



SANACC

(*Scottish Anglers National Association Competition Clubs Ltd*)

2018 Annual Report



Scottish Anglers National Association Competition Clubs

Report for 2018

Membership

Once again our club membership numbers dropped slightly. In 2018 we had 175 clubs in membership which was six down on 2017. (2017 – 181; 2016 – 189; 2015 – 183) It is disappointing that thirteen clubs dropped out of membership but on the positive side we had four new clubs joined and a further three former member clubs returned.

AGM

The 2019 AGM will be held on Sunday 3rd March at the King Robert Hotel.

At the 2018 AGM the members discussed a notification from the Committee that River Fishing Rule 9 would be changed to require competitors to wear buoyancy aids and that River Match Rule 3 would be changed to direct that controllers should not wade.

Subscriptions

The 2019 annual subscription has not been increased and will remain at £35. The cost of the annual subscription has not been increased since 2006.

Finance

The SANACC accounts showed a deficit of £4,872 in 2018 which was expected however the Association remains in a sound financial position with sufficient reserves to ensure its survival in the event of unexpected changes to income or costs.

Committee and Management Changes

Campbell Morgan, who had been the Glasgow and West of Scotland Representative since 2011, stood down and Tom Burnett was co-opted to that position.

The Loch Team Manager, Gus Shepherd, who had taken Scotland to three gold medals between 2015 and 2017 passed away early in 2018. The members approved the three year appointment of Derek Keenan as the Loch Team Manager.

Sponsorship and Fundraising

The SANACC Committees, team members and competitors are grateful to the sponsors and individuals who supported them throughout 2018. We are fortunate to have sponsors of the championships and the international teams that have been with us for a number of years. The fundraisers and raffles continue to be well supported and the enthusiasm for the competition fundraisers is great to see.

Sponsorship/Fundraising – Loch Teams

7Plus7 Construction, the Lake of Menteith and the Malcolm Group were the main sponsors of the international loch teams in 2018.

This was the seventh year of sponsorship by 7Plus7 Construction, the tenth year of sponsorship by the Lake of Menteith and the second year by the Malcolm Group. The teams were also sponsored in 2018 by Fishers, Angus Angling and Seaguar,

There were three fundraiser competitions held during the year which were very successfully organised by Jock Kettles, Wullie Simpson and Andy Dunn. The fundraiser competitions were held in February at Markle and Parkview and in March at New Haylie. The management at the three venues went out of their way to make sure that the competitors had a great day. The fundraiser at New Haylie was sponsored by The Malcolm Group. Sponsorship and prizes were provided at the fundraisers by Fishers, Angus Angling, Wychwood, Airflo, Sierra, The Rose House, R & M Distribution Ltd, Flash Attack Flies, Millhall Fishery, Markle Fishery, Flybox, FritznFlies, Mick Tait Plumbing, Lyle & Scott, Borders Distillery, Anglers Creel, James Haig & Son, ND Barrett, FNF Flyfishing, Swanston Golf Club, Stenhouse Fishery, Hawick AC, , Seamus Kelly, Mrs Mackenzie, Johnston of Elgin, Love Cashmere, The Salutation Hotel, Gleneagles Shooting and Fishing School and many others.

Funds were also raised through the sale of 'Loch Cards' and the teams filled two wooden fly boxes with 140 flies which were raffled at the National heats and semis. The box filled by the spring team was won by Alan Porteous of Frozen North AC and the box filled by the autumn team was won by George Mackenzie (International Secretary).

Sponsorship/Fundraising – River Team

The river team was sponsored by 7plus7 Construction and Virtual Nymph Products.

Sponsorship – Scottish National Championship

The Championship was sponsored for the sixth year by Ridgeline UK who provided Ridgeline Turbulence Smocks for the winners of each of the semi-finals. At the final Nigel Winkle of Ridgeline presented the National Champion with a Ridgeline Monsoon Elite II Jacket and presented a Ridgeline Pro Hunt jacket to the second, a Ridgeline Torrent Euro jacket to the third and a Ridgeline Seasons jacket to Ron Orr who caught the heaviest fish.

The hook/fly measures used throughout the competition were sponsored by 7Plus7 Construction and the waterproof paper used for the catch returns was sponsored by R & E Hygiene.



Nigel Winkle of Ridgeline UK presenting the Ridgeline Turbulence Smocks to the semi-final winners Gregor Fleming, James Gardiner, Arthur MacDonald, Neill Barrett and Lee Anderson

Sponsorship – Scottish Club Championship

The Scottish Club Championship was sponsored by the Lake of Menteith, Loch Lomond Group, Keir Hardie Joinery, Snowbee, Glencairn Crystal, Hope Embroidery and Fly Tying Scotland.

