



Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship 2017



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Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship - Final Sponsored by Ridgeline UK 7plus7 Construction, Famous Grouse and R & E Hygiene

The final of the 125th National Trout Fly Fishing Championship was held at the Lake of Menteith on Saturday 9th September 2017 and for the first time it was a total catch and release competition. The competitors measured the length of their first three trout and were awarded with 35cm for each additional fish that was caught. Larger fish were capped at 50cm. A total of 307 trout were caught and of these there were thirteen that were over 50cm.

The competitors were faced with a flat calm when they arrived and a light breeze from the north east gradually picked up. It was mainly bright with occasional cloud cover and was a warm September day.

Nigel Winkle of our sponsors Ridgeline UK was on hand to present the trophies and prizes and prior to the result of the final being announced he presented the winners of the semi-finals with Ridgeline Igloo tops. Once the result had been announced he presented the Champion with a Ridgeline Monsoon Elite II jacket. The second received a Ridgeline Typhoon jacket; the third received a Ridgeline Torrent Euro jacket and the captor of the largest trout received a Ridgeline Turbulance top. This was the fifth year that Ridgeline had sponsored the National Championship and Nigel told us that Ridgeline will support us again in 2018.

SANACC is grateful to Ridgeline for their continued support and also wish to thank 7plus7 Construction for providing the hook measures and R & E Hygiene for providing the waterproof paper that was used for the catch returns. This year we were provided with "Famous Angler" whisky by Famous Grouse and each of the thirty boatmen received a bottle. We are indebted to the boatmen for giving up their day to ensure that we had a successful competition. SANACC also wish to thank Ian and Eleanor Campbell for recording the result and for the considerable time that they spent at short notice preparing the computer programme to deal with a catch and release match. We also wish to thank Wendy and Wilson for preparing the buffet, Stewart Marshall for piping off the match and Quint and Douglas for their help and patience, particularly on run up to the Saturday.



The 2017 National Champion is Brian Mackenzie of Neilston FF. Brian had 14 trout for 521cm and was 3.4cm ahead of Ronnie Gilbert of Menteith Ospreys who also had 14 fish. Ronnie, who was the National Champion in 2008 and 2014 had 14 trout for 517.6cm. In third place was John Simpson of Caley Liners who had 12 trout for 452.5cm. The largest trout as caught by Sean McCaffrey of North Shetland FF and measured 63cm.

The Championship doubles as the qualifier for the teams to go to the 2018 Internationals in Ireland and Wales and with the Team Manager, Gus Shepherd who was 15th, giving up his place the other 18 anglers who finished in the top 19 will be in the 2018 teams.

photo: Brian Mackenzie receiving the trophy and his prizes from Nigel Winkle of Ridgeline UK



above left 2nd placed Ronnie Gilbert receiving his prize from Nigel Winkle



above right: 3rd placed John Simpson receiving his prize from Nigel Winkle

below left: Sean McCaffrey

below centre: best boatman Dennis Splaine

below right: piper Stewart Marshall



semi-final winners Chris McAllister, Mark Stephen, Ronnie Gilbert, Brian Mackenzie and Bradley Chalmers receiving their Ridgeline Igloo tops from Nigel Winkle



the boatmen with their bottles of Famous Angler Whisky

<div>125th Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship</div> <div>9th September 2017 - Lake of Menteith</div> <div>Sponsored by Ridgeline UK, 7Plus7 Construction, Famous Grouse and R&E Hygiene</div> <div>(Total catch and release; first 3 fish measured and capped at 50cm; 35cm allowance for additional fish)</div>							
Place	Competitor	Club	Fish 1	Fish 2	Fish 3	Total Fish	Total
1	Brian Mackenzie	Neilston FF	46.0	40.0	50.0	14	521.0
2	Ronnie Gilbert	Menteith Ospreys	43.1	44	45.5	14	517.6
3	John Simpson	Caley Liners FF	49	45.5	43	12	452.5
4	Jock Kettles	SANACC	39.2	40.4	50	11	409.6
5	Andy Dunn	Change FF AC	47.0	46.0	41.0	9	344.0
6	Chris McAllister	Raemoir TF	46.0	38.0	45.0	9	339.0
7	Ian Simpson	Aberdour AA	40.3	49.2	36.1	8	300.6
8	Martin McCafferty	Future FF	43.0	35.6	41.0	8	294.6
9	Alan Brock	Crieff AC	44.0	50.0	47.5	7	281.5
10	Kenny Sichi	Priory AC	45.0	50.0	44.5	7	279.5
11	Mike Willis	Bridge of Allan 76 AC	44.5	47.0	43.0	7	274.5
12	Derek Pozzi	Thalassa AC	45.5	38.0	47.5	7	271.0
13	Derek Hessematt	Gateside FC	40.0	37.5	45.0	7	262.5
14	Ken Kennedy	W.S Sinclair FF	47.0	49.0	46.0	6	247.0
15	Gus Shepherd	Saltire FF	45.5	44.1	50.0	6	244.6
16	Shane Kelly	Hawick AC	45.5	44.4	46.8	6	241.7
17	Kevin Andrews	Ayr Travellers FF	50.0	46.0	40.3	6	241.3
18	Chris Harkess	Phoenix FF	44.5	48.0	38.1	6	235.6
19	Grant Osler	Future FF	44.5	44.0	41.2	6	234.7
20	Mark Stephen	Stewarton AC	47.0	37.5	43.0	6	232.5
21	Brian Kennedy	Caley Liners FF	46.6	41.1	38.2	6	230.9
22	Stuart Marklow	Loanhead & District AC	43.1	39.3	43.2	6	230.6
23	Campbell Morgan	Strathleven FF	47.0	43.8	50.0	5	210.8
24	Kenny MacLeod	Aurora Orkney FF	41.0	49.0	46.5	5	206.5
25	Lee Anderson	Rescobie LDA	40.0	47.0	46.0	5	203.0
26	James Simpson	Frozen North AC	43.5	44.6	44.0	5	202.1
27=	Alan Steven	FAFA	47.0	47.0	38.0	5	202.0
27=	Kevin Porteous	Frozen North AC	43.5	38.5	50.0	5	202.0
29	Steven Mannion	SPRA West	45.3	41.7	44.0	5	201.0
30	Ralph Irvine	Glasgow PO FFC	45.5	41.5	43.0	5	200.0
31	Ronnie McKean	East Kilbride AC	44.0	37.5	39.3	5	190.8
32	Billy Neil	Kilmallie AC	36.7	39.8	43.7	5	190.2
33	Bradley Chalmers	Gateside FC	37.0	36.5	46.5	5	190.0
34	Andrew Kennedy	Caley Liners FF	46.5	50.0	49.5	4	181.0
35	Tyler Hay	Lintrathen FF	47.0	45.0	44.0	4	171.0
36	Greg McLaren	Gateside FC	45.0	42.5	47.0	4	169.5
37	Stephen Francis	Househillmuir FF	39.1	42.7	47.1	4	163.9
38	Frank Ross	Monifieth Trout AC	43.0	42.1	43.5	4	163.0
39	Colin Macdonald	Saltire FF	39.0	50.0	38.2	4	162.2
40	Gregor Fleming	Bridge of Weir LAC	42.5	44.5	39.0	4	161.0
41	Stewart Barclay	Gilmerton FFC	37.2	46.2	39.7	4	158.1
42	Darren Laurenson	Shetland AA	38.5	37.5	47.0	4	158.0
43	William Davidson	Black Bull FFC	44.5	50.0	44.5	3	139.0
44=	Sean McCaffrey	North Shetland FF	42.0	50.0	42.0	3	134.0
44=	Mark Fleming	Firecats AC	40.0	45.0	49.0	3	134.0
46	Grant Gibson	St Boswells, Newtown & District AA	44.5	44.4	44.6	3	133.5
47	Ian Hutcheon	W.S Sinclair FF	44.0	47.0	42.0	3	133.0
48	Andrew McAdam	FAFA	47.0	42.0	42.5	3	131.5
49	Ray Anderson	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	43.0	47.0	39.0	3	129.0
50	Ian Muir	Grizzle Cats	39.0	43.3	45.8	3	128.1
51	David Wales	Select FF	42.0	41.0	32.7	3	115.7
52	Michael Jackson	Butcher Boy AC	47.5	48.5	0	2	96.0
53	Wullie Cowan	ABC & D AC	46.5	49.0	0	2	95.5
54	Stevie O'Neill	Menteith Ospreys	43.3	50.0	0	2	93.3
55	Mick Tait	Kelso AA	44.2	43.3	0	2	87.5
56	Jim Thomson	Perth Anglers' Club	41.5	44.0	0	2	85.5
57	Derek Kilgour	Heriot AC	42.0	43.0	0	2	85.0
58	Iain Webster	Gartmore AC	41.5	41.5	0	2	83.0
59	Jim Mckinlay	East Kilbride AC	41.2	0	0	1	41.2
60	Gary Wilkinson	Cupar AC	0	0	0	0	0.0
		Total				307	12217.7

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Semi-final No 6 - Menteith 30th June 2017

For a change conditions were near perfect for the last of our sem-finals at Menteith on 30th June. It was overcast for most of the session with a light breeze and it stayed dry. There were 23 competitors who between them caught 172 trout for 386lbs 10ozs. The top 8 competitors qualified for the final.

