



SANACC

(*Scottish Anglers National Association Competition Clubs Ltd*)

2024 Annual Report

Scottish Anglers National Association Competition Clubs

Report for 2024



Membership

Our club membership numbers in 2024 was down slightly at 142 clubs which was five fewer than in 2023. (2023 – 147; 2022 – 145; 2021 – 149; 2020 -164; 2019 – 169)

AGM

The 2025 AGM will be held on Sunday 9th March at the King Robert Hotel.

Twenty one clubs were represented at the 2024 AGM and teas and coffee were provided prior to the start of the meeting. A proposal to amend the bye-laws to reduce from 12 to 10 the number of members in a club that were required before the club could enter the competitions was approved.. The National Championship Secretary advised that each club could now enter 4 representatives in the National Championship. The members were informed that random drug tests would be carried at the loch internationals and the River Championship. A request by the International Secretary to extend Derek Keenan's position as loch team manager for a further three years was approved.

Finance

The SANACC accounts for the year showed a deficit of £7,400 compared to a surplus of £2,000 the year before. In 2024 the spring international was held in Ireland which is always an expensive event and in addition close on £1,000 was required to add an additional band to the National Trophy. The Association has a healthy reserve and is in a good position to deal with any unexpected financial challenges.

Committee and Management Changes

The SANACC Executive Committee all stood again and were elected to office. The position of Scottish Club Secretary remains vacant.

Sponsorship and Fundraising

The SANACC Committees, team members and competitors are grateful to the sponsors and individuals who supported them throughout 2024.

Sponsorship/Fundraising – Loch Teams

7Plus7 Developments and the Lake of Menteith were the main sponsors of the international loch teams in 2024. This was the eleventh year of sponsorship by 7Plus7 Developments and the fourteenth year of sponsorship by the Lake of Menteith. The teams were also sponsored in 2024 by Fishers, Angus Angling, Seaguar, Cornerstone Restaurant, Jewsons, St Andrews Timber, Mckenzie Skip Hire, Eden Ltd., Excel Group, Copperfields, Phoenix AC, Renovo Group, SIIS Ltd. Kitchen and Bathrooms by Coast, R Clouston Ltd., Mick Tait Plumbing and Joseph Wood Plastering.

There were three fundraisers held in 2024 at Parkview Fishery, Millhall Fishery and the Waterfront Fishery. Wullie Simpson once again held the fundraiser at Parkview for us while George Telford and Ally Middlemass organised the fundraiser at Millhall. The fundraiser at the Waterfont was held over two heats and a final and was organised by Ben Robertson, Joseph Wood and Peter Cameron. The Teams wish to thank everyone who donated prizes and bottles and particularly wish to thank Fishers and Angus Angling who supplied the main match prizes; The Waterfront Coffee Shop and Restaurant, Bruces Bites, Burnhouse Lochans, Clicks Convert, Stuart Marklow Plastering Services, MF Roofing and Roughcasting, New City Chinese Restaurant, Allt Fishing, Joseph Wood Internal Plastering, the Renovo Group, AB Developments, C Wood Plastering, Clockwork Gas Services, Mick Tait Plumbing, Recovery & Breakdown Kinglassie, French Vehicle Services, Ormiston Transport Training, Parkview Fishery, Watson Caravans, Smith Street motors, Camelon Decorators, Ormiston Law Practice, James Brown Motors, David Bonnington Joinery, Craig Barr Flash Attack Flies and Farion Flies. The loch teams wish to thank everyone who provided prizes or sponsored a peg or attended a fundraiser. Your support is appreciated.

The teams filled two fly boxes with flies which were raffled at the National heats and semis. The box filled by the spring team was won by Scott Henderson of Glencoe FF and the box filled by the autumn team was won by Ian Cannop of Dounreay FFC.

Sponsorship – Scottish National Championship

The National was sponsored in 2024 by Fishers and Vision who provided a pair of sunglasses for the winner of each heat and vouchers for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the final. The hook/fly measures used throughout the competition were sponsored by 7Plus7 Developments and the waterproof paper used for the catch returns was sponsored by R & E Hygiene.

Sponsorship – Scottish Club Championship

The Scottish Club Championship was sponsored by the Lake of Menteith, Snowbee, My Fishing Flies, Glencairn Crystal, Thermo Fisher Scientific and Angus Angling.

My Fishing Flies provided boxes of flies for the heat and semi-final winners and in the final each member of the winning team received a box containing around 160 flies. Snowbee provided discounted vouchers in the final and Glassware was provided by Glencairn Crystal. Angus Angling sponsored the hook/fly measures used throughout the championship and the sponsorship from Thermo Fisher Scientific was used to provide £30 vouchers to the winning team in each heat.

