



Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship 2018



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Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship Final - Lake of Menteith 15th September 2018

The 2018 National Champion is Derek Pozzi of Thalassa AC. With 17 trout for 35lbs 9.5ozs Derek came through in a very tight finish to win by one fish from Scott Aitken of Tartan Tyers FF. Scott had 16 trout for 32lbs 6.7ozs and in turn he was just one fish ahead of third placed Graeme Lynch of Team Flybox. Gregor Fleming of Bridge of Weir (Loch) AC and Derek Marklow of Loanhead & District AC were only one trout behind in fourth and fifth.

The competitors had been faced with very windy conditions in the practice days but when they arrived for the match there was hardly a ripple on the Lake of Menteith. During the day a light breeze came and went and cloud cover increased as the session progressed. There was a fair amount of light rain which persisted towards the end of the session. The match was fished as a partial catch and release with the first three trout being retained and 2lbs awarded for each returned fish. Heavey fish were capped at 4lbs. The top 20 competitors qualified for the 2019 teams.

Derek is very much on a high this month having just returned from Wales where he was in the Scotland Team that won the gold medal in the Autumn International at Llyn Brenig the previous Friday. He is also following in his father's footsteps as his father, Scott Pozzi, was the National Champion in 2001.

In addition to the National trophy Derek received a Ridgeline Monsoon Elite Jacket from our sponsors Ridgeline UK. Scott received a Pro Hunt Jacket and Graeme received a Ridgeline Torrent Jacket.

Derek spent his day at Lochend and International Bay where he was fishing two diawl bachs and a candy on a 3ft midge tip.

Scott was at the other end of the Lake and took all his fish in Gateside Bay where he was fishing two nymphs with an orange/yellow fab and a biscuit fab on a 6ft tip line. Graeme took his fish at Lochend on diawl bachs and a candy on a floating line.

The heaviest fish of the day weighed 5lbs 4.7ozs and was caught by Ronnie Orr of Milngavie AC. Ronnie received a Ridgeline Seasons Jacket from the sponsors.

The best boatman's prize was won by Martin McCafferty of Future FF who boated for Sean McCaffrey and Keith Renton.

The SANACC Committee wish to thank the 31 boatmen who gave up their time to boat for the competitors. The Committee also wish to thank Ridgeline UK who provided their products to the winners of each of the five semi-finals in addition the top three and the heaviest fish prize in the final; 7plus7 Construction who provided the fly measures, R & E Hygiene who provided the waterproof paper used for the catch returns, Stewart Marshall who piped off the competitors, Wilson and Wendy Mitchell who did the buffet, Eleanor and Ian Campbell who recorded the weigh-in and printed the results, the OTFA Committee who managed the Orkney heat and Quint and Douglas along with the staff at the fisheries that hosted the heats and semis.



Left: Scott Aitken (2nd) receiving his prize from Nigel Winkle of sponsors Ridgeline UK



Right: Graeme Lynch receiving his prize from Nigel Winkle of sponsors Ridgeline UK



Piper Stewart Marshall



Heaviest Fish Ron Orr



Best Boatman Martin McCafferty



Semi-final winners: Gregor Fleming, James Gardiner, Arthur MacDonald, Neill Barrett and Lee Anderson with Nigel Winkle of sponsors Ridgeline UK

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Position		Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1 st	Derek Pozzi	Thalassa AC	17	39	9.5
2 nd	Scott Aitken	Tartan Tyers FF	16	32	6.7
3 rd	Graeme Lynch	Team Flybox	15	31	3.4
4 th	Gregor Fleming	Bridge of Weir (Loch) AC	14	28	7.1
5 th	Derek Marklow	Loanhead & District AC	14	27	15.3
6 th	Sean McCaffrey	North Shetland FF	12	26	3.7
7 th	Paul Garner	Alba Orvis FF	11	23	0.5
8 th	Michael Tarbet	Balbeggie AC	10	22	12.5
9 th	Mark Stephen	Stewarton AC	10	22	10.2
10 th	Peter Cameron	Househillmuir FF	11	22	3
11 th	Jim Twaddle	Caurnie AC	9	20	8.8
12 th	James Kerr	Firecats AC	9	20	3.6
13 th	Campbell Cree	Rainbow Warriors AC	10	20	0.6
14 th	David Wales	Select FF	9	19	14.7
15 th	Allan Smith	Kinross AC	10	19	12.9
16 th	Andrew Barrowman	Granite City FF	10	19	5
17 th	Allan McLachlan	Costa Ecosse	8	19	3.7
18 th	Neill Barrett	Gilmerton FFC	10	19	2.5
19 th	Keith Renton	Coldstream & District AA	9	18	4.8
20 th	Greig Davie	Thalassa AC	8	17	13.3
21 st	Kevin McCabe	Change FF AC	9	17	10.9
22 nd	Jim Youngman	Ellem FC	8	17	7.5
23 rd	Kevin Neri	Raemoir Trout Fishers	8	16	6.6
24 th	Mick Tait	Tweedvalley Tanglers	8	16	4.4
25 th	Gil Farid	East Kilbride AC	8	16	1.6
26 th	Peter Edge	Grizzlecats	8	16	0.7
27 th	Sandy McConnachie	OTFA Kirkwall	8	15	6.6
28 th	David Mateer	SPRA FFS North	7	15	5.1
29 th	Gus Armour	Loanhead & District AC	7	14	15.2
30 th	Ian Wallace	Butcher Boy AC	7	14	7.4
31 st	Graeme Ferguson	Soldier Palmers	6	14	7.4
32 nd	Kevin Malcolm	Darvel AC	7	14	6.8
33 rd	Lee Anderson	Lintrathen AC	6	14	6.7
34 th	Ed Brown	Dundee AC	5	13	14.8
35 th	Brian Kennedy	Caley Liners FF	7	13	13.6
36 th	Colin McGlone	Townhill AC	7	13	13.3
37 th	Mick Thomson	Dalry Garnock AC	6	13	5.9
38 th	Bob Smith	Balbeggie AC	6	12	8.8
39 th	Fraser Robertson	Canmore AC	5	12	5.8
40 th	Tom Burnett	St Mirin AC	6	12	4.6
41 st	Nigel Burns	Crieff FF	5	12	0.5
42 nd	Andrew Kemp	Perth RASC	6	11	12
43 rd	Colin Sutherland	Aurora Orkney FF	5	10	12.7
44 th	Ray Anderson	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	5	10	3.8
45 th	Arthur MacDonald	SPPM AC	5	10	3.7
46 th	James Gardiner	Alba Orvis FF	5	10	2.7
47 th	Ronnie Orr	Milngavie AC	3	9	13.7
48 th	Paul Clarke	Priory AC	5	9	12.4
49 th	Barry Robertson	Lintrathen FF	4	9	5.3
50 th	Kenny Dickens	Grizzlecats	4	8	10.1
51 st	Derek Purves	Bank of Scotland East AC	3	8	9.3
52 nd	David Bicket	Munnoch AC	3	7	10.3
53 rd	Ronnie Glass	Kelso AA	3	7	8.6
54 th	George Charters	Black Bull FFC	3	7	0.3
55 th	Donnie MacBeth	SPPM AC	3	6	5.1
56 th	Alan Gilbert	SPRA FFS West	3	6	3.3
57 th	Paul Sharp	Leven Fly Casters	3	5	13.2
58 th	Joshua Brush	Shetland AA	2	5	10
59 th	John Maestri	Soldier Palmers	3	5	3.6
60 th	Colin Fairgrieve	Earlston AA	2	4	3.8
61 st	Bill Ramage	Tillicoultry AC	2	3	12.9
62 nd	Stephen Francis	Househillmuir FF	2	3	10.5

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Simi-Final No 5 - Menteith 29th June 2018

The semi-final stage of the National finished at the Lake of Menteith on 29th June and once again the match was fished under a clear blue sky. A breeze from the south west blew throughout the day which kept the temperature below the highs of the previous day. There were 27 competitors in this semi and between them they caught 76 trout for 159lbs 9.5ozs. The top ten anglers qualified for the final.