Top rod was Brian Mackenzie of Neilston FF with 16 trout for 35lbs 7ozs. Brian receives a Ridgeline Igloo top provided by our sponsors Ridgeline UK.



Brian took all of his fish on dries in the Butts.

In second place with 15 trout for 32lbs 3.3ozs was Ian Simpson of Aberdour AA and his boat partner, Kevin Porteous of Frozen North AC, was third with 15 trout for 31lbs 11.6ozs. Ian and Kevin took there fish in Gateside Bay and at the Malling Shore where they were fishing jelly blobs on midge tip lines.

photo:
Ian, Brian and Kevin

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Semi-Final No 5 - Menteith 30th June 2017

Top 8 qualify for the final

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Brian Mackenzie	Neilston FF	16	35	7.00
2	Ian Simpson	Aberdour AA	15	32	3.30
3	Kevin Porteous	Frozen North AC	15	31	11.60
4	Kenny MacLeod	Aurora Orkney FFA	12	27	15.00
5	Alan Steven	FAFA	11	23	13.50
6	Shane Kelly	Hawick AC	10	23	5.90
7	Ken Kennedy	W.S. Sinclair FF	9	22	1.30
8	Mike Willis	Bridge of Allan 76 AC	9	21	6.20
9	Kenneth Finlayson	Gartmore AC	10	20	13.90
10	Alan Porteous	Dounreay FFA	9	17	14.50
11	Keir Hardie	Sunburst AC	7	15	9.70
12	Jim Dick	Ben Wyvis FFC	7	14	10.30
13	Norman Irvine	OTFA Kirkwall	6	14	6.40
14	Malcolm Russell	Finstown FF	6	12	9.00
15	Anson MacAuslan	Dounreay FFA	6	12	8.80
16	David Marfizo	Brechin AC	5	11	10.70
17	Bruce Callander	Granite City FF	3	10	3.40
18	Ronnie Glass	Kelso AA	5	10	0.50
19	Greg Forrest	D&B FF	3	8	5.20
20	Paul Donegan	Rowbank AC	3	7	13.60
21	Andrew Morgan	Aurora Orkney FFA	2	5	11.20
22	Gary Ormiston	Roths Oak AC	2	4	5.10
23	Leslie Miller	Finstown FF	1	1	15.90
	Total		172	386	10.00

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Semi-final No 5 - Carron 29th June 2017

Winter returned to Scotland when our second last semi-final took place at Carron on 29th June. The 38 competitors had to contend with a north wind which blew as a north westerly over most of Carron and as a north easterly over the lodge end. Not only was there a bitterly cold wind it rained heavily for most of the day and only relented slightly at 4.30pm just before the session ended. It is doubtful if the temperature ever managed to get over 9deg.

However some flies still hatched and fish were to be found high in the water. The 38 anglers caught a total of 97 fish for 100lbs and 3lbs 10ozs of trout was needed to qualify for the final.

Top rod was Mark Stephen of Stewarton AC with 6 trout for 8lbs 10.8ozs. Mark receives a Ridgeline Igloo top provided by our sponsors Ridgeline UK

Mark took all of fish between the jetty and the beeches where he was fishing wet snatchers and hoppers on a floating line.

In second place with 7 trout for 8lbs 2.9ozs was Mick Tait of Kelso AA. Mick was also fishing between the jetty and the beeches and all of his fish fell to dries. In third place with 5 trout for 5lbs 9.5ozs was William Davidson of Black Bull FFC. William stayed at the dam wall and took his fish on orange blobs and snatchers fished on a midge tip.

photo:
Mick, Mark and William



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Semi-Final No 5 - Carron 29th June 2017

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Mark Stephen	Stewarton AC	6	8	10.80
2	Mick Tait	Kelso AA	7	8	2.90
3	William Davidson	Black Bull FFC	5	5	9.50
4	Steven O'Neill	Menteith Ospreys	6	5	6.40
5	Grant Osler	Future FF	7	5	4.70
6	William Cowan	ABC & D AC	3	4	9.20
7	Sean McCaffrey	North Shetland FF	6	4	5.90
8	Ralph Irvine	Glasgow POFFC	3	4	5.10
9	Gus Shepherd	Saltire FF	5	3	15.90
10	Ronnie McKean	East Kilbride AC	2	3	13.50
11	Derek Kilgour	Heriot AC	3	3	11.70
12	Andrew McAdam	FAFA	2	3	10.60
13	Neil Cockburn	Phoenix AC	3	3	8.10
14	Campbell Cree	Rainbow Warriors	2	3	6.90
15	Keith Anderson	SPRA East	2	2	15.30
16	Scott Aitken	Tartan Tyers	2	2	14.20
17	Donald McGregor	Balfron Piscatorials	3	2	12.80
18	Keith Logan	Heriot AC	2	2	8.50
19	James Gardiner	Ruthven FF	3	2	4.80
20	Chris Sutherland	Heatherfly Fishers	2	2	4.10
21	Kenny Miller	SPRA West	2	2	1.90
22	Alastair MacGillivray	Caol AC	1	2	0.00
23	John Graham	West Lothian FD	2	1	12.10
24	Tom Loch	Stranraer & District AA	1	1	9.70
25	Scott Miller	Thalassa AC	2	1	9.30
26	Donnie MacBeth	SPPM AC	3	1	5.20
27	Douglas Fairbairn	Kilmallie AC	3	1	5.10
28	Paul Garner	Alba Orvs FF	3	1	3.90
29	Grant Kerr	Badenoch AA	2	1	0.30
30	Ricky Martin	Barrhead AC	2	0	14.80
31	David McMillan snr	North Shetland FF	1	0	7.20
32	Peter Batchelor	Harrow AC	1	0	6.50
33 eq	Derek Knight	FAFA	0	0	0.00
33 eq	Jamie Picken	SPRA West	0	0	0.00
33 eq	Scott Pozzi	Rainbow AC	0	0	0.00
33 eq	Kevin McIntyre	Stranraer & District AA	0	0	0.00
33 eq	David McMillan jnr	North Shetland FF	0	0	0.00
33 eq	Mike McKenna	Aberdour AA	0	0	0.00
	Total		97	100	0.90

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Semi-final No 4 - Menteith 27th June 2017

The fourth of the National semi-finals was held at Menteith on 27th June and the 47 competitors had to contend with constant rain throughout the day. There was a light easterly breeze and the mix of the rain and the easterly breeze made it a cold day for the time of year.

However the conditions appeared to suit the trout and the fly life and the fish were on the feed for most of the day with hatches of fly in many areas of the lake. The 47 anglers caught a total of 350 trout and 10 fish were needed to qualify for the final. The cut-off weight for the 15 competitors who qualified for the final was 21lbs 8.4ozs.

Top rod and winner of the Ridgeline Igloo top provided by sponsors Ridgeline UK was Ronnie Gilbert of Menteith Ospreys with 22 fish for 44lbs 12ozs.



Ronnie took all his fish on a yellow owl drifting from Reedy Point to the point at Gateside Bay and later at Shear Point.