Sponsorship – Champion of Champions

Snowbee, The Lake of Menteith, My Fishing Flies, Glencairn Crystal, Angus Angling and McLanachan Transport sponsored the Champion of Champions. Snowbee provided discounted vouchers, My Fishing Flies provided a box containing around 160 flies for the winner and McLanachan Transport provided £200 for the top three. Glencairn Crystal provided glassware and Angus Angling provided the hook/fly measures.

Competition – Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship

Six venues were used for the 2024 Championship with heats being held at Frandy, Harelaw, Harray, Leven, Lintrathen and Menteith. 280 anglers fished the heats which was slightly up on the year before. (2023 – 276; 2022 – 273; 2021 - 141; 2019 – 337; 2018 – 333; and 2017 – 361).

The 2024 Scottish National Champion is Ronnie Gilbert (photo on front page) of Greys Menteith Ospreys. Ben Robertson of Tartan Tyers was second and Gregor Fleming of Alba Cats was third. This was the third time that Ronnie has been the National Champion having won in 2008 and 2014.

Competition – Scottish National River Championship

The Scottish National River Championship was once again held over three heats and with 31 anglers taking part which was slightly down on the year before. (2023 – 32; 2022- 26; 2019 – 32; 2018 – 33; 2017 – 33)

The 2024 River Champion is Scott Hamilton of Tweed Valley Tanglers. Mark Straughen of Coldstream & District AA was second and Matthew Skeoch of Crown FF was third.

Competition - Scottish Club Championship

The number of teams taking part in the Scottish Club Championship was down by 3 with 100 teams contesting the heats as opposed to 103 in 2023. (103 in 2023; 102 in 2022; 101 in 2021; 132 in 2019; 134 in 2018; and 150 in 2017) The 2024 Scottish Club Champions are RAF Fish Hawks "A". Alba Cats "A" were second and Alba Cats "B" were third. The heaviest fish caught during the heats was taken by Lee Anderson of Rescobie Loch DA.

The £1 charity collection at the Saturday night heats continued in 2024 and along with funds raised at raffles held at the presentation dinners following the Scottish Club Championship final and the Champion of Champions a total of £1,628 was raised.

Competition – Champion of Champions

Competitors in the Champion of Champions qualified from the ten Saturday night heats of the Scottish Club Championship with the top six individuals each Saturday night going through to the Champion of Champions final. Spaces not taken up by the top six qualifiers were allocated on a count back at each heat. The 2024 Champion of Champions is Joseph Wood of Alba Cats. Gregor Fleming, also of Alba Cats, was second and Alan Teven of Tartan Tyers was third.

Tom MacTaggart
SANACC Secretary

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship

Sponsored by 7plus7 Construction and R & E Hygiene
Final - Lake of Menteith 21st September 2024

The SANACC Committee wish to thank Fishers Direct and Vision who provided prizes in the heats and vouchers for the top three in the final; 7Plus7 Developments who sponsored the fly measures and R&E Hygiene who sponsored the waterproof catch returns. They also wish to thank all of the fisheries that hosted the heats and semis and particularly OTFA for managing the Harray heat and the Lake of Menteith for hosting the final and providing pies for the competitors and boatmen at the end of the session. The committee are also grateful to Ian Colligan for standing in as a port angler and fish weigher on numerous occasions and usually at short notice and also wish to thank the thirty three boatmen who gave up their Saturday to ensure the success off the final.

The competitors had cloud cover for almost all the session and although it was on the chilly side the wind was light and only really picked up late on as the sun broke through. From the outset the boats were well spread out with anglers to be seen in most parts of the Lake. During the afternoon the majority of the boats were in open water at the eastern end.

The top eighteen rods from the final qualified for the 2025 international teams to represent Scotland at Rutland and Menteith and with eleven members of the 2024 gold medal teams and seven previous national champions taking part it was never going to be an easy task.

Top rod with 17 fish for 36lb 6.5oz was Ronnie Gilbert of Greys Menteith Ospreys. In addition to receiving the trophy Ronnie also received a £300 voucher provided by Fishers Direct. Ronnie has won the trophy twice before in 2008 and 2014 and was also second in 2017. He was in the gold medal team at the 2024 autumn international and won the brown bowl for the top individual at internationals in 2022 and 2023.

In second place with 15 fish for 30lb 0.1oz was Ben Robertson of Tartan Tyers and he received a voucher for £100 provided by Fishers Direct. Ben was also in the gold medal team at the 2024 autumn international. In third place with 13 fish for 29lb 3.4oz was Gregor Fleming of Albacats and he received a voucher for £100 provided by Fishers Direct. Gregor was in the gold medal team at the 2024 spring international.



