



Loch Internationals
2022



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Spring International - Lough Melvin 10th June 2022

All areas of the Scottish mainland were well represented in the team that travelled to Ireland for the Spring International on Lough Melvin. They arrived at their hotel in Bundoran on the Monday night and following a briefing that evening they were set for three days of practice before match day on the Friday. You can almost guarantee with fishing that no two days are ever the same and each of the four days set the team a different challenge. Tuesday was bright, breezy and warm with plenty of suncream required. Wednesday was wet, cold and windy and tested waterproofs to the limit with a rough ride across the rollers at the end of the session to get back to the harbour. Thursday was a mix of the two previous days to bring an end to the practice with minds being focused on match day when big winds were forecast.

Ireland did a great job of organising the international week and the Scottish team wish to thank all the boatmen who looked after them on the water and the members of the Garrison Lough Melvin Angling Association who dealt with the parking and catering at the pier.

On the day Ireland ran out worthy winners with 36 fish and 8 of their team in the top 20 as individuals. Scotland were second with 31 fish and 6 of the team in the top 20. Wales were third with 21 fish and England were fourth with 18 fish. Top individual rod was Dennis Goulding of Ireland with 7 fish followed closely by Scotland's Kevin McCabe who had 6 fish. Top rod for England was Tony Baldwin with 3 fish and top for Wales was Ben Evans with 5 fish. The longest fish of the day measured 33.4 cms and was caught by Scotland's Toby Bracey.

Spring International				
Lough Melvin - 10th June 2022				
		fish	cms	points
1st	Ireland	36	1030.8	1761
2nd	Scotland	31	894.8	1526
3rd	Wales	21	604.8	1029
4th	England	18	517.3	882
	Total	106		



Kevin McCabe receiving the Phoenix Salver from IFFA President Stan McKeon



Toby Bracey receiving the H Emyr Lewis Trophy from IFFA President Stan McKeon

Kevin McCabe (2nd)

Kevin was drawn with Robbie Crichton of Ireland and opted for Robbie to control the boat. They started off drifting from the schoolhouse area out over open water but when that didn't produce for them they moved to the top end and fished the shallower water. The move proved successful and they took turn about catching fish and by the end of the session Kevin had 6 and Robbie had 5



Gregor Fleming (8th)

Gregor was drawn with Ben Race of England and they tossed to decide on the position on the boat. Gregor won the toss and chose to go to the point of the boat. They discussed their preferences of where to fish and agreed on a plan for the day.

They started off at Garrison and during the morning Ben took 2 fish and Gregor took 1. After lunch they moved to the schoolhouse area where Gregor took 3 to finish on four. Ben finished on 2.



Martin McCafferty (9th)

Martin was drawn with Welsh captain, Tudor Owen. He won the toss and after a discussion on where they should go they agreed on the areas they wanted to cover.

They started drifting out from the schoolhouse area and when that didn't work they moved down to drift the point of ross/white stones/garrison area where Martin took one. From there they went back over to the schoolhouse area and Martin picked up his second. After that they went over to bilberry where Martin picked up his third fish. At the end of the session Martin had 3 and Tudor had 1.



Grant Osler (10th)

Grant was drawn with Ashley Davis of England. He lost the toss and had the engine end of the boat. They started off at the schoolhouse area then drifted from rooskie all the way across the lough. Grant picked up 1 about 11am. Ashley picked up 1 after lunch and Grant got his second about 3pm. They moved to the Garrison area to try there but that didn't work and they went back to rooskie where Grant picked up his third. Grant finished with 3 and Ashley had 2.



Keith Renton (14th)

Keith was drawn with Dennis Goulding of Ireland and lost the toss. Dennis opted to go to the bays and shallower water at the top end of the lough where they fished around the boulders and margins. Dennis picked up 2 fairly quickly and Keith took 1. Dennis went on to pick up another 5 and Keith had 2. Later in the day they moved out to open water but that didn't work for them and by the end of the session Dennis had 7 fish and won the Brown Bowl as the top individual. Keith finished with 3.