In second place with 17 trout for 35lbs 12ozs was Ian Hutcheon of W.S. Sinclair FF. Ian took all his fish at the Malling Shore where he was using a candy booby and crunchers on a midge tip line.

Jim McKinaly of East Kilbride AC was third with 14 trout for 30lbs 14ozs. Jim took his trout on cormorants fished on a midge tip line at Hotel Bay, Plantation and Malling Shore.

photo:
Jim, Ronnie and Ian

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Semi-Final No 4 - Menteith 27th June 2017

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Ronald Gilbert	Menteith Ospreys	22	44	12.00
2	Ian Hutcheon	W.S. Sinclair FF	17	35	12.00
3	Jim Mckinlay	East Kilbride AC	14	30	14.00
4	Frank Ross	Monifieth Trout AC	12	28	13.70
5	Grant Gibson	St Boswells, Newtown & Dist	14	28	13.10
6	Gregor Fleming	Bridge of Weir Loch AC	13	28	0.60
7	Jock Kettles	SANACC	11	26	3.90
8	Ray Anderson	Leslie & Glenrothes C	13	26	1.50
9	Ian Muir	Grizzle Cats	11	24	13.10
10	Campbell Morgan	Strathleven FF	10	22	14.80
11	Andy Dunn	Change FF AC	11	22	14.10
12	Alan Brock	Crieff AC	10	22	12.20
13	David Wales	Select FF	10	22	5.60
14	Martin McCafferty	Future FF	10	22	4.80
15	Derek Pozzi	Thalassa AC	10	21	8.40
16	Kevin Andrews	Ayr Travellers	9	20	13.90
17	Ken Oliver	Strathgryfe AA	9	20	11.10
18	Kevin Neri	Raemoir TF	9	19	10.90
19	Derek Halliday	Kelso AA	9	19	6.50
20	George Telford	Avonbank FC	8	19	6.20
21	Kevin Malcolm	Strathleven FF	7	18	8.30
22	Gil Farid	East Kilbride AC	8	16	8.50
23	Allan Gamble	RAF Fish Hawks	7	16	4.30
24	Alex Galloway	Dalzell AC	6	16	4.20
25	Stevie Anderson	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	7	15	14.20
26	Peter Cameron	Househillmuir FF	6	15	12.70
27	David Moore	Dunfermline Artisan	7	15	10.30
28	Brian Yule	Bank of Scotland East AC	5	14	0.30
29	George Gall	Rescobie Loch DA	6	14	6.30
30	Allan McLachlan	Dalzell C	6	13	3.50
31	Mark McNaughton	Flybox	6	12	14.30
32	John Buchanan	Newton Mearns FF	5	12	8.80
33	Rae Harrison	SPRA East	4	12	5.00
34	Gareth Keir	Stirling Castle	5	11	12.50
35	David Auld	Ellem FC	5	11	9.60
36	Calum Crosbie	Alba Orvis FF	5	11	8.60
37	Graeme Lynch	Flybox	4	10	0.00
38	Colin Reid	Strathgryfe AA	4	9	0.90
39	Alex Donald	RBL Thurso	3	8	0.40
40	Colin Sutherland	Merkister FF	3	6	11.30
41	Tom Lindsay	Dunfermline Artisan	2	5	14.30
42	Douglas Dargie	Leslie Llanilar	2	5	9.00
43	Jim Hay	Dunfermline Railway	2	4	11.80
44	Stephen Cowan	Ayr Travellers	2	4	5.20
45	Keith Robertson	Monifieth Trout AC	1	3	0.30
46	eq Tony Clarke	Ardrossan Edginto AC	0	0	0.00
46	eq David Couper	Kilbirnie AC	0	0	0.00
		Total	350	795	9.00

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Semi-final No 3 - Leven 16th June 2017

Semi-final No3 at Leven was won by James Simpson of Frozen North AC with two trout of 6lbs 4ozs and 5lbs 15ozs. Both trout were capped at 2.5lbs. James receives a Ridgeline Igloo top provided by sponsors Ridgeline UK. Billy Neill of Kilmallie AC was second with a trout of 3lbs. James and Billy qualify for the final.

James took his fish on a muddler and mini shuggie fished on a fast glass line. Billy was also using a fast glass line and his fish took a green tag kate.

photo - trout of 6lbs 4ozs, 5lbs 15ozs and 3lbs



photo- James and Billy



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Semi-final No 2 - Carron 15th June 2017

The second of the semi-finals was held at Carron on 15th June and with 33 competitors the top 11 qualified for the final. Conditions were good at the start of the session with a stiff south westerly and good cloud cover. The wind gusted a fair bit throughout the day and by mid afternoon the competitors had to cope with torrential rain.

There were two father and son combinations in this semi with Charlie Wilkinson and son Gary representing Cupar AC and Brian Kennedy and son Andrew representing Caley Liners FF. Both Brian and Andrew Kennedy qualified for the final and although Gary Wilkinson also qualified he was not joined by his father. The 33 anglers caught a total of 87 fish which included rainbows of 6lbs 5ozs, 5lbs 10ozs, 4lbs 3ozs, 3lbs 15ozs and 3lbs 12ozs.



Top rod and recipient of a Ridgeline Igloo top courtesy of sponsors Ridgeline UK was Bradley Chalmers of Gateside FC. Bradley caught 10 trout for 9lbs 10.7ozs which he took on a size 14 black hopper fished dry at Burnhouse Bay and in the open water at Bin Bay.

In second place was Colin Macdonald of Saltire FF with 5 trout for 6lbs 11ozs. Colin took his fish at the Willows where he was fishing mini lures and a blob on a slow glass line.

In third place was Brian Kennedy of Caley Liners FF with 5 fish for 6lbs 4.2ozs. Brian took his fish at the Willows and Carron Bay with hoppers and bumbles fished on a slow glass line.

photo:
Brian, Bradley and Colin

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Semi-final No 2 - Carron 15th June 2017

		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Bradley Chalmers	Gateside FC	10	9	10.70
2		Colin Macdonald	Saltire FF	5	6	11.00
3		Brian Kennedy	Caley Liners FF	5	6	4.20
4		Steven Bett	Strathtyrum AC	7	5	7.30
5		Gary Wilkinson	Cupar AC	4	5	4.30
6		Stephen Francis	Househillmuir FF	5	4	10.50
7		Kenny Sichi	Priory AC	3	4	8.00
8		Chris Harkess	Phoenix FF	2	3	12.30
9		John Simpson	Caley Liners FF	3	3	10.00
10		Stewart Barclay	Gilmerton FFC	4	3	7.00
11		Andrew Kennedy	Caley Liners FF	2	3	5.60
12		Jackie Naismith	Bothwell Blantyre AC	2	3	3.90
13		Ron Orr	Milngavie AC	3	3	3.30
14		Neil Anderson	Monikie AC	2	3	3.10
15		Aaron Phillip	Monikie AC	2	3	2.30
16		Alex Frew	Largs & District AC	4	2	5.80
17		Jimmy McBride	Heriot AC	3	2	5.50
18		Derek Keenan	IBM Freshwater AC	3	2	0.90
19		Scott Reith	Lintrathen AC	1	2	0.00
20		Alan Martin	Tartan Tyers	2	1	12.30
21		Sandy Crawford	Barrhead AC	3	1	8.00
22		Archie Blair	Port Glasgow AC	3	1	5.00
23		Peter Shepherd	Bridge of Allan 76 AC	2	1	3.10
24		Steven Welsh	Dalbeattie AA	2	1	1.20
25		David Carr	Tweed Valley Tangles	2	0	15.30
26		Douglas Scott	Earlston AA	2	0	13.30
27		Ross Wilson	Earlston AA	1	0	6.00
28	eq	Charlie Wilkinson	Cupar AC	0	0	0.00
28	eq	David Tyrie	Heriot AC	0	0	0.00
28	eq	Paul Clarke	Priory AC	0	0	0.00
28	eq	Neill Barrett	Gilmerton FFC	0	0	0.00
28	eq	Jim Twaddle	Luggiebank FD	0	0	0.00
28	eq	David Ezzi	St Johns FF	0	0	0.00
		Total		87	87	3.90

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Semi-final No 1 - Lintrathen 13th June 2017

There were 33 anglers in the first of the semi-finals and on their arrival Lintrathen was a flat calm. By the time they took to the water a breeze had picked up which gradually increased to a fairly strong wind. In late afternoon the wind dropped to finish with a good breeze. It was overcast for most of the day and other than a shower shortly after the start it stayed dry.