National Champion Ronnie Gilbert



Left:
Bob Robertson
Second place



Right
Gregor Fleming
Third place

The heaviest fish of the day weighed 6lb 4.7oz and was caught by Thomas McMillan of Lochend FF. Thomas was presented with the Dundee Salver and a bottle of malt by the international team manager, Derek Keenan.

Top boatman was Tyler Hay who was boating for Ronnie Gilbert and Kenny Sichi and Tyler was presented with a bottle of malt by Derek Keenan.



Photo on left
Thomas McMillan
with Derek Keenan



Photo on right
Tyler Hay
With Derek Keenan

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship						
Sponsored by Fishers Direct						
Lake of Menteith - 21st September 2024						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Ronnie Gilbert	Greys Menteith Ospreys	17	36	6.50
2		Ben Robertson	Tartan Tyers	15	30	0.10
3		Gregor Fleming	Alba Cats	13	29	3.40
4		Michael Low	Greys Menteith Ospreys	13	29	3.30
5		Thomas McMillan	Lochend FF	13	28	3.00
6		Brian Fletcher	Kilbrnie AC	13	28	2.70
7		Kenny Sichi	Priory AC	13	28	2.20
8		Ian Hutcheon	OTFA Kirkwall	13	28	2.00
9		Kenny Finlayson	Strathgryfe AA	12	27	9.40
10		Peter Auchterlonie	Greys Menteith Ospreys	12	27	1.40
11		Brian Kennedy	GPO FFC	12	26	8.30
12		Derek Pozzi	Defending Champ.	12	26	6.00
13		Colin Macdonald	Saltires FF	12	26	1.60
14	eq	Kevin McCabe	Change FF AC	11	26	0.00
14	eq	PJ Mackintosh	Badenoch AA	11	26	0.00
16		Martin McCafferty	Future FF	11	25	9.70
17		Derek Marklow	Loanhead & Dist.	11	25	5.40
18		Alan Steven	Tartan Tyers	12	25	5.20
19		Ronnie McKean	East Kilbride AC	11	25	4.70
20		Robbie Gibson	Balfron Piscatorials	11	25	3.10

21	Calum Clark	Firecats	11	25	1.80
22	Alex Donald	Dounreay FFA	11	25	1.30
23	Kenny McClymont	GPO FFC	11	24	9.40
24	Joseph Wood	Alba Cats	12	24	6.90
25	Neill Barrett	Gateside FF	10	23	6.10
26	Greig Davie	Thalassa AC	10	22	9.20
27	Bradley Chalmers	Lintrathen FF	10	22	7.30
28	George Gall	Roscobie Loch DA	10	22	2.90
29	David Couper	Kilbrnie AC	10	22	0.80
30	Stewart Barclay	Gateside FF	10	21	2.70
31	Campbell Cree	Firecats	9	20	8.70
32	James Bews	W.S.Sinclair FF	9	20	6.70
33	Brad Gair	Balfron Piscatorials	9	20	2.80
34	Stuart Marklow	Loanhead & Dist.	8	20	0.00
35	Grant Sutherland	Perth RASC AC	9	19	6.50
36	Jock Kettles	Military Veterans FFC	9	19	4.90
37	Greig Thomson	NCR AC	8	19	3.80
38	Robert Wilson	Glencoe FF	9	19	2.50
39	Craig Inglis	Grimm Anglers	8	18	8.10
40	Robert Ewing	Saturday AC	8	18	5.60
41	Sandy McConnachie	OTFA Kirkwall	7	17	9.30
42	Erlend Hutchison	OTFA Stromness	7	17	8.70
43	Archie Blair	Port Glasgow AC	7	17	8.00
44	Derek Purves	Thalassa AC	7	17	7.00
45	Scott Robertson	NCR AC	8	17	1.40
46	Andy Durk	Strathgryfe AA	7	16	1.50
47	Neill Cockburn	Phoenix AC	7	15	5.50
48	Ronbert Wilson	Newton Stewart	6	14	7.80
49	Alex Grant	Select FF	6	14	5.90
50	Bruce Chisholm	Lintrathen FF	7	14	5.10
51	Jimmy McBride	SPRA EAST	6	14	3.10
52	Iann McConville	Dunfermiline Rusty Nail	6	14	1.50
53	Rab Maxwell	Clatto & Stratheden AC	5	13	7.40
54	Grant Osler	Future FF	6	13	4.70
55	Willie Simpson	Roths Oak	6	13	0.90
56	Ross Murdoch	Harelaw FF	5	12	7.90
57	Nathan Horner	Cupar AC	5	12	5.60
58	Bradie Heggie	Balfron PiscaTortials	5	12	4.30
59	Scott Pozzi	Rainbow AC	5	12	4.20
60	Ross Carnegie	West Lothian FD	5	12	2.90
61	James Simpson	Douneray FFA	5	12	1.20
62	Douglas Fairbairn	SPPM	5	11	7.60
63	Keni Hope	Hawick AC	4	11	2.50
64	Gerry Rattray	Military Veterans FFC	4	10	9.30
65	Stuart Leslie	OTFA Stromness	3	10	0.00
66	Peter Edge	Saltires FF	3	9	5.90
		Total	586	1334	1.20

Scottish National River Championship

River Don
4th August 2024

The final of the 2024 National River Championship was held on the River Don on Sunday 4th August and was won by Scott Hamilton of Tweed Valley Tanglers. The top six make up the team of five and reserve that will represent Scotland at the 2025 River International in Ireland.