The hook/fly measures used throughout the competition were sponsored by Keir Hardie Joinery. Glassware was provided by Glencairn Crystal and the Lomond Group provided bottles of Lomond Single Malt Whisky that were presented at the heats and the final. Fly Tying Scotland provided packs of fritz for the top team and Hope Embroidery provided them with fleeces..

Sponsorship – Champion of Champions

Snowbee, The Lake of Menteith, Fly Tying Scotland, Keir Hardie Joinery, Hope Embroidery and Glencairn Crystal sponsored the Champion of Champions. Snowbee provided prize vouchers for the first, second and third. Fly Tying Scotland provided packs of fritz for the winner who also received a fleece from Hope Embroidery; Glencairn Crystal provided crystal ware for the winners and Keir Hardie Joinery provided the fly measures that were used throughout the competition.

Competition – Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship

The number of competitors taking part in the National has continued to fall and in 2018 a total of 333 anglers took part out of the original 342 who entered. This was down by 28 on the previous year. (2017 – 361; 2016 – 386; 2015 – 361; 2014 – 382 and 2013 – 375). The Lintrathen heat was held slightly later than the previous two years and avoided the weather disruption that had caused it to be rescheduled in 2017 and 2016. We did not escape the effects of the weather completely and had to reschedule a semi-final at Carron.

The 2018 Scottish National Champion is Derek Pozzi of Thalassa AC (photo on front page). Scott Aitken of Tartan Tyers FF was second and Graeme Lynch of Team Flybox was third.

Competition – Scottish National River Championship

The heats and the final of the River Championship were held on the Pitlochry AC stretch of the River Tummel and we are grateful to them for their continued support. The number of anglers that fished the heats was the same as the previous year with 33 taking part. This compared to 34 in 2016; 39 in 2015; 36 in 2014 and 43 in 2013. The 2018 Scottish National River Champion is Dick Logan of Coldstream & District AA.

Competition - Scottish Club Championship

The number of teams taking part in the Scottish Club Championship was also down with 134 teams contesting the heats as opposed to 150 in 2017; 167 in 2016 and 165 teams in 2015. The 2018 Scottish Club Champions are Lintrathen FF. Tartan Tyers "B" were second and Costa Ecosse were third.

At each stage of the Championship collections are taken for charity and the generosity of the competitors is overwhelming with many of them also donating their prize cheques. Competitors are encouraged to donate £1 each at the Saturday night heats and again at the semis and finals. Raffles are also held at the Club and Champion of Champions finals. £2,063 was raised in 2018.

Competition – Champion of Champions

Competitors in the Champion of Champions qualify from the Saturday night heats of the Scottish Club Championship with the top five individuals each Saturday night going through to the Champion of Champions final. Spaces not taken up by the top five qualifiers are allocated on a count back at each heat. The 2018 Champion of Champions is Bobby Quinn of Ayr Travellers. John Maestri of Blackloch AC was second and John Buchanan of Costa Ecosse was third.

Spring International – Lough Mask.

The Spring International was won by Ireland with 2469 points from 43 fish. Wales were second with 1415 points from 25 fish; England were third with 1273 points from 23 fish and Scotland were fourth with 1090 points from 20 fish.

Autumn International – Llyn Brenig

The Autumn International was won by Scotland with 79 fish. Wales were second with 70 fish; England were third with 65 fish and Ireland were fourth with 51 fish.

River International – River Ure

Scotland won the River International with 46 placings from 36 fish. Ireland were second with 48 placings from 46 fish; England were third with 56 placings from 37 fish and Wales were fourth with 59 placings from 33 fish.

Tom MacTaggart
SANACC Secretary

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship
Sponsored by Ridgeline UK, 7plus7 Construction and R & E Hygiene
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 on 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. Heavy fish were capped at 4lbs. The top 20 competitors qualified automatically for the 2019 teams while the 21st qualified following a withdrawal.

Derek was very much on a high in September 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 week before. He was 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 Ridgeline 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.

photo:
 Derek receiving a Ridgeline Monsoon Elite jacket from Nigel Winkle of sponsors Ridgeline UK

The heaviest fish of the day weighed 5lbs 4.7oz

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.



Photo left
 Scott Aitken 2nd

Photo right
 Graeme Lynch 3rd





Piper – Stewart Marshall



Heaviest Fish – Ronnie Orr



Best Boatman – Martin McCafferty

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.