In second place with 7 trout for 14lbs 2.3ozs was Tom Burnett of St Mirin AC. Tom took all of his fish in International Bay on a booby and cormorants fished on a midge tip line. Kenny Dickens of Grizzle Cats was third with 7 trout for 13lbs 13.6ozs. Kenny took his fish in International Bay on boobies and cormorants on an intermediate line.

Photo: Tom, James ad Kenny



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Top 10 qualify for the final

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	James Gardiner	Alba Orvis FF	6	14	6.50
2	Tom Burnett	St Mirin AC	7	14	2.30
3	Kenny Dickens	Grizzle Cats	7	13	13.60
4	Paul Sharp	Leven FC	7	13	3.20
5	Andrew Barrowman	Granite City FF	6	11	15.70
6	Gus Armour	Loanhead & District AC	6	11	8.20
7	Colin Sutherland	Aurora Orkney FF	5	11	4.20
8	Allan McLachlan	Costa Ecosse	6	10	12.50
9	David Mateer	SPRA North	5	9	11.40
10	Gil Farid	East Kilbride AC	4	8	13.90
11	Malcolm Russell	OTFA Stromness	4	8	5.70
12	Toby Bracey	Dounreay FFA	3	6	7.40
13	Brian Mackenzie	Neilston FF	2	4	9.10
14	Kevin Porteous	Frozen North AC	2	4	5.30
15	Ewan Scott	Canmore AC	1	4	0.00
16	James Harcus	Stromness FT	1	3	2.80
17	Alexander Donald	RBL Thurso	1	2	7.20
18	Ian Simpson	Aberdour AA	1	2	5.80
19	Gordon Hayward	Balfron Piscatorials	1	2	1.40
20	Kevin Andrews	Ayr Travellers	1	2	1.30
21 eq	Ken Kennedy	OTFA Kirkwall	0	0	0.00
21 eq	Mick Moran	SANACC	0	0	0.00
21 eq	Andrew Morgan	Aurora Orkney FF	0	0	0.00
21 eq	Steven Thomson	Canmore AC	0	0	0.00
21 eq	James Gardiner	Ruthven FF	0	0	0.00
21 eq	John Munson	W.S. Sinclair FF	0	0	0.00
21 eq	William Riddicks	Granite City FF	0	0	0.00
	Total		76	159	9.50

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Simi-Final No 4 - Carron 28th June 2018

The fourth semi-final of the Scottish National Championship was held at Carron on 28th June and on what was probably the hottest day of the year so far. The competitors had a clear blue sky all day and were helped slightly by a very light breeze that came and went throughout the day. There were 44 anglers in this semi and at the start of the session 19 of the boats made for the dam area with the remaining 3 boats heading west. It was a tough day and the cut-off point for the 16 to qualify for the final was 2lbs 10.8ozs.

Top rod and winner of the Ridgeline Turbulence Smock provided by Ridgeline UK was Neill Barrett of Gilmerton FFC who had 8 trout for 9lbs 2.2ozs. Neill spent his day in the dam area and took his fish on a tequila blob and buzzers fished on a floating line. All of his fish came in the first 5 or 6 hours.

Mick Tait of Tweed Valley Tanglers was second with 7 trout for 8lbs 7.3ozs and his boat partner, Alan Gilbert of SPRA West was third with 5 trout for 6lbs 10.7ozs. Mick and Alan also spent their day in the dam area where Mick took his fish on an orange fab and cormorants fished on a ghost tip and di3 lines. Alan took four of his trout on an orange blob fished on a di3. His fifth fish which went to the scales at 4lbs 5ozs was taken on a black blob.



Photo: Neill, Alan and Mick

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Sem-Final No 4 - Carron 28th June 2018

Top 16 qualify for the final

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Neill Barrett	Gilmerton FFC	8	9	2.20
2	Mick Tait	Tweed valley Tanglers	7	8	7.30
3	Alan Gilbert	SPRA West	5	6	10.70
4	Colin McGlone	Townhill AC	5	6	10.40
5	Graeme Lynch	Team Flybox	4	5	7.40
6	Mick Thomson	Dalry & Garnock	4	5	5.20
7	Colin Fairgrieve	Earlston AA	4	5	2.40
8	Scott Aitken	Tartan Tyers	3	3	6.40
9	Keith Renton	Coldstream & District AA	3	3	6.30
10	George Charters	Black Bull FFC	2	2	15.80
11	Brian Kennedy	Caley Liners	2	2	14.60
12	eq Donnie MacBeth	SPPM AC	2	2	14.30
12	eq Ian Wallace	Butcher Boy AC	2	2	14.30
14	Mark Stephen	Stewarton AC	2	2	13.90
15	Jim Twaddle	Caurnie AC	2	2	11.30
16	Paul Clarke	Priory AC	3	2	10.80
17	Sean McCaffrey	NSFF	4	2	10.30
18	Stephen Leask	Neilston FF	2	2	7.70
19	Paul Donegan	Rowbank AC	2	2	6.40
20	eq Douglas Fairbairn	Kilmallie AC	1	1	10.70
20	eq Colin Macdonald	Saltire FF	1	1	10.70
22	Brian Duffy	Kahts Whiskers	1	1	7.80
23	William Davidson	Black Bull FFC	1	1	6.00
24	eq Michael Ward	Johnstone FF	1	1	5.10
24	eq Ben Robertson	Gilmerton FFC	1	1	5.10
26	Ronnie McKean	East Kilbride AC	1	1	4.40
27	Bill Paterson	Aberdour AC	1	1	3.40
28	Chris Sutherland	Heatherfly FF	1	1	3.10
29	Jimmy McBride	Heriot AC	2	0	15.20
30	Matthew Connoly	SPRA West	1	0	9.80
31	Bill Sutherland	Avonbank FC	1	0	7.30
32	Kenny Miller	SPRA West	1	0	6.40
33	eq Donald McGregor	Kinross AC	0	0	0.00
33	eq Tam Ramsay	Glencorse RSV	0	0	0.00
33	eq Mike Willis	Bridge of Allan 76 AC	0	0	0.00
33	eq Richy Anthony	Team Flybox	0	0	0.00
33	eq Keith Logan	Heriot AC	0	0	0.00
33	eq Ross Carnegie	Blairadam AC	0	0	0.00
33	eq Andy McAdam	Tartan Tyers	0	0	0.00
33	eq William Morrison	Simmer Dim	0	0	0.00
33	eq Andy Kennedy	Butcher Boy AC	0	0	0.00
33	eq Andrew Kennedy	Caley Liners	0	0	0.00
33	eq Paul Merrifield	Kahts Whiskers	0	0	0.00
33	eq Ed Brophy	Black Loch AC	0	0	0.00
		Total	80	96	0.70

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Simi-Final No 3 - 26th June 2018

The third of the National semi-finals was held at the Lake of Menteith on 26th June on another hot day. The competitors were faced with a flat calm for most of the day with an occasional light ripple and with only a very thin veil of cloud for cover the temperature climbed as the session progressed.