A total of 111 trout for 212lbs 5.4ozs were caught and a minimum of four trout were need to qualify. The top 11 qualified for the final.
Top rod was Chris McAllister of Raemoir TF with 8 trout for 13lbs 2.7ozs. Chris took his fish at the dam and at the jetty where he was fishing a fab, buzzers and diawl bachs on a midge tip line. Tyler Hay of Lintrathen FF was second with 6 trout for 11lbs 3.3ozs. Tyler took his fish at the dam where he was fishing a fab and buzzers on a midge tip line. In third place was Stuart Marklow of Loanhead and District AC with 6 trout for 10lbs 11.2ozs. Stuart took his fish at the dam where he was fishing a fab, diawl bachs, cormorants and buzzers on a floating line.

photo:
Stuart, Chris and Tyler



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Sem-Final No 1 - 13th June 2017						
		Top 11 quaify for the final				
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Chris McAllister	Raemoir TF	8	13	2.70
2		Tyler Hay	Lintrathen FF	6	11	3.30
3		Stuart Marklow	Loanhead & District AC	6	10	11.20
4		Mark Fleming	Firecats	6	10	9.70
5		Lee Anderson	Rescobie Loch DA	5	10	0.50
6		Jim Thomson	Perth Anglers	5	9	6.20
7		Michael Jackson	Butcher Boy AC	4	9	3.90
8		Derek Hessett	Gateside FC	5	8	15.10
9		Steve Mannion	SPRA West	4	8	9.10
10		Iain Webster	Gartmore AC	4	8	4.20
11		Greg McLaren	Gateside FC	4	7	15.00
12		Derek Purves	Bank of Scotland East AC	4	7	12.80
13		George Charters	Phoenix FF	4	7	12.40
14		Andrew Kemp	Perth RASC	4	7	11.50
15		Richard McHattie	D & B FF	4	7	7.60
16		Sandy Boag	Balbeggie AC	4	7	0.50
17		George Brown	Leslie Llanilar	3	6	13.40
18		Fraser Robertson	Canmore AC	3	6	2.10
19		Grant Sutherland	Perth RASC	3	5	11.90
20		Tony Li	GFFC	3	5	5.90
21		Alan Young	Stanley & District AC	2	5	0.80
22		Jim Doyle	Clatto & Stratheden AC	2	4	8.60
23		Ewan Clark	Strathtyrum AC	4	4	6.20
24		James Kerr	Firecats	2	4	5.80
25		Ron Gray	Rescobie Loch DA	2	4	3.70
26		Kevin McCabe	Change FF AC	2	4	0.30
27		Ben Robertson	Phoenix FF	2	3	14.50
28		Ian Wallace	Butcher Boy AC	2	3	13.80
29		Neil Duff	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	2	3	11.10
30		Ian Scott	Falkirk Municipal AC	1	2	5.00
31		Rab Maxwell	Clatto & Stratheden AC	1	2	0.60
32	eq	Keith Doig	Balbeggie AC	0	0	0.00
32	eq	David Stewart	Pitlochry AC	0	0	0.00
			Total	111	212	5.40

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Heat 10 Menteith 26th May 2017

The last of the heats was at Menteith on 26th May on what was probably the hottest day of the year so far. The sixty two anglers arrived at Menteith to find cloudless skies and a flat calm. As they set off there was roughly an even split of boats between those turning left and those heading for the cages/malling area. After an hour or so a southerly wind picked up to produce a good wave. Some competitors mastered the conditions while many struggled. Between them the anglers netted 246 trout for 543lbs 14.8ozs which included trout of 7lbs 4.4ozs (James Kerr), 5lbs 14.7ozs (James Kerr) and 5lbs 10.1ozs (Ralph Irvine). The top 31 anglers qualified for the semi-finals.



Top rod was Donnie MacBeth of SPPM AC with 14 trout for 29lbs 5.3ozs. Donnie took his fish from the Heronry and behind Dog Isle where he was fishing wet mayflies on a hover line. In second place was James Kerr of Firecats with 12 trout for 28lbs 2.3ozs. James took his fish (including the two big ones) at the Plantation where he was fishing cormorants and a fab on a buzzer line. Mark Stephen of Stewarton AC was third with 11 trout for 23lbs 8.1ozs. Mark was fishing in Sandy Bay with buzzers and a fab on a floating line.

photo
Mark, Donnie and James

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Heat 10 Lake of Menteith 26th May 2017					
	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Donnie MacBeth	SPPM AC	14	29	5.30
2	James Kerr	Firecats	12	28	2.30
3	Mark Stephen	Stewarton AC	11	23	8.10
4	Mark Fleming	Firecats	10	21	7.10
5	Paul Garner	Alba Orvis FF	9	19	3.60
6	Scott Miller	Thalassa AC	9	19	2.00
7	David Stewart	Pitlochry AC	9	18	6.40
8	Peter Batchelor	Harrow AC	9	18	5.70
9	Steven Welsh	Dalbeattie AC	8	17	3.30
10	Keith Logan	Heriot AC	8	17	1.10
11	Mike McKenna	Aberdour AA	7	16	2.80
12	Derek Kilgour	Heriot AC	7	14	10.80
13	Sandy Boag	Balbeggie AC	6	14	9.90
14	Chris Sutherland	Heatherfly Fishers	6	14	2.00
15	Ralph Irvine	Glasgow Post Office FFC	6	13	14.80
16	Tom Loch	Stranraer & District AC	6	13	14.70
17	Ewan Clark	Strathtyrum AC	6	13	11.20
18	Jamie Picken	SPRA FFS West	6	13	2.20
19	Ricky Martin	Barrhead AC	6	12	15.50
20	Tony Li	GFFC	5	12	7.70
21	Ian Webster	Gartmore AC	5	12	4.20
22	Alastair MacGillivray	Caol AC	4	10	8.20
23	Fraser Robertson	Canmore AC	5	10	3.10
24	Gary Wilkinson	Cupar AC	4	9	15.30
25	Kevin McIntyre	Stranraer & District AC	5	9	14.80
26	Mick Tait	Kelso AA	4	9	11.50
27	Sandy Crawford	Barrhead AC	5	9	10.90
28	Ron Orr	Milngavie AC	4	9	10.70
29	Jim Thomson	Perth Anglers' Club	4	9	9.10
30	Douglas Fairbairn	Kilmallie AC	4	9	6.30
31	Charles Wilkinson	Cupar AC	4	9	2.30
32	Brian Fraser	Newtyle & Meigle AC	4	8	9.90
33	James Gardiner	Alba Orvis FF	3	7	11.60
34	Agnes Thomas	Bank of Scotland East AC	4	7	3.40
35	Peter Auchterlonie	SANACC	3	6	11.00
36	Gordon Hayward	Balfron Piscatorials	3	6	8.60
37	Lee Lindop	Dunoon & District AC	3	6	7.30
38	Iain McLeod	Strathtyrum AC	3	5	15.90
39	Wilson Cloy	Stranraer & District AC	2	4	10.10
40	Bob Salmond	SPRA East	3	4	4.90
41	Ralph Fleming	Kilbirnie AC	2	4	0.40
42	Colin McGlone	Townhill AC	2	3	15.40
43	J J Laurensen	GFFC	1	3	1.40
44	Keith McKenzie	Dunoon & District AC	1	2	15.70
45	Richy Anthony	West Lothian FD	1	2	12.90
46	Brendan Cunningham	Port Glasgow AC	1	2	10.30
47	Lenny Young	Kahts Whiskers AC	1	2	5.90
48	Andrew Kennedy	Dalry Garnock AC	1	2	5.20
49	Robin Brown	Bothwell & Blantyre AC	0	0	0.00
50	eq Mick Thomson	Dalry Garnock	0	0	0.00
50	eq David Houston	Kahts Whiskers AC	0	0	0.00
50	eq Bill Rankin	Dunoon & District AC	0	0	0.00
50	eq Steven Thomson	Canmore AC	0	0	0.00
50	eq Jim Hairstans	Barrhead AC	0	0	0.00
50	eq Ali Cleghorn	Caol AC	0	0	0.00
50	eq Richard Rodden	Rainbow AC	0	0	0.00
50	eq Ewan Scott	Canmore AC	0	0	0.00
50	eq Kevin Docherty	Sharp Gentles	0	0	0.00
50	eq Brian Duffy	Kahts Whiskers AC	0	0	0.00
50	eq Graham Hands	Largs & District AC	0	0	0.00
50	eq John Watt	Dunfermline Rusty Nail AC	0	0	0.00
50	eq Kenny Riddell	Aberdeen & District AA	0	0	0.00
		Total	246	543	14.80