Scott took the lead in session one where he had 6 fish and followed that up with another 1st in session four. He finished with 10 place points which was 8 clear of the second placed rod.

Mark Straughen of Coldstream & District AA was second with 18 place points and Matthew Skeoch of Crown FF was close behind in third with 20 place points.



the top six from left:

Matthew Skeoch, Richard McHattie, Rab Maxwell, Scott Hamilton, Mark Straughen and Grant Gibson

National Rivers Championships 2024 Final			Session 1		Session 2			Session 3			Session 4			Total			Results	
Angler Identity Number	NAME	CLUB	No of Fish	Pts	Place (1)	No of Fish	Pts	Place (2)	No of Fish	Pts	Place (3)	No of Fish	Pts	Place (4)	4. Total No of fish	3. Points	2. Place Points	1. Final Placing
8	Scott Hamilton	Tweed Valley Tanglers	6	1727	1	4	1021	3	3	714	5	4	1403	1	17	4865	10	1
11	Mark Straughen	Coldstream & District AA	5	1427	2	3	859	5	4	1128	3	1	254	8	13	3668	18	2
10	Mathew Skeoch	Crown FF	3	675	8	2	485	9	5	1325	1	4	1190	2	14	3675	20	3
9	Richard McHattie	ADDA	2	492	12	7	1966	1	4	977	4	2	470	6	15	3905	23	4
2	Rab Maxwell	Clatto & Stratheden	2	605	9	5	1348	2	5	1311	2	1	225	10	13	3489	23	5
1	Grant Gibson	St.Boswells Newtown & District AA	2	702	7	1	345	11	2	680	6	2	480	4	7	2207	28	6
19	Ian Jones	Lochgelly SRC AS	4	1035	4	1	250	13	1	310	8	1	475	5	7	2070	30	7
6	Fred MacDonald	NCR AC	1	225	18	3	878	4	1	244	10	2	589	3	7	1936	35	8
14	Kenny Riddell	ADDA	2	512	10	0	0	20	2	521	7	1	258	7	5	1291	44	9
15	Michael Low	Greys Mentieth Ospreys	3	920	5	2	555	7	1	220	14	0	0	20	6	1695	46	10
18	Andy Foggin	Earlston AA	1	385	14	2	664	6	1	223	12	0	0	20	4	1272	52	11
20	Michael Ward	Johnstone FF	2	511	11	0	0	20	1	221	13	1	222	11	4	954	55	12
3	Dick Logan	Coldstream & District AA	1	275	16	2	526	8	1	238	11	0	0	20	4	1039	55	12
5	Mike Cordiner	Raemoir Trout Fishers	4	1215	3	0	0	20	0	0	20	0	0	20	4	1215	63	14
7	Stevie Stuart	Lochgelly SRC AS	1	292	15	0	0	20	1	288	9	0	0	20	2	580	64	15
13	Ernie MacKay Jnr	ADDA	2	480	13	1	305	12	0	0	20	0	0	20	3	785	65	16
17	Martin Stewart	Ormiston AC	2	763	6	0	0	20	0	0	20	0	0	20	2	763	66	17
16	Colin Macdonald	Caurnie AC	1	245	17	0	0	20	0	0	20	1	240	9	2	485	66	17
12	Scott Robertson	NCR AC	0	0	20	2	474	10	0	0	20	0	0	20	2	474	70	19
4	Connor MacLennan	Strathgryfe AA	0	0	20	0	0	20	0	0	20	0	0	20	0	0	80	20
20 Competitors			Largest Fish		455 cm								Total fish		131			

Scottish Club Championship

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Final – 27th September 2024

The weather held fair for the final of the Scottish Club Championship with the competitors heading out to a bright day with a chilly northerly breeze. There was occasional cloud cover with some light showers and generally the wind was light throughout the day. The match was fished to a two fish kill per angler followed by catch and release. Two pound was awarded for each returned fish and heavier trout were capped at 4lb. Numerous trout over 4lb were caught with a few over 5lb also brought to the scales.