Thirty seven competitors took part and between them they caught 172 trout with the heaviest going to the scales at 4lbs 6ozs and was caught in Gateside Bay by David Wales of Select FF. The top 14 anglers qualified for the final.

Top rod and winner of the Ridgeline Turbulence Smock provided by our sponsors Ridgeline UK was Gregor Fleming of Bridge of Weir (Loch) AC with 14 trout for 27lbs 7.9ozs. Gregor spent his day between Hotel Bay and International Bay. He took his fish in Hotel Bay on a cat booby and buzzers on a 3ft midge tip and in International Bay he was using two boobies on a 3 sweep.

In second place with 12 trout for 23lbs 13.1ozs was Derek Purves of Bank of Scotland East AC. Derek moved between Cages Bay and the Silage Pit and took his fish on a candy booby and diawl bachs on a midge tip.

Third place went to Derek Pozzi of Thalassa AC with 12 trout for 23lbs 8.9ozs. Derek took his fish at the Malling Shore on a candy booby on a midge tip and in Sandy Bay where he was using grunTERS.

Photo: Derek Purves, Gregor Fleming and Derek Pozzi



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Semi-Final No 3, Menteith 26th June 2018

Top 14 Qualify for the final

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Gregor Fleming	Bridge of Weir Loch AC	14	27	7.90
2	Derek Purves	Bank of Scotland East AC	12	23	13.10
3	Derek Pozzi	Thalassa AC	12	23	8.90
4	Kevin Neri	Raemoir Trout FF	11	21	0.20
5	Campbell Cree	Rainbow Warriors	9	17	13.70
6	Ed Brown	Dundee AC	7	13	13.90
7	Peter Edge	Grizzle Cats	7	13	0.40
8	Kevin Malcolm	Darvel AC	6	12	10.30
9	David Wales	Select FF	5	12	8.20
10	Nigel Burns	Crieff FF	6	12	1.80
11	Ronnie Glass	Kelso AA	6	11	14.80
12	John Maestri	Soldier Palmers	6	11	13.20
13	Greig Davie	Thalassa AC	6	11	10.80
14	Jim Youngman	Ellem FC	6	11	3.70
15	John Buchanan	Costa Ecosse	6	11	3.40
16	Ian Hutcheon	W. S. Sinclair FF	6	10	15.00
17	Neil Chalmers	Select FF	6	10	13.00
18	Jim Dick	Ben Wyvis FFC	5	10	8.50
19	Jim Doyle	Clatto & Stratheden AC	4	8	1.20
20	Dennis Splaine	Dalzell AC	4	7	4.80
21	Brian Fraser	Newtyle & Meigle AC	3	6	12.30
22	Jim Adams	Merkister FF	3	6	11.10
23	Wullie Cowan	A B C & D AC	3	6	1.10
24	Ian Wilson	Clatto & Stratheden AC	2	5	15.10
25	Alan Brock	Crieff AC	3	5	10.60
26	Les Shaw	Grizzle Cats	3	5	4.00
27	Anson McAuslan	Dounreay FFA	2	4	5.00
28	Gavin Ferguson	Lintrathen AC	2	4	2.60
29	David Couper	Kilbirnie AC	1	3	7.20
30	Frank Ross	Monifieth Trout AC	1	2	15.80
31	Mark McNaughton	Select FF	2	2	14.00
32	Colin McMonagle	Dunfermline Railway AC	1	1	15.70
33	Richard Keith	Newtyle & Meigle AC	1	1	15.10
34	Ally Kennedy	Perth CSSA	1	1	10.10
35 eq	Calum Crosbie	Alba Orvis FF	0	0	0.00
35 eq	Ed Fullerton	Dundee West End	0	0	0.00
35 eq	Ian Muir	Newton Stewart AA	0	0	0.00
	Total		172	343	2.50

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Semi-Final No 2 - Carron 23rd June 2018

The day started off with a steady westerly. In first place with 23 fish for 24lb 10oz was Arthur MacDonald of SPPM AC fishing a Di 3 and four mini lures. In second place was Ronnie Orr of Milngavie AC with 21 fish for 22lb 7.8oz using a Di 5 with boobies and sparklers and in third place was Stephen Francis of Househillmuir FF with 15 fish for 16lb 7oz using a fast glass with sparkler boobies and blobs.

Photo: Stephen, Arthur and Ronnie



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Semi - Final No 2 - Carron 23rd June 2018

Top 9 qualify for the final

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Arthur MacDonald	SPPM AC	23	24	7.00
2	Ronnie Orr	Milngavie AC	21	22	5.00
3	Stephen Francis	Houshillmuir FF	15	16	0.00
4	Fraser Robertson	Canmore AC	13	14	2.00
5	Peter Cameron	Houshillmuir FF	13	14	1.20
6	Allan Smith	Kinross AC	12	13	6.00
7	Bill Ramage	Tillicoultry AC	12	13	0.00
8	Graeme Ferguson	Soldier Palmers	11	12	12.00
9	Paul Garner	Alba Orvis FF	10	11	8.00
10	Steven Welsh	Dalbeattie AA	11	11	2.00
11	John Simpson	Caley Liners	11	11	1.30
12	George Murray	Heatherfly FF	6	7	5.70
13	Owen Cook	Townhill AC	6	7	3.50
14	David Carr	Tweed Valley Tangles	7	6	9.00
15	Kevin Hamilton	Stranraer & District	5	6	0.70
16	Steven Stuart	Lochgelly SRC	4	5	9.00
17	David Wright	St. Boswells, Newtown & Dist	4	5	4.30
18	Douglas Scott	Earlston AA	4	4	14.60
19	Brad Chalmers	Gateside Flycasters	4	4	6.00
20	Scott Miller	Thalassa AC	3	4	0.10
21	Neil Cockburn	Phoenix AC	4	3	2.20
22	Barrie Dexter	Bothwell & Blantyre AC	3	3	1.40
23	Vic Brown	Glencorse RSV	2	2	10.00
24	Gordon Fisher	Ferry FF	1	0	7.80
		Total	205	224	6.80

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Semi-Final No 1 - Lintrathen 12th June 2018

The National moved from the heats to the semi-finals on 12th June at Lintrathen. The session started off in calm conditions and at the off two boats headed straight across with the remaining 13 heading for the sawmill and dam areas. Half way through the wind picked up slightly with a corresponding drop in temperature but in mid afternoon it turned round 180 degrees and dropped to a pleasant breeze.

There were 29 competitors in this semi-final and between them they caught 102 fish for 182lbs 8.4ozs with the largest of them going to the scales at 4lbs. Top rod was local angler Lee Anderson of Lintrathen AC with 16 fish for 25lbs 15.10ozs. Lee started off at the Gravel Bank but having drawn a blank there he moved to the Rhododendron area around noon and remained there for the rest of the day. Lee took his fish on a cat booby and buzzers fished on a midge tip line.

In second place was Kevin McCable of Change FF AC with 12 fish for 18lbs 13.4ozs. Kevin started at the Dam Wall area where he took 5 fish and later moved to the Rhododendron area about 2pm where he took his remaining 7 fish. Kevin was fishing buzzers on a midge tip line.

In third was Lee's boat partner, Ray Anderson of Leslie & Glenrothes AC, who had 10 fish for 15lbs 14.3ozs. Ray was also using a cat booby and buzzers on a midge tip line.