Lough Melvin 2022

Back Row: Stan McKeon(IFFA President) Derek Keenan(manager) Keith Renton Calum Crosbie Ally Middlemass Martin McCafferty Ronnie Gilbert Gregor Fleming Toby Bracey David Ezzi George Mackenzie(international secretary) Ian Campbell(IFFA Secretary)

Front Row: Kevin McCabe Andy Dunn Grant Osler Jock Kettles(captain) Scott Aitken and Andrew Barrowman

Scottish Team - Individual Places					
Manager – Derek Keenan					
			Fish	cms	points
2nd	Kevin McCabe	Change FF AC	6	175.6	298
8th	Gregor Fleming	Bridge of Weir (Loch) AC	4	109	191
9th	Martin McCafferty	Future FF	3	89.9	151
10th	Grant Osler	Future FF	3	86.1	148
14th	Keith Renton	Coldstream & District AA	3	82.5	143
17th	Calum Crosbie	Albacats FF	2	64.4	105
24th	Andy Dunn	Change FF AC	2	59	99
25th	David Ezzi	Black Loch AC	2	58	98
29th	Ronnie Gilbert	Menteith FF	2	53.8	95
30th	Toby Bracey	Dounreay FFA	1	33.4	54
35th	Scott Aitken	Tartan Tyers FF	1	29.7	50
41st	Andrew Barrowman	Granite City FF	1	26.4	47
42nd	Jock Kettles (captain)	Change FF AC	1	27	47
46th	Ally Middlemass	Blairadam AC	0	0	0
			31		

Autumn International Llyn Trawsfynydd, Wales - 29th September 2022

The 2022 Autumn International was hosted by Wales at Llyn Trawsfynydd and the venue has been improved over the last few years by the Prysor Angling Association. The facilities, the boats and the quality of the fishing were all excellent.

During the practice days several areas were identified as holding fish and on match day it was apparent that most of the boats were intent on heading towards the same area. Llyn Trawsfynydd was a successful venue for the Scottish team in the previous visit in 2010 when the result was very close. This year Scotland ran out convincing winners with their 112 fish being 20 more than second placed Wales who had 92. England were a further 15 behind with 77 fish and Ireland were fourth with 74.

The match was fished on a catch and release basis with points being awarded for each fish caught.



Scottish Captain Brian Mackenzie receiving the winners trophy from IFFA President Stan McKeon

Autumn International - Llyn Trawsfynydd 29th September 2022			
1st	Scotland	112 fish	6764 pts
2nd	Wales	92 fish	5601 pts
3rd	England	77 fish	4652 pts
4th	Ireland	74 fish	4534 pts

Top individual rod and winner of the Brown Bowl and the Phoenix Silver Salver was Scotland's Ronnie Gilbert who had 16 fish for a total of 961 points.

Top rod for Wales, and second overall, was their captain Jason Heath who had 14 fish for 859 points. Terry Phillips was the top rod for England with 13 fish for 784 points and he was third overall. Top for Ireland and fourth overall was Stephen Browne with 10 fish and 626 points.

Scotland had five rods in the top 11 and these five earned a place in the 2023 teams. Mark Stephen had 10 fish for 612 points and 6th overall. Derek Marklow who also had 10 fish was 7th overall with 610 points. Allan McLachlan also had 10 fish and his 595 points put him 9th. In 11th spot was Derek Hisset with 9 fish and 548 points.



Ronnie Gilbert receiving the Brown Bowl from IFFA President Stan McKeon



Mark Stephen
Derek Marklow
Allan McLachlan



Derek Hessett

Team Scotland Gold Medal Winners Autumn International 2022



From Left: Stan McKeon (IFFA President), Derek Hessett, Gil Farid, Sean McCaffrey, Greig Davie, Ben Robertson, David Wales, Allan McLachlan, Derek Pozzi, Ronnie Gilbert, Michael Low, Brian Mckenzie (Captain), Peter Auchterlonie, Mark Stephen, Jock Kettles (Manager), Derek Marklow, George Mackenzie (International Secretary), Ian Campbell (IFFA Secretary)

Scottish Team - Individual Places
Team Manager Jock Kettles

			Fish	cms	points
1st	Ronnie Gilbert	Menteith Ospreys	16	634.3	961
6th	Mark Stephen	Neilston FF	10	407.6	612
7th	Derek Marklow	Loanhead & District AC	10	405.2	610
9th	Allan McLachlan	Costa Ecosse	10	390.0	595
11th	Derek Hessett	Gateside Flycasters	9	365.3	548
15th	Peter Auchterlonie	Menteith Ospreys	9	354.2	538
18th	Greig Davie	Thalassa AC	8	324.7	488
22nd	Derek Pozzi	Thalassa AC	7	282.0	426
23rd	Sean McCaffrey	Shetland AA	7	274.8	418
24th	Brian Mackenzie (cpt)	Neilston FF	6	248.2	371
28th	Ben Robertson	Phoenix FF	6	241.0	364
31st	Michael Low	Menteith Ospreys	6	236.2	358
42nd	Gil Farid	Central Belters FF	4	157.6	239
44th	David Wales	Select FF	4	156.0	236