Twenty teams of three anglers were in the final having qualified through the May to July Saturday night heats and the two August semi-finals. The 60 anglers caught a total of 271 trout of which 158 were returned.

Top club on the day were the 2022 winners RAF Fish Hawks represented by David Eames (9 fish), Simon Gaines (12 fish) and Leighton Davies (5 fish) with a total of 26 fish for 57lb 7.9oz. They received the £500 winners prize and each team member received a box containing approx 120 flies provided by My Fishing Flies and a Snowbee voucher for a 50% discount provided by Snowbee along with their gold medals.



photo: Simon Kidd of sponsors Snowbee presenting the winners trophy to David Eames, Leighton Davies and Simon Gaines of RAF Fish Hawks



Simon Kidd of sponsors Snowbee with Greig Davie, Stevie Welsh and Jim Mackinlay of second placed Alba Cats "A"



Simon Kidd of sponsors Snowbee with Mark Fleming, Gregor Fleming and Joseph Wood of third placed Alba Cats "B"

Scottish Club Championship
Final - 27th September 2024

Club	Competitor	Individual Totals			Team Total			Pos
		Fish	Lbs	Ozs	Total	Lbs	Ozs	
Albacats "A"	Greig Davie	7	15	3.00	24	52	15.50	2
	Stevie Welsh	8	18	3.80				
	Jim Mckinlay	9	19	8.70				
Albacats "B"	Gregor Fleming	9	19	4.70	23	47	2.10	3
	Mark Fleming	7	14	5.20				
	Joseph Wood	7	13	8.20				
Black Bull FFC "A"	Jamie McLeary	5	11	4.00	17	38	12.70	5
	William Davidson	7	16	8.10				
	George Charters	5	11	0.60				
Breachin AC "B"	Mark McCrum	5	11	5.60	8	18	14.70	18
	Calum Wilson	1	2	2.60				
	Michael Craig	2	5	6.50				
Bridge of Allan 76 AC "A"	Peter Shepherd	3	6	8.60	7	14	13.40	20
	Alex Galloway	4	8	4.80				
	Fraser Thomson	0	0	0.00				
Central Belters FF "A"	Ian Stirrat	2	4	1.60	8	19	12.20	17
	Chris Tamburrinni	3	8	9.10				
	Adam Jukes	3	7	1.50				
Costa Ecosse "A"	Angus Armour	1	3	8.00	10	25	12.10	15
	John Buchanan	6	15	1.00				
	Murray Hunter	3	7	3.10				
Firecats "A"	Calum Clark	10	20	3.80	17	39	11.70	4
	Campbell Cree	3	10	0.00				
	Martyn Shaw	4	9	7.90				
FNF Falcons "A"	Campbell Morgan	5	10	8.40	14	33	14.90	8
	Nigel Burns	5	13	4.20				
	Alan Brock	4	10	2.30				
Glasgow PO AC "A"	Brian Kennedy	6	14	0.00	13	32	12.40	9
	John Simpson	4	10	8.90				
	Kenny McClymont	3	8	3.50				
Glencoe FF "A"	Scott Henderson	5	11	8.30	11	23	9.70	16
	Robert Wilson	5	9	9.70				
	Ali Kennedy	1	2	7.70				
Lochan Dubh AC "A"	Ally Middlemass	5	10	4.40	16	38	11.30	6
	Angus Robertson	3	8	6.90				
	Ross Carnegie	8	20	0.00				
Port Glasgow AC "A"	Iain Lindsay	2	6	1.00	12	28	3.90	12
	Archie Blair	4	9	1.40				
	Andy McKay	6	13	1.50				
RAF Fish Hawks "A"	Dave Eames	9	18	7.10	26	57	7.90	1
	Simon Gaines	12	28	0.00				
	Leighton Davies	5	11	0.80				
Rescobie Loch DA "A"	Ron Gray	4	7	6.90	12	26	0.30	14
	George Gall	5	11	0.10				
	Lee Anderson	3	7	9.30				
Saltire FF "A"	Derek Keenan	3	7	8.40	13	34	6.00	7
	Colin Macdonald	7	17	7.90				
	Ian Muir	3	9	5.70				
SPPM AC "A"	Ali MacGillivray	5	11	8.70	7	17	10.40	19
	Douglas Fairbairn	1	2	1.70				
	Donald Gillies	1	4	0.00				
SPRA FFS East AC "B"	John Curry	3	7	9.70	10	26	15.40	13
	Bob Salmond	3	9	5.10				
	Jim Walker	4	10	0.60				
Strathleven FF "A"	Mark Tweedie	6	12	0.20	13	29	1.10	11
	Dennis Splaine	3	8	0.00				
	Shug Shaw	4	9	0.90				
Tartan Tyers "A"	Andrew McAdam	5	13	2.60	10	30	7.60	10
	Alan Steven	3	10	0.00				
	Tyler Hay	2	7	5.00				