Photo; Kevin, Lee and Ray



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Sem-Final No 1 - Lintrathen 12th June 2018						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Lee Anderson	Lintrathen AC	16	25	15.10
2		Kevin McCabe	Change FF AC	12	18	13.40
3		Ray Anderson	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	10	15	14.30
4		Derek Marklow	Loanhead & District AC	8	14	6.10
5		James Kerr	Firecats AC	7	12	6.10
6		Sandy McConnachie	OTFA Kirkwall	6	9	8.40
7		Andy Kemp	Perth RASC	4	8	2.50
8		Bob Smith	Balbeggie AC	3	7	1.70
9		David Bicket	Munnoch AC	3	7	0.20
10		Barry Robertson	Lintrathen FF	3	6	10.30
11		Mick Tarbet	Balbeggie AC	3	6	5.60
12		Chris McAllister	Raemoir Trout FF	4	6	4.20
13		Bruce Chisholm	Lintrathen FF	3	6	1.90
14		Tyler Hay	Lintrathen FF	3	5	15.80
15		Rab Maxwell	Clatto & Stratheden AC	3	5	5.70
16		Greg McLaren	Gateside FC	2	4	6.10
17		Sandy Boag	Perth RASC	2	3	13.40
18		Ewan Clark	Strathtyrum AC	2	3	2.40
19		Stevie Harper	Rainbow AC	1	2	14.80
20		Derek Hessett	Gateside FC	1	2	3.30
21		Steven Cassells	Rescobie Loch DA	1	2	2.40
22		Iain McLeod	Strathtyrum AC	1	1	14.00
23		George Gall	Rescobie Loch DA	1	1	13.40
24		Stevie Mullin	Pitlochry AC	1	1	12.70
25		Stuart Marklow	Loanhead & District AC	1	1	12.00
26		Ian Kettles	Stanley & District AC	1	0	10.60
27	eq	Andy Gourlay	Leslie Llanilar	0	0	0.00
27	eq	Tony Li	GFFC	0	0	0.00
27	eq	George Brown	Leslie Llanilar	0	0	0.00
			Total	102	182	8.40

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Heat 10 - 25th May**

The last of the National heats was held at Menteith on 25th May and with 46 competitors the top 23 qualified for the semi-finals. Right from the outset the competitors had to contend with bright sunshine with not a cloud in the sky. The wind picked up mid morning and frequently changed direction making it difficult to hold a drift. Many of the competitors got off to a really good start and by the end of the session they caught a total of 241 trout.

Top rod was Fraser Robertson of Canmore with 17 fish. Fraser was fishing a candy and buzzers on a floating line at the Rookery and the Plantation. Ben Robertson of Gilmerton FFC was second with 14 fish which he took on a cat booby and buzzers fished on a floater at the Gravel Pits and Kates Brae. Paul Garner of Alba Orvie FF was third with 1w fish. Paul was fishing a booby and buzzers on a floating line at the Rookery and Cages.

Photo: Ben and Fraser



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Heat 10 - Menteith 25th May

top 23 qualify for the semi-finals

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Fraser Robertson	Canmore AC	17	35	1.30
2	Ben Robertson	Gilmerton FFC	14	27	10.60
3	Paul Garner	Alba Orvis FF	12	24	10.40
4	Mark Stephen	Stewarton AC	12	23	14.70
5	Chris McAllister	Raemoir Trout	11	22	2.30
6	Tony Li	GFFC	10	21	3.20
7	Ewan Clark	Strathtyrum AC	8	18	8.70
8	Peter Cameron	Househillmuir FF	9	16	12.30
9	Douglas Fairbairn	Kilmallie AC	8	15	12.40
10	Mick Tarbet	Balbeggie AC	8	15	4.10
11	John Simpson	Rainbow Warriors	7	15	3.50
12	Michael Low	Menteith Ospreys	7	14	4.20
13	Steven Stuart	Lochgelly SRC AS	7	14	1.60
14	Ed Brophy	Black Loch AC	7	13	4.60
15	Iain McLeod	Strathtyrum AC	6	13	1.70
16	James Kerr	Firecats AC	7	13	1.40
17	Donnie McBeth	SPPM AC	7	12	4.10
18	Chris Sutherland	Heatherfly FF	6	11	12.20
19	Ron Orr	Milngavie AC	6	11	12.10
20	Keith Logan	Heriot AC	6	10	14.70
21	Keith Renton	Coldstream AA	6	10	14.20
22	Graeme Ferguson	Soldier Palmers	4	10	3.60
23	Ian Watson	Aberdour AA	5	9	9.70
24	Les Grant	Avonbank FC	5	8	14.20
25	Peter Batchelor	Harrow AC	4	8	3.90
26	David Kemp	Stanley & District AC	3	7	2.60
27	Kenny Finlayson	Strathgryfe AA	3	6	12.30
28	David Chalmers	Leven FC	4	6	11.30
29	Ken Oliver	Strathgryfe AA	3	6	10.90
30	Ronnie Stevenson	Dunrod AC	3	6	3.60
31	Ralph Fleming	Kilbirnie AC	3	6	2.00
32	Grant Sutherland	Perth RASC	3	6	1.20
33	Gary Wilkinson	Cupar AC	3	5	4.90
34	Ronnie Peterson	Dunrod AC	2	4	12.60
35	Keith McKenzie	Dunoon & District AC	3	4	9.00
36	Derek Chapman	Glenburn AC	2	4	5.90
37	John Laursen	GFFC	2	3	13.20
38	James Thomson	Perth Anglers	2	3	8.70
39	Archie Blair	Port Glasgow AC	2	2	2.70
40	Lee Lindop	Dunoon & District AC	1	1	13.20
41	Charlie Wilkinson	Cupar AC	1	1	12.00
42	Mark Fleming	Firecats AC	1	1	11.70
43	David Fullarton	Port Glasgow AC	1	1	9.40
44 eq	Gareth Quinn	Glenburn AC	0	0	0.00
44 eq	Douglas Graham	Strathgryfe AA	0	0	0.00
44 eq	Bill Rankin	Dunoon & District AC	0	0	0.00
		Total	241	479	12.90

**Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing
Championship
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Heat 9 - Carron 24th May**

The penultimate National heat was held at Carron on 24th May. The day started off overcast and cold with a chilly east wind but with a good number of fish showing between the pier and the dam prospects looked good. Four boats initially started at the dam and willows with the rest heading west. A couple of hours later the cloud thinned and the sun broke through and the remainder of the session was bright with a chilly east breeze.

Photo: James, Colin and John



A total of 60 trout were caught by the 16 competitors and the top 8 went through to the semi-finals.

Top rod was John Buchanan of Costa Ecosse who had 5 trout for 6lbs 9.1oz. John was fishing boobies on a di7 in Carron Bay, Burnhouse Bay and the Willows. James Gardiner of Alba Orvis FF was second with 8 trout for 6lbs 5.3ozs which he took on kates, olives and a humongus fished on a di5 and di7 in Bin Bay and Carron Bay. In third was Colin McMonagle of Dunfermlie Railway AC who had 6 trout for 6lbs 3.5ozs which he took at the Willows, Burnhouse Bay and Carron Bay on a white cat and black cat on a 3 sweep.