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Heat 9 Carron 24th May 2017

The penultimate National heat was held at Carron on 24th May. Conditions were near perfect with a westerly wind and cloud cover for most of the day. However nobody told the trout the conditions suited them and many competitors found them hard to tempt. There were 23 anglers in the heat and between them they caught 76 fish for 89lbs 7.4ozs. Four anglers caught eight or more fish and Colin Reid of Strathgryfe AC caught a magnificent specimen that weighed 10lbs 10.2ozs.

Top Rod was Michael Willis of Bridge of Allan 76 AC with 10 trout for 11lbs 7 ozs. Mike took his fish on the road shore where he was fishing a blob and a white viva on a midge tip line. Ken Oliver of Strathgryfe AA was second with 10 trout for 10lbs 15ozs and Kevin Andrews of Ayr Travellers was third with 9 trout for 10lbs 6.4ozs.

The top 12 qualified for the semi-finals.

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Heat 9 - Carron 24th May 2017						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Michael Willis	Bridge of Allan 76 AC	10	11	7.00
2		Ken Oliver	Strathgryfe AA	10	10	15.00
3		Kevin Andrews	Ayr Travellers	9	10	6.40
4		Jim Mckinlay	East Kilbride AC	8	8	10.40
5		Jim Hay	Dunfermline Railway AC	5	6	1.50
6		Kenny Finlayson	Gartmore AC	4	5	4.00
7		Ian Simpson	Aberdour AA	3	5	1.80
8		Gil Farid	East Kilbride AC	3	4	10.00
9		David Auld	Ellem FC	3	4	4.70
10		Greg Forrest	D & B Flyfishing	3	3	11.10
11		Colin Reid	Strathgryfe AC	2	3	7.90
12		Jim Doyle	Clatto & Stratheden AC	3	3	3.40
13		Kevin Stewart	Highland FF	2	2	8.00
14		James Stewart	Highland FF	2	1	11.60
15		Jim Youngman	Ellem FC	1	1	10.50
16		William McIlquham	Bridge of Allan 76 AC	1	1	10.20
17		Ian Wilson	Clatto & Stratheden AC	2	1	8.40
18		David Bicket	Munnoch AC	3	1	7.60
19		David Wright	St Boswells, Newtown & District	1	1	5.10
20		Brian Pitchers	Milngavie AC	1	0	6.80
21	eq	Brian Shepherd	Munnoch AC	0	0	0.00
21	eq	Garry Hamilton	Harrow AC	0	0	0.00
21	eq	Andrew Bicket	Munnoch AC	0	0	0.00
			Total	76	89	7.40

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Heat 8 Loch Leven 23rd May 2017

There was a good westerly wind at Loch Leven for heat 8 and generally it was overcast with the occasional glimpse of the sun. Thirteen anglers took part and between them they caught 27 trout. The top 7 qualified for the semi-finals. Top rod was Brian Mackenzie of Neilston FF with 6 trout for 6lbs 4.25ozs. In second was Peter Cameron of Househillmuir FF with 3 trout for 3lbs 7.375ozs and Shane Kelly of Hawick AC was third with 4 trout for 3lbs 6.5ozs.

All three anglers were pulling sparklers and traditionals on a di7 in the Hole O'The Inch.

photo:
Shane, Brian and Peter



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Heat 8 Loch Leven 23rd May 2017

Place	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Brian Mackenzie	Neilston FF	6	6	4.2500
2	Peter Cameron	Househillmuir FF	3	3	7.3750
3	Shane Kelly	Hawick AC	4	3	6.5000
4	Paul Donegan	Rowbank AC	4	3	5.6250
5	David Moore	Dunfermline Artisan AC	3	3	1.3750
6	Gary Ormiston	Rothes Oak AC	1	2	3.7500
7	Alan Steven	FAFA	1	2	3.1250
8	Stephen Leask	Neilston FF	3	2	1.3750
9	David Chalmers	Leven Fly Casters	1	0	14.0000
10	Allan Smith	Kinross AC	1	0	7.6250
11 eq	Tom Burnett	St Mirin AC	0	0	0.0000
11 eq	Barry Tindell	Blairadam AC	0	0	0.0000
11 eq	Connor Campbell	Kinross AC	0	0	0.0000
Totals			27	27	7.0000

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Heat 7 Loch Harray 21st May 2017

A field of 18 anglers fished the National Qualifier last Sunday the 21st , in what is the first step on the road to representing Scotland in next years home internationals. Light winds and clear blue skies were the forecast which proved to be correct until about midday, when the SE breeze strengthened into a good blow. Harray had been fishing well when there were light winds, which encouraged midge hatches, this in turn switched the trout right on the feed, but as soon as the wind increases, the fish can prove very difficult to tempt. Finding feeding trout was the key, and many anglers finished there day without having found many, while others had fared well. The boats were well spread out all day from Kirk Bay in the south end to Scarataing and Decca in the north and at times you would be forgiven for thinking you the only boat fishing with no others in sight. It was very close for first position with 4 anglers on 11 fish, but ultimately it was Ken Kennedy who took top spot with his total bag weight of 8lb 7 1/4ozs, closely followed by boat partner for the day, Norman Irvine whose total was 8lb 4ozs, Colin Sutherland with 7lb 15ozs and Kenny McLeod with 7lb 10ozs. The other qualifiers were Leslie Miller, Ian Hutcheon, Andrew Morgan, Malcolm Russell and Frank Watt.



Ken and Norman fished just round the corner from the site in Bochan where they found feeding fish in very shallow water right at the start, with Ken netting his first two fish with his first couple of casts before Norman proceeded to catch the next 6 in a row by 1130 fishing midge hogs and snatchers. They then changed to pulling when the wind increased with DI3 and mini lures, especially Erlends Cat did very well. For Colin Sutherland it was a floating line and small flies, especially Rogan’s Midge and for Kenny McLeod it was a fast glass and Lures with Viva his top pattern in the very shallow water in Nistaben. Andrew Morgan organised the heat on SANACC’s behalf and the officials on the day were Brian Forman and Fanta. All the very best to all the qualifiers in their semi finals at the Lake of Menteith.

photo:
Colin, Ken and Norman

10Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship					
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Heat 7- Loch Harray 21 st May 2017					
Pos	Angler	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Ken Kennedy	W S Sinclair FF	11	8	07.25
2	Norman Irvine	Orkney TFA	11	8	04
3	Colin Sutherland	Merkister FF	11	7	15.5
4	Kenny Macleod	Auro Orkney FF	9	7	10
5	Leslie Miller	Finstown FF	8	7	03
6	Ian Hutcheon	W S Sinclair FF	9	6	04
7	Andrew Morgan	Aurora Orkney FF	8	5	11.25
8	Malcolm Russell	Finstown FF	7	5	04
9	Frank Watt	Whalsay FF	6	5	01
10	Stuart Ieslie	Orkney TFA		4	09
11	Kenny Adam	Aurora Orkney FF		4	04
12	Neil Chalmers	Orkney TFA Stromness		3	08
13	Sandy McConnachie	Orkney TFA		3	02.5
14	James Harcus	Orkney TFA Stromness		2	13.5
15	George Brown	Stromness Flydressers		2	01.5
16	James Bews	Orkney TFA Stromness		1	13.25
17	John Munson	Merkister FF		1	13
18	William Taylor	Laurencekirk & District AA		1	08.25

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Heat 6 Menteith 9th May 2017

What a change to have some warmth. The 57 cometitors for heat 6 set out on a chilly overcast morning but within an hour the clouds had cleared and the temperature started to rise to produce a warm day. The wind was westerly and a good strength. The anglers caught a total of 518 fish for 1,080lbs 4.2ozs which included trout of 6.5ozs, 5lbs 13ozs, 5lbs 7ozs, 5lbs 2ozs, 4lbs 7ozs, 4lbs 6ozs and 4.1ozs.