Champion of Champions

Lake of Menteith 4th October 2024

Sponsored by The Lake of Menteith, Snowbee, My Fishing Flies, Glencairn Crystal, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Angus Angling and McLanachan Transport Ltd

The weather was kind to the competitors for the Champion of Champions on Friday 4th October with overcast skies throughout the day and a light wind that gave almost perfect conditions. Some light rain did get through later in the day. Sixty anglers set off around 9am and it looked like they had been finding fish in most areas of the Lake in their practice sessions as the boats spread out quickly over the water. The top six anglers from each of the ten Saturday night heats of the Scottish Club Championship qualify for the Champion of Champions and should any angler be unable to take up his spot then the seventh angler from that heat is offered the place.

The match was fished to a two fish kill per angler followed by catch and release with 2lbs being awarded for each returned trout. Heavy fish were capped at 4lb. The competitors caught a total of 498 fish of which 119 trout weighing 353lb 15.4oz were retained and 379 trout were returned. Of the retained trout 28 were capped at 4lbs. One of them was over 6lbs, nine were between 5 and 6lbs and a further 18 were between 4 and 5lbs.

The presentation dinner was held at the Karma Lake of Menteith Hotel with the prizes being presented by Quint Glen, manager of the Lake of Menteith Fishery. During the heats, semis and finals of the Scottish Club Championship and Champion of Champions each angler is asked to donate £1 and along with the proceeds of raffles held at the dinners it is given to the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity. At the Champion of Champions £83 was collected from the £1 donations and £511 was raised at the raffle

Top rod and the 2024 Champion of Champions was Joseph Wood of Albacats. Joseph had 24 trout for 48lb 3.4oz and received the first prize of £250 provided by McLanachan Transport, a box containing approximately 150 flies provide by My Fishing Flies, a voucher for a 50% discount provided by Snowbee and of course the trophy and a gold medal. Joseph had a very successful end to the 2024 season and in addition to being the Champion of Champions he was in the Scotland team that took the gold medal at the autumn international where as an individual he was 10th overall. The following week he was 24th in the Scottish National Championship and the week after that he was in the Albacats "B" team that were third in The Scottish Club Championship.



Joseph Wood receiving the trophy from Quint Glen



Gregor Fleming with Quint Glen



Alan Steven with Quint Glen

Champion of Champions						
Lake of Menteith						
4th October 2024						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Joseph Wood	Albacats	24	48	3.40
2		Gregor Fleming	Albacats	21	45	3.10
3		Alan Steven	Tartan Tyers	16	36	0.00
4		Jock Kettles	Military Veterans FFC	16	33	2.60
5		David Wales	Select FF	15	32	2.20
6		Jimmy McBride	SPRA FFS East AC	15	31	6.50
7		Nigel Burns	FNF Falcons	14	29	7.30
8		John Simpson	GPO FFC	13	28	6.20
9		Michael Low	Glencoe FF	14	28	3.10
10		Bill Ramage	Stirling Castle AC	12	28	0.00
11		Andy Johnstone	Newton Stewart & District AA	13	27	0.20
12		Bob Robertson	Balfron Piscatorials	12	26	7.40
13		Angus Robertson	Lochan Dubh	12	26	6.80
14		Andy Gray	Harelaw FF	12	24	7.60
15		Colin Macdonald	Saltire FF	12	24	2.10
16		Ian Wilson	Rosyth CSSC	10	22	6.90
17		David Downie	Stirling Castle AC	10	21	11.10
18		Graeme Frew	Drumbowie FF	9	20	6.20
19		Scott Henderson	Glencoe FF	9	20	5.40
20		Wullie Simpson	Roths Oak AC	9	20	5.10
21		John Maestri	Military Veterans FFC	9	20	3.80
22		Mick Tarbett	Balbeggie AC	9	19	6.60
23		William Davidson	Black Bull FFC	9	19	6.30
24		Michael Craig	Brechin AC	8	18	7.50
25		Keith Logan	Heriot AC	8	18	6.90