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Heat 9 - Carron - 24th May 2018						
top 8 qualify for the semi-finals						
	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs	
1	John Buchanan	Costa Ecosse	5	6	9.10	
2	James Gardiner	Alba Orvis FF	8	6	5.30	
3	Colin McMonagle	Dunfermlie Railway AC	6	6	3.50	
4	Campbell Cree	Rainbow Warriors	8	6	2.70	
5	Jim Youngman	Ellem FC	7	6	2.40	
6	Kevin Andrews	Ayr Travellers	5	5	12.90	
7	James Gardiner	Ruthven FF	4	3	13.00	
8	Gil Farid	East Kilbride AC	3	3	9.20	
9	James Hay	Dunfermlie Railway AC	2	3	2.00	
10	James Simpson	Dounreay FF	2	2	10.10	
11	George Telford	Avonbank FC	3	2	3.50	
12	Alex Galloway	Bridge of Allan 76 AC	3	1	7.30	
13	Jamie Robertson	Ruthven FF	2	1	6.90	
14	James Mckinlay	East Kilbride AC	1	1	1.20	
15	Richard Amos	Ellem FC	1	0	6.40	
16	Bryan McClymont	Ardrossan Eglinton AC	0	0	0.00	
		Total	60	56	15.50	

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Heat 8 - Leven 22nd May

Heat 8 of the National was held at Loch Leven on 22nd May. Conditions were favourable as the competitors set off but a chilly NE wind quickly picked up and put the trout off for most of the day. Eight anglers contested this heat and between them they caught 20 trout which included a beauty of 4lbs 4 ozs (Gordon Hayward) and another of 1lb 9ozs (Paul Donegan). The top four qualified for the semi-finals.

Top rod was Tom Burnett of St Mirin AC with 6 fish for 5lbs 11.75ozs. Tom took his fish at the Scart where he was using two sparklers and a kate on a 7 sweep.

Gordon Hayward of Balfroon Piscatorials was second with 3 fish for 4lbs 7.875ozs. His heavy fish was capped at 2.5lbs. Gordon was fishing buzzers on a cortland 15ft tip line at the north buoy. Third place went to the 2017 National Champion Brian Mackenzie of Neilston FF with 5 trout for 4lbs 2.375ozs. Brian took his fish at the Hole 'O' the Inch and the north buoy on mini lures on a di7. The fourth qualifying place went to Paul Donegan of Rowbank AC



Photo: Paul, Tom, Brian and Gordon

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship					
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Heat 8 - Loch Leven 22nd May 2018					
Top 4 qualify for the semi-finals					
Place	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Tom Burnett	St Mirin AC	6	5	11.7500
2	Gordon Hayward	Balfroon Piscatorials	3	4	7.8750
3	Brian Mackenzie	Neilston FF	5	4	2.3750
4	Paul Donegan	Rowbank AC	1	1	9.0000
5	Alan Steven	Tartan Tyers	2	1	5.8750
6	Barry Tindell	Blairadam AC	1	1	0.0000
7	Gary Ormiston	Roths Oak AC	1	0	14.5000
8	David Moore	Dunfermline Artisan AC	1	0	13.0000
		Totals	20	20	0.3750

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Heat 7 - Harray 20th May

The annual road to qualification for the Scottish International Flyfishing Team began for most Orkney anglers with a heat on Harray Loch last Sunday. The 22 man field was made of 19 local anglers and 3 visitors from across the Firth, with 50% going through to a semi final of their choice at a different venue. The southerly wind which had been up for a couple of days was due to drop substantially on the day, but the timing given by the forecasters was probably going to be too late for good fishing conditions.

The start at 10am was the most bizarre site, in most other years it has been a race to the north end of the loch, but 8 of the 11 boats stopped to fish just outside the site at Ned's or in the bay at Bochan, with 2 heading for Tormiston and 1 up the loch, and there was me thinking nobody else knew about all the fish at Ned's! The boats then quickly dispersed on to shallow shoreline drifts, with most fish being found in very shallow water as on previous days. With no weather for buzzer hatches, most fish were feeding on shrimp and small black terrestrials.

The wind blew until about half an hour before the finish, when it dropped to near calm, the flies began to hatch and the fish were up on them like a shot. A few anglers who made the most of it secured qualification in that short time. At the weigh in, it was immediately apparent that it would take a good few fish to qualify. The match was successfully fished on a partial catch and release basis, with a 6 fish kill, then C&R with 12 ounces given for each fish returned.

Top rod on the day was the in-form Sandy McConnachie with 12 fish for a total of 9lb 6ozs, followed closely by regular boat partner Ian Hutcheon who also had 12 for 9lb 3ozs. Leslie Miller in third had a cracking basket of 9 fish for 7lb 12ozs, which included 2 of the heaviest fish of the competition. The other qualifiers in no particular order were, Jim H Marcus, Jim Adams, Malcolm Russell, Andrew Morgan, John Munson, Ken Kennedy, Neil Chalmers and Colin Sutherland. Unfortunately the three anglers who travelled north for the competition, Gary Ballantyne, Bill Taylor and Ali Mc Gillivray were all unsuccessful but I hope thus will not deter their return for another attempt next year. The match officials on the day were Raymond Millar and Richard Byers, with Andrew Morgan officiating for SANACC.

Photo: Leslie, Ian and Sandy



Tactics were varied but probably evenly split between intermediate lines with small hedge hogs in peach, black, orange or sooty, and pulling with mini lures on a DI3 with the Hulk, White Cat and Merkister Maid popular. Sandy, Ian and Leslie all found success with the hogs, with all the fish being in very shallow water, on the "yellow" stones.

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Heat 7 – Harray – 20th May 2018

	Fish	Weight
1	Sandy McConnachie	12 9lb 06 ¼ oz
2	Ian Hutcheon	12 9lb 03 ¼ oz
3	Leslie Miller	9 7lb 12oz
4	Neil Chalmers	9 7lb 08 ¼ oz
5	Malcolm Russell	8 7lb 05oz
6	Jim Adams	9 6lb 13 ¼ oz
7	Andrew Morgan	9 6lb 13oz
8	John Munson	7 5lb 06 ¼ oz
9	Colin Sutherland	7 5lb 06 ¼ oz
10	Ken Kennedy	8 5lb 06 oz
11	James Marcus	7 4lb 14 ¾ oz
12	Brian Foreman	7 4lb 13 ¼
13	Norman Irvine	6 4lb 02oz
14	Kenny Adams	6 4lb 01oz
15	William Taylor	5 3lb 09 ½ oz
16	Kenny Macleod	6 3lb 09oz
17	Gary Ballantyne	4 3lb 08oz
18	Stuart Leslie	4 3lb 05 ¼ oz
19	George Brown	4 2lb 11 ¾ oz
20	Alistair MacGillvery	4 2lb 10 ½ oz
21	John Leask	4 2lb 10 ½ oz
22	Jimmy Grant	3 2lb 02 ¼ oz

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Heat 6 - Lintrathen - 15th May

Thirty two anglers took part in heat 6 at Lintrathen on 15th May 2018 and the top 16 qualified for the semi-finals. Top rod was Kevin Neri of Raemoir TF with 10 trout. Andrew Barrowman of Granite City FF was second with 4 fish and Derek Pozzi was third with 4 fish.

Kevin was fishing a 6ft sink tip with 2 boobies and 2 buzzers. Andrew Barrowman fishing a floating line and buzzers and Derek Pozzi was fishing a di3 sparkler and 2 cormies.