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship Sponsored by Ridgeline UK Lake of Menteith – 15th September 2018					
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

Spring International - Lough Mask, Ireland, 11th May, 2018

Scotland Team sponsored by 7plus7 Construction, Lake of Menteith, Fishers, Angus Angling, Malcolm Group and Seaguar

Ireland provided an impressive venue in Lough Mask for the 2018 Spring International and throughout competition week good quality trout were found in many areas of the lough. The match was fished on a catch and release basis with all fish being measured and released. The minimum size was 30cm and 20 points were added to the length of each qualifying fish to give a points based result.

The first official practice day on the Wednesday was subject to strong sw winds and many competitors opted not to go out. The wind dropped on the Thursday and generally conditions were good. Overnight the wind picked up considerably but fortunately it dropped gradually on the Friday morning and the match was able to start on time. The wind picked up again around noon and remained strong throughout match day.

As the competitors returned to the shore at the end of the session it was clear that Ireland had won convincingly with 20 trout more than any other country. Their 14 anglers caught 45 trout to take the gold medal. Wales were second with 25 trout, England were third with 23 and Scotland were fourth with 20.



Scotland's top rod and winner of the Silver Salver was Andy Dunn of Change FF AC with a total of 4 trout. Andy also won the trophy for the longest fish of the day with trout that measured at 51.2cm.

photo: Andy Dunn at the weigh-in

Alan Porteous of Dounreay FFA and Mike Willis of Bridge of Allan 76 AC with 3 trout each were the only other Scottish rods to finish in the top 20 with finishes of 15th and 16th respectively.

All members of the Ireland team performed well with their David Egan winning the Brown Bowl for the best basket with a catch of 8 trout. Top rod for England was Iain Barr with 6 trout and top rod for Wales was Richard Hooper with 5 trout.

**Spring International
Lough Mask, Ireland – 11th May 2018**

		Fish	Points
1st	Ireland	45	2469
2nd	Wales	25	1415
3rd	England	23	1273
4th	Scotland	20	1090



2018 Spring Team at Lough Mask

Back Row: Clive Collier (IFFA President), Gerry Rattray, Alan Steven, Shane Kelly, Ken Kennedy, Alan Brock, Mark Stephen, Mike Willis, George Mackenzie (International Secretary), Ian Campbell (IFFA Secretary)
 Front Row: Ian Simpson, John Simpson, Andy Dunn, Brian Mackenzie (Captain), Derek Keenan (Manager), Kenny Sichi, Alan Porteous, Rab Maxwell

Individual Scottish Team Members – Overall Positions

Position		Club	Fish	Points
6 th	Andy Dunn	Change FF AC	4	234
15 th	Alan Porteous	Dounreay FFA	3	158
16 th	Mike Willis	Bridge of Allan 76AC	3	157
21 st	Ian Simpson	Aberdour AA	2	113
24 th	Alan Steven	Tartan Tyers	2	111
28 th	Rab Maxwell	Clatto & Stratheded AC	2	107
32 nd	Brian Mackenzie (captain)	Neilston FF	2	102
38 th	Gerry Rattray	Soldier Palmers	1	55
43 rd	Shane Kelly	Hawick AC	1	53
47 th	Alan Brock	Crieff AC		
47 th	Ken Kennedy	W.S. Sinclair FF		
47 th	Kenny Sichi	Priory AC		
47 th	John Simpson	Caley Liners FF		
47 th	Mark Stephen	Stewart AC		

Autumn International, Llyn Brenig, Wales - 7th September 2018

Scotland Team sponsored by 7plus7 Construction, Lake of Menteith, Fishers, Angus Angling, Malcolm Group and Seaguar.

It was with a mix of trepidation and anticipation that Team Scotland set off for Wales on Monday 3rd September for the Autumn International. Llyn Brenig had been a good venue for Scotland's teams but with disappointing results at the last two internationals it was hard to be confident. However Team Manager, Derek Keenan, put those two disappointing results to bed as he guided his team through the practice days to set the scene for a gold medal on match day.

It had been bright for the practice days on Tuesday and Wednesday with a good breeze from the northwest. The anglers had good cloud cover on the Thursday but with the cloud came rain and a bitterly cold wind which was gradually switching to the west. On match day it stayed dry with a mix of cloud and sun accompanied by a chilly west wind. The match was fished to a three fish kill followed by catch and release. 2lbs were awarded for each returned trout and competitors had to either debarb or use barbless hooks on catch and release. Any brown trout caught were to be returned.