26		Jim Jack	Dalzell AC	8	18	6.80
27		Derek Keenan	Saltire FF	9	18	2.80
28		Greig Davie	Albacats	8	17	8.30
29		Davie Couper	Select FF	7	17	6.80
30		Dennis Splaine	Strathleven FF	8	16	7.80
31		Stewart Inglis	Grimm Anglers	8	16	5.40
32		Alan Smith	Aberdour AA	8	16	4.70
33		Stevie Welsh	Albacats	8	16	2.10
34	eq	Peter Allan	Black Bull FFC	6	16	0.00
34	eq	Angus Armour	Costa Ecosse	6	16	0.00
36		Brian Fletcher	Select FF	7	15	9.70
37		Andy Kemp	Perth RASC	6	15	3.50
38		Neil Cockburn	Phoenix AC	7	14	8.10
39		David Marfizo	Brechin AC	7	14	2.40
40		Stevie Whitehead	Dalzell AC	6	13	9.10
41		Peter Shepherd	Bridge of Allan 76 AC	6	13	3.50
42		Stewart Howie	Aberdeen & District AA	5	13	0.50
43		Archie Blair	Port Glasgow AC	5	12	6.90
44		Andy Boylan	Lochend FF	5	12	4.60
45		Robert Wilson	Newton Stewart & District AA	4	11	9.50
46		Donald Gillies	SPPM	4	11	7.60
47		George Armour	Phoenix FF	4	11	7.50
48		Nathan Horner	Cupar AC	5	11	7.20
49		Graham Dempster	East Kilbride AC	5	11	6.40
50		Archie Whitehead	Gartmore, Aberfoyle AC	5	11	3.40
51		Donald Stewart	Bothwell & Blantyre AC	4	11	2.50
52		Eric Fox	Pentland Civil Service AC	4	10	5.80
53		Derek Halliday	Kelso AA	3	9	8.20
54		Mark Tweedie	Strathleven FF	4	8	3.60
55		Gary Ormiston	Roths Oak AC	3	8	0.80
56		Douglas Fairbairn	SPPM	3	8	0.10
57		Andy Durk	Strathgryfe AA	3	7	9.30
58		Mick Tait	Kelso AA	2	7	3.80
59		Wayne Seaman	Kilmarnock FF	3	7	1.90
60		Jimmy Watson	Balbeggie AC	1	3	8.50
			Total	498	1111	0.00

Spring International Lough Ennell, Ireland, 24th May 2024

The fly fishing teams of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales travelled to Mullingar, Ireland for the 2024 spring international where Ireland were hosting the match on Lough Ennell. Conditions varied throughout the week prior to match day with a mix of sun, cloud, rain, strong winds, soft winds and flat calm. As always seems to be the norm the wind strength and direction on match day was different to the practice days.

Trout were had to find during the practice days although all four countries appeared to have identified the same areas that they expected to be productive when it mattered although their thoughts differed on the fly dressings most likely to be successful. The fly life on Lough Ennell was excellent with a mix of mayflies, buttons, olives, buzzers and caenis although rises to them were sporadic. The trout were good quality and on match day the longest trout was measured at 55.5cms with a total of three being over 50cms and a further 20 being over 40cms. The match and practice days were entirely catch and release with only trout of 35cms and over being counted. Points were awarded for each centimetre of length with an additional 20cm for each fish.

All fishing had to take a break between 1.50pm and 2.10pm which gave the competitors the opportunity to discuss the situation and reset for the afternoon. It appeared to be very close at this point with no obvious leader. Come 6pm the boats were back in the harbour and the team managers collected the catch returns before reporting to the weigh-in.

England were first to report their catch which was 3 trout for 130.1cms for 191 points and were followed by Ireland with their catch which of 8 trout measuring a total of 342.2cms yielding 505 points. Scotland were next up and their 13 trout for 587.9cm and 851 points earned them the gold medal. Wales had 4 trout for 172cms and 253 points.

	Fish	Points
Scotland	13	851
Ireland	8	505
Wales	4	253
England	3	191

The top individual rod and recipient of the Brown Bowl was a tie between Martin McCafferty of Scotland and Seamus O'Loughlin of Ireland who each had 2 trout measuring 93.5cm in total length earning 134 points. Martin and Seamus were the top rods for Scotland and Ireland. Top rod for England was Philip Shaw-Brown with two trout measuring 86.5cms in total and earning 127 points. Top rod for Wales was Graham Evans with one trout of 46cms earning 66 points.



Martin McCafferty and Seamus O'Loughlin receiving the Brown Bowl from IFFA President Paul Angell and Secretary Michael



Sean McCaffrey, Scotland Captain, receiving the team trophy from IFFA President Paul Angell



Back Row: Michael Callaghan (IFFA Secretary), Neil Cockburn, Derek Keenan (Manager), Calum Clark, Sandy McConnachie, Wullie Simpson, Martin McCafferty, George Telford and Tyley Hay
Front Row: George Mackenzie (International Secretary), Gregor Fleming, Kevin McCabe, Michael Ward, Sean McCaffrey (Captain), Colin Macdonald, Peter Cameron, Ally Middlemass and Paul Angell (IFFA President)

Autumn International - 12th September, 2024 Llyn Clewedog, Wales

At the Autumn International Fly Fishing Match held at Llyn Clywedog on Thursday 12th September 2024 the Scottish team, managed by Derek Keenan and captained by Kevin McCabe, produced a historic victory after forging clear of England, Ireland and Wales. Scotland had taken the gold medals at the autumn match at the Lake of Menteith in September 2023 and at the spring match at Lough Ennell in May 2024 and the pressure was on to keep the run going at Llyn Clywedog and make it three in a row.