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship						
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Heat 6 - Lintrathen 15th May						
top 17 qualified for the semi-finals						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Kevin Neri	Raemoir TF	10	16	9.20
2		Andrew Barrowman	Granite City FF	4	8	6.60
3	eq	Derek Pozzi	Thalassa AC	4	8	0.50
3	eq	John Maestri	Soldier Palmers	4	8	0.50
5		Ewan Scott	Canmore AC	4	7	4.30
6		Derek Purves	BOS East ac	4	6	2.10
7		Wullie Cowan	ABC&D AC	3	6	1.20
8		Frank Ross	Monifieth TAC	4	6	0.10
9		Gus Armour	Loanhead & Dist. AC	3	5	15.30
10		David Mateer	SPRA FF N	3	5	13.50
11		Richard Keith	Newtyle & Meigle	3	5	12.30
12		Steven Thomson	Canmore AC	3	5	10.20
13		Ed Fullerton	Dundee West End AC	2	4	6.40
14		Brian Fraser	Newtyle & Meigle	2	4	1.30
15		Ed Brown	Dundee AC	2	4	0.40
16		Gavin Ferguson	Lintrathen AC	2	3	14.50
17		Paul Sharp	Leven FC	2	3	14.40
18		Graham McIntosh	NCR AC	2	3	11.50
19	eq	Kenny Gray	Dalzell AC	2	3	7.50
19	eq	Charles Goodwin	Roths Oak AC	2	3	7.50
21		David Marfizo	Brechin AC	3	3	0.70
22		Willie Edmond	RAF Fish Hawks	1	2	2.50
23		Peter Auchterlonie	Menteith Ospreys	1	1	13.10
24		Paul Cushnie	Leslie Llanilar AC	1	1	11.40
25		Neil Anderson	Monikie AC	1	0	10.40
26		Malcolm Selvey	Monifieth TAC	1	0	9.60
27	eq	George Whyte	St. Fillans & lochearn AC	0	0	0.00
27	eq	Brian Able	ABC&D AC	0	0	0.00
27	eq	Keith Robertson	Monifieth TAC	0	0	0.00
27	eq	Jamie Picken	Black Loch AC	0	0	0.00
27	eq	Ben Bosch	Monikie AC	0	0	0.00
27	eq	Eck Moffat	Dalzell AC	0	0	0.00
		Total		73	130	11.00

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It was another cold morning as the competitors arrived at Menteith for heat 5 of the National on Thursday 3rd May. At that time the Lake was flat calm but by the time the briefing had started a cold west wind had picked up and shortly after the rain started.

There were 57 competitors in this heat and between them they caught 315 fish for 693lbs 9.3ozs which included three fish capped at 4lbs and the heaviest going to the scales at 5lbs 14ozs. As the competitors set off 9 boats held back and started fishing the Hotel Bay/Front of the lodge/Shear Point area. Some boats turned left to head for International Bay, Lochend and the Butts with most of the remainder making for Gateside Bay. Trout were moving freely in most areas and the competitors were using a range of lines with the most popular being midge tips.

Top rod was John Simpson of Caley Liners with 21 trout for 40lbs 12.8ozs. John spent his day at Lochend where he was fishing a candy booby and diawl bachs on a midge tip line.

Tyler Hay of Lintrathen FF was second with 19 trout for 38lbs 2.4ozs. Tyler took his fish in Hotel Bay and International Bay where he was using diawl bachs, buzzers and a booby on a midge tip. Alan Gilbert of SPRA FFS West was third with 13 trout for 29lbs 5.9ozs. Alan caught his fish with buzzers and a booby fished on a floater at Gateside Bay and the Malling Shore.

The top 29 competitors qualified for the semi-finals. Two competitors were disqualified for returning late.

Photo: Alan, John and Tyler



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Heat 5 - Lake of Menteith 3rd May 2018
Top 29 qualify for the semi-finals

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	John Simpson	Caley Liners FF	21	40	12.80
2	Tyler Hay	Lintrathen FF	19	38	2.40
3	Alan Gilbert	SPRA FFS West	13	29	5.90
4	Jimmy McBride	Heriot AC	14	28	11.70
5	Brian Kennedy	Caley Liners FF	12	25	2.90
6	Colin McGlone	Townhill AC	12	24	12.20
7	Owen Cook	Townhill AC	10	22	7.90
8	Kenny Miller	SPRA FFS West	11	22	5.70
9	William Davidson	Black Bull FFC	9	19	7.80
10	Andy Kemp	Perth RASC	9	18	14.20
11	Barry Robertson	Lintrathen FF	9	18	14.00
12	George Charters	Black Bull FFC	8	18	2.80
13	Paul Clarke	Priory FC	8	17	14.90
14	Richy Anthony	Team Flybox	8	17	11.60
15	Mick Thomson	Dalry Garnock AC	8	17	9.80
16	Andrew Kennedy	Caley Liners FF	7	16	10.60
17	Bruce Chisholm	Lintrathen FF	8	16	9.60
18	Stevie Mullin	Pitlochry AC	7	16	9.50
19	Andy Kennedy	Butcher Boy AC	7	14	2.90
20	William Morrison	Simmer Dim	6	13	15.60
21	Derek Hessett	Gateside FFC	5	13	11.60
22	Steven Cassells	Rescobie Loch DA	7	13	7.40
23	Ray Anderson	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	6	13	1.00
24	Greg McLaren	Gateside FFC	5	12	5.90
25	Barrie Dexter	Bothwell & Blantyre AC	6	11	14.80
26	Stephen Francis	Househillmuir FF	4	11	8.40
27	Mike Willis	Bridge of Allan 76 AC	5	11	5.10
28	Bill Ramage	Tillicoultry AC	5	10	14.60
29	Stevie Harper	Rainbow AC	4	10	12.90
30	Ricky Martin	Barrhead AC	4	10	12.00
31	John Graham	Last Cast AC	5	10	0.90
32	Scott Robertson	NCR AC	3	9	12.00
33	Chris Harkess	Black Bull FFC	4	9	9.30
34	Gary Hamilton	Harrow AC	4	9	3.60
35	Ian Drummond	Last Cast AC	4	9	2.00
36	Kenny Sichi	Priory FC	4	9	1.30
37	Aaron Phillip	Monikie AC	3	8	11.00
38	James Ferguson	St Mungo AC	3	8	8.10
39	Paul Wilson	Bothwell & Blantyre AC	3	7	7.50
40	Alex Frew	Ardrossan Eglinton AC	4	7	5.80
41	Peter Allen	Phoenix FF	3	6	11.00
42	Brian Shepherd	Ardrossan Eglinton AC	3	6	0.90
43	Keith Dyet	Phoenix FF	2	5	8.70
44	Archie Ferguson	Lochgelly SRC AS	3	5	4.80
45	Alister Jamieson	Simmer Dim	2	5	0.00
46	Ian Caisley	Butcher Boy AC	2	4	14.60
47	Sandy Crawford	Barrhead AC	2	4	4.90
48	Tom McBride	Renton FF	2	3	13.30
49	Stuart Inglis snr	Grimm Anglers	1	3	1.40
50	Keith Doig	Perth Anglers	1	1	9.70
51 eq	Paul Barr	SPRA FFS East	0	0	0.00
51 eq	Jimmy Caven	West Lothian FD AC	0	0	0.00
51 eq	Allan Smith	Simmer Dim	0	0	0.00
51 eq	James Hairstains	Barrhead AC	0	0	0.00
51 eq	Fred McDonald	NCR AC	0	0	0.00
51 eq	Alasdair Mair	Lochinch AC	0	0	0.00
51 eq	James McDonald	Falkirk Municipal	0	0	0.00
	Total		315	693	9.30

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship
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Heat 4 - Carron Valley - 1st May 2018

The fourth heat of the National was held at Carron on 1st May and the 23 competitors caught a total of 79 trout for 93lbs 1.1ozs. Most of the competitors had to scrape the ice of their cars before heading to Carron for this heat and with rain and strong winds forecast for the afternoon the prospects were not looking good.