For most of the day almost all of the boats were in the open water between The Butts and Kates Brae. The top 29 anglers went through to the semi-finals and the cut-off point was 8 fish for 16lbs 3.5ozs.



Top rod was Derek Hessett of Gateside FF with 21fish for 42lbs 5.2ozs. Derek was one of the boats in the open water and took his fish on buzzers under a bung. His clubmate, Greg McLaren, was second with 20 trout for 40lbs 9.4ozs. Greg was in the same areas as Derek and used the same method. The third spot went to 2015 National Champion Stuart Marklow of Loanhead & District AC who had 19 fish for 40lbs 0.3ozs. Stuart also took his fish in the open water where he was fishing buzzers and a fab on a floating line.

photo:
Stuart, Derek and Greg

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Heat 6 Menteith 9th May

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Derek Hessett	Gateside FC	21	42	5.20
2	Greg McLaren	Gateside FC	20	40	9.40
3	Stuart Marklow	Loanhead & District AC	19	40	0.30
4	Andrew Kennedy	Caley Liners FF	19	38	14.00
5	Kenny Sichi	Priory FC	19	38	8.90
6	George Brown	Leslie Llanilar	19	38	7.70
7	Jimmy McBride	Defending Champion	17	37	3.30
8	Ben Robertson	Phoenix FF	18	36	8.90
9	Steven O'Neill	Menteith Ospreys	17	34	4.10
10	Andrew Kemp	Perth RASC	16	32	3.40
11	Keith Doig	Balbeggie AC	14	29	4.10
12	Paul Clarke	Priory FC	14	28	9.40
13	Brian Kennedy	Caley Liners FF	14	28	5.80
14	Michael Low	Menteith Ospreys	14	28	2.60
15	Derek Knight	Townhill AC	13	27	12.60
16	John Graham	West Lothian FD	14	27	9.80
17	Kenny Miller	SPRA FFS West	12	25	8.50
18	John Simpson	Caley Liners FF	11	25	0.60
19	George Charters	Phoenix FF	11	22	5.90
20	James Gardiner	Ruthven FF	10	22	4.80
21	Keith Anderson	SPRA East	10	22	1.90
22	William Davidson	Blackbull FFC	9	19	8.80
23	Steven Mannion	SPRA FFS West	9	18	7.90
24	Archie Blair	Port Glasgow AC	9	18	7.80
25	David Tyrie	Heriot AC	8	18	6.40
26	William Cowan	ABC & D AC	9	17	4.80
27	Alex Frew	Largs & District AC	8	17	0.60
28	Chris Harkess	Phenix FF	8	16	7.60
29	Grant Kerr	Badenoch AA	8	16	3.50
30	Cameron Duncan	Perth CSSC	8	15	11.20
31	Robert Ewing	Saturday AC	7	15	8.60
32	Darrel Young	Blackbull FFC	7	15	2.40
33	PJ Mackintosh	Badenoch AA	6	15	0.90
34	Ian Glassford	Sharps Gentle	7	14	6.10
35	John Dunbar	Largs & District AC	7	14	3.90
36	Walter Archibald	Trout Anglers Club	7	14	3.10
37	Mick McColgan	Rowbank AC	7	14	2.80
38	Tom McBride	Renton FF	7	13	14.10
39	Derek Marklow	Loanhead & District AC	7	13	9.30
40	Bill Ramage	Tillicoultry AC	7	13	9.20
41	Graeme Ferguson	Blairadam AC	5	11	13.10
42	Rab Smith	Balbeggie AC	5	11	5.40
43	Peter Kendhammer	Newton Stewart & Dist AA	5	10	12.00
44	Barry Dexter	Sharps Gentle	4	9	7.80

45	Peter Allan	Blackbull FFC	5	9	5.70
46	Jamie Robertson	Ruthven FF	4	9	5.50
47	Ian Drummond	Last Cast AC	4	8	1.00
48	Donnie Clark	Port Glasgow AC	3	7	6.70
49	David Stewart	Ruthven FF	3	6	12.00
50	Gordon Walder	Saturday AC	3	6	11.50
51	Owen Fraser	Badenoch AA	3	6	9.80
52	Roger Archer	Newton Stewart & Dist AA	3	6	8.30
53	George Cashmore	St Mungo AC	2	4	4.10
54	Clark Davey	ABC & D AC	1	2	3.10
55	David Downie	D & B Flyfishing	1	2	0.00
56	eq Paul Wilson	Bothwell & Blantyre AC	0	0	0.00
56	eq Ally Kennedy	Perth CSSC	0	0	0.00
Total			518	1080	4.20

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Heat 5 - Carron Valley 2nd May 2017

Heat 5 at Carron was fished in a chilly east/northeast wind which produced a reasonable wave. There was cloud cover for most of the day with the trout being more co-operative in the afternoon as the temperature rose slightly. The 35 competitors caught a total of 125 fish (47 returned) for 147lbs 8.9oz. Included in the fish produced at the scales were trout of 7lbs 7ozs and 6lbs 1oz. During the practice days fish of 12lbs and 14lbs were reported to have been caught. The top 18 anglers qualified for the semi-final stage and the cut-off point was 4lbs 9.5ozs.

Top rod on the day was George Telford of Avonbank FC with 13 fish for 14lbs 2.5ozs. George took all his fish in Carron Bay where he was pulling a GA cat and snatchers on a di3. His boat partner, Grant Gibson of St Boswells, Newtown & District qualified in 6th place with 5 fish. In second and third places were boat partners Allan Gamble of RAF Fish Hawks (10 fish for 9lbs 4.6ozs) and Kevin Malcolm of Strathleven FF (7 fish for 7lbs 14.5ozs). This boat pairing took all their fish on black buzzers fished on snowbee buzzer lines in Lone Tree Bay.

The next heat is the rescheduled Linrathen heat which is being held on Thursday 4th May.



photo (left)
Allan, George
and Kevin



photo (right)
7lbs 7ozs trout

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Heat 5 Carron - 2nd May 2017

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	George Telford	Avonbank Fishing Club	13	14	2.50
2	Allan Gamble	RAF Fish Hawks	10	9	4.60
3	Kevin Malcolm	Strathleven FF	7	7	14.50
4	Calum Crosbie	Alba Orvis FF	7	7	11.00
5	Graeme Lynch	Flybox	6	7	9.10
6	Grant Gibson	St Boswells, Newtown & Dist	5	7	6.60
7	Alex Galloway	Dalzell AC	8	7	2.40
8	Ronnie Glass	Kelso AA	8	6	12.00
9	Brian Yule	Bank of Scotland East AC	5	6	5.70
10	Campbell Morgan	Strathleven FF	4	5	2.70
11	Andy Dunn	Change FF AC	4	5	2.10
12	Stephen Cowan	Ayr Travellers	4	5	0.40
13	Rae Harrison	SPRA East AC	3	5	0.20
14	Bruce Callander	Granite City FF	4	4	15.30
15	Jim Dick	Ben Wyvis FFC	3	4	13.00
16	Tom Lindsay	Dunfermline Artisan	3	4	12.70
17	Mark McNaughton	Flybox	3	4	12.50
18	Gregor Fleming	Bridge of Weir Loch AC	4	4	9.50
19	Ross McKeen	Crown FF	3	4	9.10
20	Jordan Black	Crown FF	3	3	12.10
21	Archie Ferguson	Lochgelly SRC AS	3	3	10.40
22	Dennis Splaine	Strathleven FF	2	3	2.70
23	Frank Boggie	Cove & Kilcreggan AC	2	2	1.60
24	Peter Cowan	Avonbank Fishing Club	1	1	15.40
25	Les Grant	Sunburst AC	2	1	11.40
26	Mick Moran	SANACC	1	1	10.40
27	Gerry Rattray	Soldier Palmers	1	1	9.40
28	Graham Thustain	Dunfermline Artisan	1	1	9.10
29	Michael Ward	Johnstone FF	1	1	8.00
30	Mike Cordiner	Raemoir TF	2	0	13.00
31	Barry Phillips	Dunfermline Railway AC	1	0	8.50
32	John Maestri	Soldier Palmers	1	0	7.00
33	eq Ian Woolley	Ben Wyvis FFC	0	0	0.00
33	eq Willie Edmond	RAF Fish Hawks	0	0	0.00
33	eq Murray Hunter	Stirling Castle AC	0	0	0.00
Total			125	147	8.90