The weather hadn't been kind to the competitors during the practice days with a mixed bag of conditions. At times the sun was out for long periods sending the fish deeper only to be followed by torrential rain and hailstones that put the temperature into single figures. The wind blew up at times producing difficult squally conditions and on the day before the match the wind strength made it difficult to fish some areas. Russell Owen and his team at Llyn Clywedog kept the whole event running efficiently throughout the week with reliable boats and outboards and a good head of fish.

It took a team effort through the practice days and the match day to get the end result with Derek Keenan and Kevin McCabe orchestrating the practice sessions and debriefs. By match day however it was apparent that all four countries had identified the same areas and methods and a close match was expected. The match itself was fished to a two fish kill with 2lb being awarded for each returned fish.

The match got off to a perfect start for Scotland when their Joseph Wood was seen to be into a fish straight away just off of the pier area while most boats were only just heading to their chosen start points. Joseph caught steadily through the session and finished with 17 fish which put him in 10th overall in the individual standings.

At the end of the match, as the boats returned to the pier area, the competitors reported their catches to their team managers and when the Scotland management heard that Robert Reilly of Ireland had 26 fish and that Richard Denney of England had 22 fish their confidence was ebbing away. Confidence rose again when Scotland's Tyler Hay reported he had 27 fish closely followed by Thomas McMillan with 21 fish and then Ronnie Gilbert and Ben Robertson who had 20 each. When

Michael Low came in and reported taking 35 fish it was apparent that Scotland were going to be hard to beat.

Autumn International – Llyn Clewedog 152 th September 2024			
	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
Scotland	236	484	11
England	159	326	13
Ireland	127	263	9
Wales	105	219	7



Scotland's Captain, Kevin McCabe receiving the team trophy from IFFA President Paul Angell

England were first to the scales and recorded 159 fish for 326lbs 13ozs which eventually put them in second place. Ireland went next and had 127 fish for 263lbs 9ozs which put them in third. Scotland weighed-in the gold medal score with 236 fish for 484lbs 11ozs. Wales were in fourth place with 105 fish for 219lbs 7ozs.

The winning margins of 77 fish and 157lbs 14ozs are the largest ever in the history of the internationals and the Scotland catch of 236 fish for 484lbs 11ozs is the also the largest ever.

The top individual rod overall was Michael Low of Scotland with 35 fish for 70lbs 4ozs. This is the largest individual catch since 1950 and is probably the largest ever. Top rod for Ireland was Robert Reilly with 26 fish. Top rod for England was Richard Denney with 22 fish and top rod for Wales was Nigel Worvell with 16 fish.

This was an outstanding team effort from Scotland throughout the practice sessions and match day with six of the team finishing in the top ten individual standings.

Photo:
Michael Low





Back Row: Tyler Hay, Derek Keenan (Manager), Peter Auchterlonie, Grant Sutherland, Martin McCafferty, Chris Mcallister, Derek Pozzi, Ben Robertson, Michael Low and Paul Angell (IFFA President)
 Front Row: Scott Aitken, Kevin Neri, Thomas McMillan, Kevin McCabe (Captain), Ronnie Gilbert, Joseph Wood and George Mackenzie (International Secretary)

**2024 River International
 Friday 21st June 2024
 River Tees, England**

The 2024 River International was won by Ireland who were never headed throughout the day. In session one, Ireland took 39 fish to give them 9 place points and were 2 points ahead of Scotland who had 25 fish. England topped session two with 10 place points from 38 fish, closely followed by Scotland with 11 points from 37 fish. Ireland were third but remained in first place overall 21pts just ahead of Scotland and England on 22.

Ireland topped both sessions three and four to finish on top with 41 place points. Scotland were second with 46 place points.

Top individual was Mark Sloan of Ireland with 5 place points with Scott Hamilton of Scotland in second with 6 place points.

2024 River International River Tees, England – 21 st June 2024			
	Fish	Points	Place Points
Ireland	102	4304	42
Scotland	99	4213	46
England	113	4817	47
Wales	57	2421	66



From left: Michael Callaghan (IFFA Secretary), Dick Logan, Richard McHattie, Scott Hamilton, Mark Straughen, Rab Maxwell (captain), Craig Brown and Paul Angell (IFFA President)

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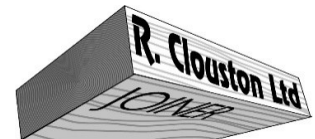
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