It was cold when the competitors set off at the start of the session and it was apparent that there were mixed opinions on what would be the best drifts. One boat headed over to the Willows while another made for Burnhouse Bay. Two boats headed towards the road shore beyond Gull Island and the rest made for Carron Bay, Puddock Bay and the top dam. It was overcast throughout the day and by mid afternoon the wind picked up a bit and the temperature dropped another couple of degrees.



Many of the competitors struggled but half a dozen of them sussed it out. Top rod was Calum Crosbie of Alba Orvis FF with 12 trout for 12lbs 5ozs. Calum took most of his fish in Burnhouse Bay where he was fishing diawl bachs, buzzers and a booby on a 4ft midge tip.

Ronnie Glass of Kelso AA was second with 9 trout for 10lbs 11.3ozs. Ronnie spent his day in Burnhouse Bay where he was straight lining buzzers on a floating line. Ronnie's boat partner, Les Shaw of Grizzle Cats, was third with 8 trout for 9lbs 12.6ozs. Les took his fish on cormorants and a booby fished on a buzzer line. The top 12 qualified for the semi-finals.

Photo: Ronnie, Les and Calum

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Heat 4 - Carron - 1st May 2018

Top 12 qualify for the semi-finals

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Calum Crosbie	Alba Orvis FF	12	12	5.00
2	Ronnie Glass	Kelso AA	9	10	11.30
3	Les Shaw	Grizzle Cats	8	9	12.60
4	Dennis Splaine	Dalzell AC	5	6	15.40
5	Ally Kennedy	Perth CSSA	6	6	13.00
6	Ian Simpson	Aberdour AA	7	6	9.20
7	Kevin Malcolm	Darvel AC	5	6	4.00
8	Jim Dick	Ben Wyvis FFC	3	4	11.60
9	Willie Riddicks	Granite City FF	4	4	7.80
10	Greig Davie	Bank of Scotland East AC	3	4	4.00
11	Gregor Fleming	Bridge of Weir Loch AC	2	3	0.10
12	Mick Moran	SANACC	2	2	15.90
13	Dugald MacGillp	Lochgilphead & District AC	2	2	3.00
14	Peter Hottinger	Kelso AA	2	2	1.50
15	Brian Yule	Bank of Scotland East AC	2	1	15.70
16	Derek Haliday	Kelso AA	1	1	13.60
17	James Montgomery	Lochgilphead & District AC	2	1	13.10
18	Kevin Cullen	Glasgow PO	1	1	9.70
19	Ian Wooley	Ben Wyvis FFC	1	1	5.70
20	Lawrie Renfrew	Milngavie AC	1	1	0.10
21	Cameron Duncan	Perth CSSA	1	0	4.80
22 eq	Bruce Callander	Granite City FF	0	0	0.00
22 eq	Lennox Lindsay	St Mungo AC	0	0	0.00
	Total		79	93	1.10

Scottish National Fly Fishing Championship
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In heat 3 of the National Championship at the Lake of Menteith on 24th April the 64 anglers netted 395 fish with a rod average of 6.2. The cut off weight for qualification was 13lbs 2oz and the average fish weight was 2.3lbs.

All the top 3 rods were in Lochend. Bill Sutherland of Avonbank AC (middle) with 16 fish was fishing a 3ft midge tip at Lochend – twiddling cormorants. 2nd placed Brad Chalmers was at Lochend with a buzzer tip and diawlbachs – also with 16 fish. 3rd placed Stuart Marklow had 14 fish with cormorants and Booby.

Photo: Brad, Bill and Stewart



Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship					
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Heat 3 - Lake of Menteith - 24th April 2018					
Top 32 Qualify for the semi-finals					
	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Bill Sutherland	Avonbank FC	16	32	4.60
2	Brad Chalmers	Gateside FFC	16	32	1.70
3	Stuart Marklow	Loanhead & Dist. AC	14	27	11.50
4	Ross Carnegie	Blairadam AC	13	27	1.40
5	Dave Wright	St Boswells Newtown & Dis	12	23	13.60
6	Allan Smith	Kinross AC	10	23	6.70
7	Neill Barrett	Gilmerton MFFC	11	21	14.10
8	Graeme Lynch	Team Flybox	10	21	9.40
9	Rab Maxwell	Clatto & Stratheden	9	21	8.10
10	Sean McCaffrey	North Shetland FF	11	21	2.20
11	Stephen Leask	Neilston FF	9	20	1.20
12	George Gall	Rescobie Loch DA	9	19	8.40
13	Derek Marklow	Loanhead & Dist. AC	10	19	0.80
14	George Murray	Heatherfly FF	9	18	15.90
15	Mick Tait	Tweedv Valley Tangles	8	18	15.40
16	Andy Gourlay	Leslie Llanilar AC	8	18	3.20
17	Stevie Bett	Strathtyrum AC	9	18	2.80
18	Andy McAdam	Tartan Tyers	8	17	9.60
19	George Brown	Leslie Llanilar AC	7	17	6.40
20	Ian Kettles	Stanley & Dist.AC	8	17	5.80
21	Wullie Simpson	Menteith Ospreys	7	17	1.40
22	Michael Ward	Johnstone FF	8	16	11.30
23	Connor Campbell	Kinross AC	8	16	1.40
24	Kevin Hamilton	Stranraer & Dis.	7	14	14.30
25	Smith Bob	Balbeggie AC	7	14	14.20
26	Scott Aitken	Tartan Tyers	7	14	10.10
27	Ronnie McKean	East Kilbride AC	5	13	14.80
28	Mathew Connolly	SPRA FFS West	6	13	14.10
29	Vic Brown	Glencorse RSV	5	13	9.90
30	Ian Wallace	Butcher Boy AC	6	13	5.10
31	Gordon Fisher	Ferry FF	6	13	3.30
32	Mark Dobson	Leslie& Glenrothes	5	13	2.00
33	Ronnie Robb	Heatherfly FF	6	12	14.90
34	David McMillan sn	North Shetland FF	6	12	12.30
35	Derek Keenan	IBM Freshwater AC	6	12	10.50
36	Kenny Hopp	Glencorse RSV	5	12	9.90
37	Ron Gray	Brechin AC	6	12	8.80
38	Andrew Glasgow	Ferry FF	5	11	15.80
39	Ralph Irvine	Glasgow PO	6	11	6.10
40	Jock Kettles	Change FF AC	6	11	5.40
41	Grant Osler	Furure FF	6	11	4.40
42	Gordon Findlay	Balbeggie AC	4	10	1.20
43	PJ Mackintosh	Badenoch AA	5	9	14.90
44	Mark Stewart	IBM Freshwater AC	4	9	5.90
45	Neill Duff	Leslie& Glenrothes	4	9	1.60
46	Allan Young	Stanley & Dist.AC	4	8	1.20
47	Charlie Pryde	SPRA FF East	3	7	10.00
48	Tom Loch	Stranraer & Dis.	4	7	9.40
49	Thomas Sneddon	Port Glasgow AC	3	7	2.80
50	Brian Pitchers	Milngavie AC	4	7	1.20
51	Peter Shepherd	Bridge of Allan AC	3	6	15.60
52	Robert Ewing	Trout Anglers	3	6	13.70
53	Gordon Walder	Saturday AC	3	6	1.40
54	Kevin Lynch	IBM Freshwater AC	3	5	11.60
55	Kevin Levell	Hawick AC	2	3	14.20
56	Scott Reith	Rescobie Loch DA	2	3	11.10
57	Grant Kerr	Badenoch AA	2	3	10.10
58	Robert Greenhill	Stranraer & Dis.	1	2	13.10
59	David McMillan jn	North Shetland FF	1	2	10.50
60	Duncan Gray	Roths Oak AC	1	2	7.90
61	Brian Moore	Lochinch AC	1	2	4.90
62	Raymond Smith	Phoenix FF	1	2	0.80
63	Stuart Robertson	Brechin AC	1	1	8.80
64	Murray Fowler	Badenoch AA	0	0	0.00
		Total	395	849	0.90

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship
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Heat 2 - Carron - 19th April 2018

Summer was expected for heat 2 of the National which was held at Carron on 19th April but instead we had overcast skies for most of the day accompanied by a chilly wind. Thirty competitors took part and between them they caught 248 trout for 287lbs 5.2ozs.

