)	18-1-10
9. Peter Crow *(Tyne & Wear)*	(8 fish for 17-0-2 @ 4:50)	18-0-2
10. Mark Jones *(Army)*	(8 fish for 16-6-10 @ 4:42)	17-10-10
11. Chris Micallef *(North West)*	(8 fish for 16-6-8 @ 4:35)	17-10-8
12. Mike Cocks *(Severn Trent)*	(8 fish for 15-9-0 @ 4:00)	17-9-0
13. John Hardy *(Army)*	(8 fish for 15-3-4 @ 3:40)	17-7-4
14. Michael Riddell *(RAF)*	(7)	17-4-4
15. Sean Brooks *(South East)*	(8 fish for 14-15-4 @ 4:14)	16-11-4
16. Andy Haskins *(Southern)*	(7)	16-6-12
17. Paul Roach *(Peninsular)*	(8 fish for 15-5-4 @ 3:15)	16-1-4
18. Gareth Headland *(FMFF)*	(8 fish for 15-12-0 @ 5:40)	16-0-0
19. Charles Bowers *(FMFF)*	(7)	15-14-8
20. Dave Eames *(RAF)*	(7)	14-15-4

CEFF
Confederation of English Fly Fishers
AIRFLO CLASSIC 2007

Close Finishes to both the Airflo Classic 2007 Finals.



Both the Airflo Classic Finals were close affairs. Six ounces split the top 2 in the Individual Final and 1 fish split the top 2 in the Team Final. After days of promising practice at Elinor Fishery 55 Anglers waited expectantly for the starter hooter on the Saturday morning, tales of 40 plus fish being landed the day before had wetted the appetite for a good days fishing. Anglers faced 2 sessions of fishing each consisting of 4 sessions on different pegs. With a maximum of 5 fish to be caught from each peg this led to a day of high pressure fishing.



From the off the dam (left) and boat dock areas of the fishery proved to be holding fish as did the main bank of pegs. A good catch here usually led to a good overall score. The top 3 Anglers n the day caught over 60% of their fish in these areas. Towards the latter part of the day the catch rate tailed off a bit. At the lunch time weigh in there were 2 Anglers in the lead with 14 fish but they were run close in the afternoon as their takes dried up.



The winner with 16 Fish was a previous Individual Champion, Midlands Angler Malc Randle (top right). Malc qualified from the Elinor Heat earlier in the year. Runner up (below) was Simon Gaines fishing on behalf of the RAF and third was North Eastern Angle Andrew Grabham. All 3 Anglers caught 16 Fish and both Malc and Simon had the same total weight of fish. The first 2 fish of the final are killed as a tie break and the rest returned safely to the water. The organisers then had to go to the second tie break of the heaviest Fish and Malc took the honours here by 6 ounces. Malc is seen (right) mid morning applying pressure to one of his many fish.



Amongst the interesting events of the day was David Mordue landing 2 fish at the same time under the lens of the days Organiser!



All Photos courtesy of Alan Tonge Airflo Classic Coordinator

On the following day the 23 teams of 3 were welcomed by thick fog which burned off before the start of the Final. The wind had shifted slightly but all still looked forward to a good day. The early sessions did not prove as productive as the Individual final and it was proved later as the Rod average was down slightly.



Winners on the day were Kingfishers (Chris Micallef, Peter Appleby and Fred Bainbridge) with 36 Fish. Runners up (below) were RIO Draycote FF (Ray Cramp, Malc Randle and David Hoppe) with 35 Fish. Third were Rib Valley A (Leigh Pond, Lloyd Pallet and Vince Howley) with 33 Fish.



The organisers were please to have BVG-Airflo Sales Director Gareth Jones available on both days to present prizes to the winners (above). Gareth also joined 2 colleagues from Wales to form a guest Welsh team to take on last years winners from England, Team Snowbee, and the top Scottish qualifiers Coyle A in a Triple Crown Competition. The Welsh Team, Nymph-a-Maniacs stormed to 4th place overall on the day and took the Triple Crown with 29 Fish to Team Snowbee's 19 and Coyle's 13.



Top rod of the Team day was Chris Micallef (Right) of Kingfishers with 20 Fish. Chris had also finished 4th during the previous days Individual Final. The biggest fish of the Finals was a 5lb 13oz Rainbow caught by North Eastern Angler Colin Lynas, winning an Airflo Reel. During the heats leading up to the Finals there was a prize for the biggest fish caught and there was a 2 way tie, both Chris Micallef and Scottish Angler catching fish of 4lb 12oz. Both winning an Airflo rod for their efforts.