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Heat 4 - Lake of Menteith 27th April

What a difference two days can make. On Tuesday we had blizzards and gales which caused the cancellation of heat 3 at Linrathen. Two days later heat 4 at the Lake of Menteith was fished in near perfect conditions. It stayed dry throughout the day and generally there was a light north west breeze which picked up to a fairly strong wind for a couple of hours in the afternoon.

There were 54 competitors in the heat and between them they caught 499 fish for 1022lbs 4ozs. The heaviest fish went to the scales at 6lbs 0.7ozs and fish of 5lbs 6.8ozs, 5lbs 3ozs, 4lbs 13ozs and 4lbs 6.2ozs were also weighed-in. The top 27 qualified for the semi-finals with cut off weight being 18lbs 0.1oz.



Top rod was Scott Aitken of Tartan Tyers FF with 29 fish for 57lbs 11.5ozs. Scott took his fish at Todds Hole, Lochend and the Butts where he was fishing buzzers on a floating line and midge tip line. Chris McAllister of Raemoir TF was second with 23 fish for 46lbs 6.2ozs. Chris also took his fish at Todds Hole, Lochend and the Butts on buzzers and a fab. In third place was Bradley Chalmers of Gateside FF with 17 fish for 36lbs 13.1ozs. Bradley was using a floating line and a buzzer tip line at Todds Hole and took his fish on buzzers.

The Championship moves to Carron on Tuesday 2nd May for heat 5 and to Lintrathen on 4th May for the rescheduled heat 3

photo:
Bradley, Scott and Chris

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship						
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Heat 4 - Lake of Menteith 27th April 2017						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Scot Aitken	Tartan Tyers FF	29	57	11.50
2		Chris McAllister	Raemoir TF	23	46	6.20
3		Bradley Chalmers	Gateside FC	17	36	13.10
4		Barry Robertson	Lintrathen FF	17	35	4.50
5		Derek Purves	Bank of Scotland East AC	17	34	11.00
6		David McMillan jnr	North Shetland FF	17	34	4.00
7		David McMillan snr	North Shetland FF	16	32	9.40
8		Jack Naismith	Bothwell & Blantyre AC	16	32	3.80
9		Ian Wallace	Butcher Boy AC	16	31	11.60
10		Donald McGregor	Balfron Piscatorials	16	31	6.10
11		Colin Macdonald	Saltire FF	14	29	8.40
12		Ally Middlemass	Kinross AC	13	27	11.80
13		Andrew McAdam	FAFA	13	27	11.70
14		Ron Gray	Rescobie Loch DA	13	26	9.30
15		Richard McHattie	D & B Flfishing	12	23	14.80
16		Alan Martin	Tartan Tyers FF	10	23	11.90
17	eq	Neil Duff	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	11	22	9.90
17	eq	Aaron Phillip	Monikie AC	11	22	9.90
19		Stephen Francis	Househillmuir AC	10	19	10.20
20		Michael Jackson	Butcher AC	10	19	9.60
21		Ronnie McKean	East Kilbride AC	10	19	6.80
22		Sean McCaffrey	North Shetland FF	9	19	2.60
23		Grant Ostler	Future FF	8	19	0.80
24		Alan Young	Stanley & District AC	9	18	3.90
25		David Bowie	Luggiebank FD	9	18	3.40
26		Campbell Cree	Rainbow Warriors	9	18	2.10
27		Peter Shepherd	Bridge of Allan 76 AC	10	18	0.10
28		Stuart Raybould	Glasgow Post Office AC	9	17	4.40
29		Arthur MacDonald	SPPM	8	17	1.40
30		Andrew Glasgow	Ferry FF	7	14	11.80
31		Ernest Mackay jnr	Aberdeen & District AA	7	14	8.50
32		Joshua Brush	Whalsay AA	8	14	1.40
33		Graeme Callander	Whalsay AA	6	14	0.20
34		William Morrison	Simmer Dim AC	7	13	14.00
35		Bruce Chisholm	Lintrathen FF	6	13	13.60
36	eq	Ian Runcie	Brechin AC	7	13	10.20
36	eq	Steven Breveik	Zetland AA	7	13	10.20
38		Callum Brodie	Butcher Boy AC	6	13	9.70
39		Ernie Mackay snr	Aberdeen & District AA	6	13	0.10
40		Jim Ferguson	Bank of Scotland Glasgow	5	10	6.70
41		Ian Kettles	Stanley & District AC	4	10	1.60
42		Garry Gardner	Kilmallie AC	6	10	0.80
43		Stevie Mullin	Pitlochry AC	4	9	2.40
44		Alisdair Mair	Lochinch AC	4	9	1.50
45		Ronnie Peterson	Dunrod AC	4	8	12.30
46		James MacDonald	SPPM	4	8	0.20
47		Bill Paterson	Aberdour AA	4	7	1.90
48		Gordon Fisher	Ferry FF	4	7	0.30
49		David Kemp	Stanley & District AC	3	5	12.70
50		Gary McGinlay	Luggiebank FD	2	4	14.10
51		Wayne Cram	West Lothian FD	2	4	13.20
52		Ronnie Stevenson	Dunrod AC	2	3	14.10
53		Alan Smith	Simmer Dim AC	1	2	0.60
54		Alister Jamieson	Simmer Dim AC	1	0	11.70
			Total	499	1022	4.00

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Heat 3 (Rescheduled) - Lintrathen 4th May 2017

The anglers arrived at Lintrathen for the rescheduled 3rd heat to find a light ripple/flat calm and clear skies. It did not stay that way and by the time the competitors were on the water there was a good northeast breeze which was giving a nice wave. The day stayed bright but the wind quickly picked up and gradually increased throughout the day. By mid morning it was getting lumpy at the rhododendron end and of course as they came off at the end of the session the wind dropped.

Twenty four anglers were able to take part on the rescheduled date and the top 12 qualified for the semi-finals. A total of 77 fish for 144lbs 11.1ozs were caught and three trout were needed to make the top 12. The cut off weight was 5lbs 14.5ozs.

The top rod was Jock Kettles of SANACC with 9 trout for 15lbs 3.3ozs. Jock took his fish at the Rhododenrons and the Sawmill where he was fishing blobs on a Di3. His boat partner, Frank Ross of Monifieth Trout AC, had 4 trout and qualified in 9th. In second place was Kevin Neri of Raemoir TF with 8 trout for 14lbs 5.6ozs. Kevin took all his fish at the Sawmill end with blobs and cormorants on a Di3. Kevin's boat partner, David Marfizo of Brechin AC, had 6 trout and qualified in 6th place. The third spot went to Neil Anderson of Monikie AC who had 8 trout for 14lbs 4.9ozs. Neil caught his fish at the Rhododenron end and at the dam on cormorants and a blob fished on a Di3. Neil's boat partner, Derek Pozzi of Thalassa AC, had 6 fish and qualified in 5th.