Top rod on the day was Allan McLachlan of Costa Ecosse with 22 trout for 23lbs 6.4ozs. Allan caught his fish at Endrick Bay on cat boobies and cormorants fished on a di7.

In second and third were boat partners Nigel Burns of Crieff FF and Ian Wilson of Clatto & Stratheden AC. They took their fish at the top dam and at Bin Bay. Nigel took most of his trout on a cat and a viva fished on a 5 sweep and had some others around midday on buzzers on a floating line. Ian took his fish on a cat and carron rabbit fished on a 7 sweep.

Photo: Ian, Allan and Nigel



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Heat 2 Carron 19th April 2018

Top 15 qualify for the semi-finals

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Allan McLachlan	Costa Ecosse	22	23	6.40
2	Nigel Burns	Crieff FF	18	19	6.00
3	Ian Wilson	Clatto & Stratheden AC	16	17	5.20
4	Kevin Porteous	Frozen North AC	15	16	11.30
5	Ian Muir	Newton Stewart AC	11	12	8.80
6	Alexander Donald	RBL Thurso	11	12	5.30
7	Toby Bracey	Dounreay FF	10	12	1.00
8	Jim Doyle	Clatto & Stratheden AC	11	12	0.30
9	Peter Edge	Grizzle Cats	10	11	9.40
10	David Wales	Select FF	9	10	7.60
11	Kenny Dickens	Grizzle Cats	9	10	7.30
12	David Couper	Kilbirnie AC	9	10	6.70
13	Anson MacAuslan	Dounreay FF	9	10	4.00
14	Alan Brock	Crieff AC	8	9	15.00
15	Mark McNaughton	Select FF	8	9	6.90
16	Martin McCafferty	Future FF	7	8	11.80
17	Jack Beagan	Bridge of Weir AC	7	8	6.70
18	Brian Fletcher	Kilbirnie AC	6	7	14.40
19	James Bews	OTFA Stromness	7	7	10.60
20	Allan Gamble	RAF Fish Hawks	8	7	4.50
21	Thomas McMillan	Select FF	5	6	9.10
22	Laurie Taylor	Bothwell & Blantyre AC	5	6	8.40
23	Alan Porteous	Frozen North AC	5	6	5.00
24	Tony Chalmers	Frozen North AC	5	5	12.50
25	Ian Cannop	RBL Thurso	4	5	9.70
26	Andrew Gilbert	RAF Fish Hawks	4	5	8.90
27	James Stewart	Highland AC	3	5	0.70
28	Kevin Stewart	Highland AC	2	3	3.20
29	Robert Wilson	Newton Stewart AC	2	2	4.00
30	Jimmy Costley	Newton Stewart AC	2	2	2.50
	Total		248	287	5.20

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Heat 1 - Lake of Menteith 17th April 2018

The 2018 Scottish National Championship got off to a flying start at the Lake of Menteith on 17th April. The weather forecast was for rain throughout the day with 20mph winds gusting to 40mph and many competitors were anticipating that the heat would be cancelled. However once again the Lake of Menteith benefitted from its sheltered location and although there was a strong south westerly throughout the day the wind never reached the forecast strength and the rain stayed away as well.

Photo: Kevin, Colin and Lee



The top 18 of the 35 competitors qualified for the semi-finals and with a total catch of 403 trout for 845lbs 8.9ozs a good bag was needed to get through.

Top rod was Kevin McCabe of Change FF AC with 39 fish for 78lbs 2.9ozs. Kevin spent the session fishing from Chicken Leg Bay down to the Butts and took all his fish on buzzers and a small booby on a floating line.

Colin Fairgrieve of Earlston AA was second with 21 trout for 45lbs 1.5ozs and Lee Anderson of Lintrathen AC was third with 22 trout for 45lbs 1.1ozs. Both Colin and Lee fished the Butts area drifting out over open water. Colin was using a bobby and cormorants on a midge tip line. Lee was fishing cormorants and a candy booby on a Rio 6.

Scottish National Fly Fishing Championship

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Lake of Menteith 17th April 2018

Top 18 qualify for the semi-finals

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Kevin McCabe	Change FF AC	39	78	2.90
2	Colin Fairgrieve	Earlston AA	21	45	1.50
3	Lee Anderson	Lintrathen AC	22	45	1.10
4	Sandy Boag	Perth RASC	22	43	8.30
5	David Carr	Tweed Valley Tanglers	21	42	11.10
6	Donald McGregor	Kinross AC	19	37	11.20
7	Scott Miller	Thalassa AC	16	34	13.50
8	Colin Macdonald	Saltire FF	16	31	1.70
9	Neil Cockburn	Phoenix AC	14	31	0.20
10	Steven Welsh	Dalbeattie AA	15	30	12.70
11	David Bicket	Munnoch AC	13	27	15.10
12	Arthur MacDonald	SPPM AC	11	23	15.40
13	Paul Merrifield	Kaht's Whiskers AC	12	23	13.30
14	Douglas Scott	Earlston AA	10	23	5.90
15	Bill Patterson	Aberdour AA	11	22	0.70
16	Tam Ramsay	Glencorse RSV AC	9	21	0.10
17	Brian Duffy	Kaht's Whiskers AC	10	20	9.60
18	Jim Twaddle	Caurnie AC	10	20	8.50
19	Ivie Callison	Rainbow AC	10	20	4.30
20	David Ezzi	Black Loch AC	9	19	8.70
21	John Tullet	BOS Glasgow District AC	9	19	1.50
22	Wayne Cram	West Lothian FD AC	8	18	8.00
23	Wullie Leach	Change FF AC	8	18	3.50
24	Andrew Bicket	Munnoch AC	8	16	6.50
25	Eric Fox	Pentland CS AC	6	14	10.50
26	David Houston	Kaht's Whiskers	7	14	8.70
27	Agnes Thomas	BOS East AC	7	14	8.60
28	Keir Hardie	Sunburst AC	6	13	2.50
29	James Ross	Pitlochry AC	6	12	10.60
30	Scott Pozzi	Rainbow AC	6	11	15.20
31	Dan Brown	Earlston AA	5	11	8.60
32	Andrew Watson	St Mungo AC	5	11	0.90
33	Alan Harvie	Munnoch AC	5	10	1.30
34	Ali Cleghorn	Kilmallie AC	4	9	4.80
35	Billy Neill	Kilmallie AC	3	6	11.90
		Total	403	845	8.90