Thanks must go to BVG-Airflo for their continued support for this Competition and they have committed up to 2009. Ed Foster and the Staff at Elinor for providing the quality fish and surroundings. The volunteer Controllers who, without their time, the Competition could not go ahead. CEFF Small Water Competitions Secretaries Richard Wood and Alan Tonge for organising the event, the local organisers and fisheries for organising the heats and all the Anglers who entered the Competition and made it one of the most successful for many years.



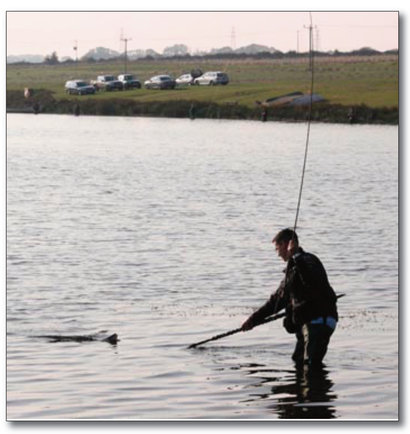
At the end of the match CEFF Airflo Classic Organiser Richard Wood presented a cheque for £150 to the Scottish Youth team, the cheque was accepted on their behalf by Colin Johnson (Right) . The money was raised as part of the entry fee paid by the entrants to the Scottish Heat at Coyle Water.

The Airflo Classic will return in 2008 with more heats around the 4 home nations.

All Photos courtesy of Alan Tonge Airflo Classic Coordinator and Malcolm Price CEFF Secretary.











Individual champion Malc Randle with his trophy and (right) in action at Elinor.

CEFF AIRFLO CLASSIC 2007

CHAMPIONS AGAIN

Covering options and sharing information proved the key at Elinor, where previous winners reigned supreme

DAY 1
WINNING INDIVIDUAL
Malc Randall, Bedworth, Coventry
Won: Airflo rod, gold medal and trophy

MALC is no stranger to this competition having won it in 1998 at Packington, his local water. He has been part of the winning team four times in the 1990s and the runner-up team four times as well.

As part of the Team Rio Draycote Flyers, he's a regular participant in the Lexus and Anglian Water Fulling Mill six-man team events and he has well over 30 years experience on stillwaters. He's even managed seventh place in our very own Troutmasters final.

To suit the Airflo individual for a second time, he adopted a simple approach that like the Maran Kingfishers covered the options for stockies and residents.

In practice he noticed that a small Goldhead Damsel took the freshly introduced trout, while Olive Crunchers took the wiser fish. On an 18 foot leader he tied a size 12 Olive Cruncher nymph on a dropper eight foot from the end of the fly line, then five foot to another size 12 Olive Cruncher and five foot to a size 10 Goldhead Damsel on the point. Productive areas were just past the boats and the shallow water at the dam end near the lodge. It was here that Malc made his only adjustment to the set-up, due to the strong head wind.

"To enable me to cast into the wind, I shortened the leader to 12 foot and used a single fly, the Goldhead Damsel. On all other areas I used three flies on the longer leader," said Malc.

TACKLE USED

ROD: Greys Platinum XD 10ft 8wt. It suits me, throws a nice line and punches out into a wind.
REEL: Greys GRX. A reel simply holds the line for me
FLY LINE: Snowbee Extra Distance floating line. It's so smooth
LEADER: 8lb Rio fluorocarbon. I use three-turn water knots, tie them carefully and wet them thoroughly before tightening

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Malc Randle, Elinor, 16 fish (first 2 weighed 3lb) best fish 1lb 14oz
2. Simon Gaines, Armed Forces, 16 fish (first 2 weighed 3lb) best fish 1lb 9oz
3. Andrew Grabham, Lockwood Beck, 16 fish (first 2 weighed 2lb 14oz) best weighed 1lb 10oz
4. Chris Micallef, Lockwood Beck, 15 fish (first 2 weighed 2lb 12oz) best 1lb 8oz
5. Graham Kennerley, Meadow Fishery, 12 fish (first 2 weighed 3lb 9oz) best 2lb
6. Tim Balding, Haywards Farm, 12 fish (first 2 weighed 3lb 1oz) best 2lb
7. Andy Taylor, Meadow Fishery, 12 fish (first 2 weighed 2lb 10oz) best 1lb 7oz
8. Ray Cramp, Elinor, 12 fish (first 2 weighed 2lb 6oz) best 1lb 6oz
9. Mark Wadds, Bessy Beck, 11 fish (first 2 weighed 3lb 6oz) best 2lb
10. David Hoppe, Bushyleaze, 11 fish (first 2 weighed 2lb 10oz) best 1lb 5oz

DAY 2
WINNING TEAM
Maran Kingfishers: Peter Appleby, Fred Bainbridge, Chris Micallef
Won: Gold medal, Airflo 40-plus 9ft 6in rod, trophy and a voucher for Airflo fly lines.