photo:
Jock, Kevin & Neil



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	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Jock Kettles	SANACC	9	15	3.30
2	Kevin Neri	Raemoir Trout Fishers	8	14	5.60
3	Neil Anderson	Monikie AC	8	14	4.90
4	Stevie Anderson	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	7	12	7.50
5	Derek Pozzi	Thalassa AC	6	11	5.40
6	David Marfizo	Brechin AC	6	11	2.70
7	George Gall	Rescobie Loch DA	4	8	9.00
8	Ray Anderson	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	4	8	4.20
9	Frank Ross	Monifieth Trout AC	4	8	3.50
10	Keith Robertson	Monifieth Trout AC	4	8	1.60
11	Scott Reith	Lintrathen AC	3	7	0.00
12	Dougie Dargie	Leslie Llanilar	3	5	14.50
13	Jordan Webster	Arbroath AA	2	3	15.10
14	Paul Cushnie	Leslie Llanilar	2	3	13.00
15	Wullie Simpson	Roths Oak AC	2	3	12.20
16	Angus Armour	Loanhead & District AC	2	3	12.00
17	Jim Christie	Blairgowrie Rattray & Dist	2	2	6.70
18	Ian Birch	Perth RASC	1	2	1.90
19	eq Kathleen Shepherd	Pitlochry AC	0	0	0.00
19	eq Stuart Robertson	Brechin AC	0	0	0.00
19	eq Malcolm Selvey	Monifieth Trout AC	0	0	0.00
19	eq Ed Fullerton	Dundee AC	0	0	0.00
19	eq Willie Milligan	Lintrathen AC	0	0	0.00
19	eq Mathew Wilson	A B C & D AC	0	0	0.00
	Total		77	144	11.10

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Heat 2 - Carron

The day started off with a cold westerly wind which lasted throughout the session. The sheltered bays seemed to be the places that were holding a good head of fish that were willing to take.

First was Allan McClachlan of Dalzell AC with 20 fish for 21lbs 10oz fishing a midge tip with buzzers in Burnhouse Bay. In second was Alan Porteous of Dounreay FFA with 20 fish for 21lbs 4oz using a floater with buzzers in Burnhouse Bay and in third was Ronnie Gilbert of Menteith Ospreys with 18 fish for 19lbs 15.5ozs also taken in Burnhouse with a floater and buzzers.

photo
Allan McLachan
and Alan Porteous



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Heat 2 - Carron 20th April 2017						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Allan McLachlan	Dalzell AC	20	21	10.00
2		Alan Porteous	Dounreay FFA	20	21	4.00
3		Ronnie Gilbert	Menteith Ospreys	18	19	15.50
4		Kevin Porteous	Frozen North AC	13	14	11.00
5		Anson MacAuslan	Dounreay FFA	12	14	1.50
6		Alan Brock	Crieff AC	9	11	6.00
7		Gareth Keir	Stirling Castle AC	8	10	8.00
8		James Simpson	Frozen North AC	8	10	5.00
9		Graham Steele	Grizzle Cats	8	9	12.50
10		Alex Donald	RBL Thurso	10	9	7.00
11		A. Clarke	Ardrossan Eglinton AC	7	8	14.00
12		Craig Gibbons	Glencorse RSV FF	7	8	2.00
13		David Couper	Kilbirnie AC	6	8	0.00
14		David Wales	Select FF	7	7	15.00
15		John Buchanan	Newton Mearns FF	8	7	12.50
16		Keir Hardie	Sunburst AC	5	7	3.00
17		Martin McCafferty	Futures FF	5	7	2.00
18		Derek Halliday	Kelso AA	5	6	14.00
19		Ian Muir	Grizzle Cats	4	6	13.50
20		Kenny Dickens	Grizzle Cats	4	6	13.00
21		Tony Chalmers	Dounreay FFA	4	6	10.50
22		Peter Edge	St Mungo AC	6	6	3.00
23		Bobby Quinn	Ayr Travellers	5	5	13.50
24		Toby Bracey	Frozen North AC	4	5	10.00
25		David Mateer	SPRA North	3	5	9.00
26		Dugald MacGilp	Lochgilphead & Dist. AC	4	5	6.50
27		Ian Cannop	RBL Thurso	3	5	3.50
28		Mark Anderson	Caurnie AC	3	5	0.00
29		Laurie Taylor	Rainbow Warriors	4	4	15.50
30		Greame Frew	Zetland AA	3	4	13.00
31		Eddie Brophy	St. Johns Flyfishers	3	4	11.00
32		Brian Fletcher	Kilbirnie AC	3	4	10.00
33		Archie MacGilp	Lochgilphead & Dist.AC	2	3	4.50
34		Andy Brown	St. Johns Flyfishers	1	1	8.00
35	eq	Robert Fernie	St Mungo AC	0	0	0.00
35	eq	David Boyd	Ardrossan Eglinton AC	0	0	0.00
35	eq	Neil Ward	Lochgilphead & Dist.AC	0	0	0.00
35	eq	Tam Ramsay	Glencorse RSV FF	0	0	0.00
			Total	232	287	15.50

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Heat 1 of the National Championships started on the Lake of Menteith on the 18th of April. 37 anglers took part and caught a total of 275 trout for 585lbs 15.2ozs The top 18 qualified for the semi-finals and 5 fish were needed to get through.

Tyler Hay of Lintrathen FF was top rod on the day with 25 fish for 50lb 2.7oz. Tyler fished a midge tip with a fab , 2 buzzers and a Diawl Bach and caught his fish between the east basin and Hotel Bay.

In second place was Neill Barrett of Gilmerton FFC. Neill caught all of his 19 fish, which weighed 36lb 14.6 oz, between Shear Point and Hotel Bay using a midge tip and buzzers. Stevie Bett of Strathtyrum AC was 3rd with 16 fish for 33lb 1oz which he caught at the Malling Shore using a floater and buzzers.

The cut off weight was 12lb 11.3oz.

photo: Tyler, Stevie and Neill



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Heat 1 Lake of Menteith 18th April 2017					
	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Tyler Hay	Lintrathen FF	25	50	2.70
2	Neill Barrett	Gilmerton FFC	19	36	14.60
3	Stevie Bett	Strathtyrum AC	16	33	1.00
4	Kevin McCabe	Change FF AC	15	32	8.10
5	Neil Cockburn	Phoenix AC	16	32	2.60
6	Stewart Barclay	Gilmerton FFC	13	25	8.90
7	Grant Sutherland	Perth RASC	12	24	11.40
8	Gus Shepherd	Saltire FF	11	22	14.30
9	Ross Wilson	Earlston AA	11	22	14.00
10	Derek Keenan	IBM Freshwater AC	10	20	14.50
11	Douglas Scott	Earlston AA	9	20	12.90
12	Lee Anderson	Rescobie Loch DA	9	19	14.60
13	David Carr	Tweedvally Tangles	7	16	15.00
14	Scott Pozzi	Rainbow AC	8	16	13.90
15	Rab Maxwell	Clatto & Stratheden AC	8	16	10.10
16	Ian Scott	Falkirk Municipal AC	6	15	5.30
17	David Ezzie	St. Johns Flyfishers	7	14	14.40
18	Jim Twaddle	Luggiebank FD	5	12	11.30
19	Billy Neill	Kilmallie AC	5	12	6.10
20	Mark Stewart	IBM Freshwater AC	5	12	1.70
21	Colin Fairgrieve	Earlston AA	6	11	14.20
22	Wullie Leach	Change FF AC	6	11	4.30
23	Alan Harvie	Ardrossan Eglington AC	4	11	3.00
24	Kevin Lynch	IBM Freshwater AC	4	10	6.20
25	Brian Munro	Dunfermline Rusty Nail AC	6	10	4.70
26	Andrew Barrowman	Granite City FF	5	10	3.30
27	Ray Wilkinson	Glencorse RSV FF	5	9	15.50
28	Stevie Harper	Rainbow AC	4	8	5.20
29	John Simpson	Rainbow Warriors	4	8	3.50
30	Christian Mulholland	Avonbank FC	3	5	12.60
31	John Tullet	Bank of Scotland Glasgow	2	4	11.70
32	Harold Davies	Milngavie AC	2	4	9.70
33	Derek Chapman	Glenburn AC	2	4	6.40
34	Kenny Gray	Sunburst AC	2	4	0.00
35	Alan Lusk	Strathgryfe AC	1	4	0.00
36	James Turner	Bank of Scotland Glasgow	1	3	14.00
37	Gordon Chapman	Glenburn AC	1	2	7.50
		Total	275	585	15.20