THIS team's consistency at this event is exemplary they've fished it three times and won it three times. They won in 2004, 2005 (missed 2006) and won again this year. What's more, during that time all three team members became England internationals.

The key to their phenomenal success at Elinor is down to one word communication.

According to Peter every peg at Elinor fishes differently. The stocked fish respond to lures, Blobs and Cat's Whiskers, while the pegs holding resident fish respond to nymphs.

"In the morning session we all fish our own way," said Peter. "Then we compare notes at lunch. This is the crucial part of the day.

"By the numbers of fish caught and tactics used we can assess whether a peg holds resident or stocked fish. If one of us had caught five fish on lures at peg 21, we know that if we draw a peg close to that it'll probably house stockies, so the single Blob on 20 foot leader and 5lb nylon and floating line will score best."

If a team member drew a peg with educated fish they used a 20 foot leader of 5lb nylon connected to a size 12 Apps' Bloodworm with a single leg of Flexi-floss at each end. The sparse Bloodworm sank slowly and fished higher in the water deadly when fish are about six inches down. Another fly successful for residents was a Black Diawl Bach with a pearl back.

On a stockie peg

THE single Blob on floating line and 20 foot 5lb leader was allowed to drift on the breeze. Alternatively, they used a heavily-weighted Blob suspended four feet beneath an indicator. The latter method posed problems when casting into a head wind. But once cast out a fair distance it stayed out for longer as the weighted Blob assumed the role of anchor

Areas of deep water with shallows

THE team used the indicator and Blob approach in these areas, casting into the deep holes between the weed. The match can be won or lost in these really tough pegs, where any fish is a bonus. This technique caught the team a single fish here and there crucial.



Gareth Jones from Airflo (far left) presents the team trophy to Maran Kingfishers. (from l to r: Peter Appleby, Fred Bainbridge and Chris Micallef).

The indicator set-up

THE team used a size 10 competition heavyweight hook for the indicator, with ethafoam tied to the middle of the hook – red or black to suit. The Sunburst Blob was connected to the indicator New Zealand style via the hook bend, providing greater sensitivity and strength. A dropper knot would be weaker

The critical touch

THE team's success was also down to a crucial eye for detail. The sparse Bloodworms, designed to sink slowly through the depths, were tied with Glo Brite No5 cotton on the body. Chris Micallef then varnished the body for a slimmer, natural look further aiding a slow descent.

Chris also applied sinkant to the full 20 foot leader. This way it sat just in the film so as not to spook the fish (apply a small amount on your hand and pull the leader through).

He greased up the fly line four times the previous night so it sat proud on the surface on match day

The future

THE success has prompted Peter Appleby creator of the Apps' Bloodworm to quit the team to form his own, with sons Dean and Glen aged 17 and 18 respectively. The team will be named the 'Triple As'

"I've done all there is to be done with the Kingfishers," said Pete. "And now I want to nurture and encourage my sons into competition flyfishing."

As for the Kingfishers, their future as a team is under review

"In the morning session we all fish our own way. Then we compare notes at lunch. This is the crucial part of the day"

TEAM RESULTS

1. Kingfishers
Fred Bainbridge, Chris Micallef, Peter Appleby
2. Rio Draycote FF
David Hoppe, Malc Randle, Ray Cramp
3. Rib Valley A
Lloyd Pallett, Vince Howley, Leigh Pond
(Guests) Nymph-o-Maniacs
Dean Kibble, Kieron Jenkins, Gareth Jones
4. Sharpley Nomads
David Mordue, Ryan Barron, Blythe Palmer
5. Bright Sparks
Andrew Bowker, Paul Bowker, Phil Snaith
6. Team Snowbee
Andy Cottam, Paul Golding, Simon Kidd
7. Team Innis A
Paul Roach, Paul Jones, Dave Johns
8. PAAS Falcons
Graham Kennerley, Mick McAloon, Andy Taylor
9. Top Bannanas
Steve Bland, Graeme Bell, Ian Ritchie
10. Southern Feds
Alan Tonge, Iain MacKay, David Wortley











Individuals

1. Malc Randle 16 fish
2. Simon Gaines 16 fish
3. Andrew Grabham 16 fish
4. Chris MicAllef 15 fish
5. Graham Kennerley 12 fish
6. Tim Balding 12 fish
7. Andy Taylor 12 fish
8. Ray Cramp 12 fish
9. Mark Wadds 11 fish
10. David Hoppe 11 fish

Teams

1. Kingfishers
2. Rio Draycote FF
3. Rib Valley A

[Guests] Nymph-o-Maniacs

4. Sharpley Nomads
5. Bright Sparks
6. Team Snowbee
7. Team Innis A
8. PAAS Falcons
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