At the end of the session England was first to the scales and recorded 65 fish for 134lbs 13.5ozs which would eventually put them in third place. Ireland went next and recorded 51 fish for 107lbs 10.375ozs which put them in fourth place. Scotland went next and their 79 fish for 164lbs 15.375 was enough to secure the gold medal. Wales were last to the scales and their 70 fish for 144lbs 8.125ozs put them second.

Top individual rod was Grant Osler of Scotland with 11 trout for 22lbs 14.125ozs. England's top rod was Tom Davis with 9 trout for 17lbs 12.375ozs. Top rod for Ireland was Darren Maguire with 7 trout for 14lbs 13.875ozs and top rod for Wales was Paul Sharman with 8 trout for 15lbs 15.75ozs.

photo:
Grant Osler with the
Brown Bowl and Silver Salver

The heaviest trout of the match went to the scales at 3lbs 7.75ozs and was caught by Terry Lewelyn of Wales.

This was an outstanding performance by Scotland with good solid results from all team members. Five of the Scottish team were in the top ten individuals with Gant Osler 1st with 11 trout; Stuart McLean 2nd with 9 trout; Ronnie Gilbert 4th with 8 trout; Derek Hessett 7th with 7 trout and Martin McCafferty 10th with 7 trout. Another two team members made it into the top 20 with Chris Harkess 13th with 6 trout and Chris McAllister 19th with 6 trout. Wales had six of their team in the top twenty, England had five and Ireland had two.

Autumn International - Llyn Brenig, Wales, 7th September 2018				
		Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1 st	Scotland	79	164	15 3/8
2 nd	Wales	70	144	8 1/8
3 rd	England	65	134	13 1/2
4 th	Ireland	51	107	10 3/8

Autumn International - Llyn Brenig, Wales, 7th September 2018
Scotland Team overall positions

		Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1 st	Grant Osler	Future FF	11	22	14.125.
2 nd	Stuart McLean	East Kilbride AC	9	18	4.25.
4 th	Ronnie Gilbert	Menteith Ospreys	8	16	5
7 th	Derek Hessett	Gateside Flycasters	7	14	15.25.
10 th	Martin McCafferty	Future FF	7	14	7.25
13 th	Chris Harkess	Phoenix FF	6	12	14.625
19 th	Chris McAllister	Raemoir Trout FF	6	11	10
25 th	Kevin Andrews	Ayr Travellers	5	9	14.75
32 nd	Jock Kettles	Change FF AC	4	8	13.5
33 rd =	Scott Reith	Arbroath AC	4	8	12.875
40 th	Derek Pozzi	Thalassa AC	4	8	2.875
41 st	Alan Hill	SPRA FFS West	3	7	8.875
48 th	Ray Anderson (captain)	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	3	6	1.625
50 th	Alan Gilbert	SPRA FFS West	2	4	2.375



2018 Autumn International Team

Back Row - Clive Collier (IFFA President), Derek Keenan (manager), Martin McCafferty, Chris McAllister, Ronnie Gilbert, Jock Kettles, Derek Pozzi, Scott Reith, Grant Osler, Alan Hill and Ian Campbell (IFFA Secretary)
Front Row - Chris Harkess, Kevin Andrews, Stuart McLean, Ray Anderson (Captain), Derek Hessett and Alan Gilbert

**2018 Scottish National River Championship
River Tummel - 29th July**

		No of fish	Points	Place Points	Final Placing
Dick Logan	Coldstream & District AA	7	2480	14	1
Alan Hill	SPRA FFS West	9	2492	26	2
Scott Hamilton	Tweed Valley Tanglers	11	3707	27	3
Mike Cordiner	ADAA	8	2552	27	4
James Litster	Neilston FF	8	2185	28	5
Mark Straughen	Coldstream & District AA	6	1746	28	6
Mathew Skeoch	ABCD AC	5	1490	34	7
Grant Gibson	St Boswells, Newtown & District AA	6	1763	37	8
Ernest McKay	ADAA	5	1453	42	9
Jake Harvey	St Boswells, Newtown & District AA	4	1187	45	10
Bob Robertson	SPRA FFS West	5	1533	48	11
Martin Stewart	Ormiston AC	3	1032	53	12
Ernest McKay jnr	Leven FC	2	711	62	13
Scott Robertson	NCR AC	1	340	67	14
Jason Henry	Pitlochry AC	2	515	68	15
Rab Maxwell	Clatto & Stratheden AC	1	290	70	16
Richard McHattie	Ormiston AC	0	0	80	17
Gregor Fleming	Bridge of Weir (Loch) AC	0	0	80	17
John Watson	Rainbow Warriors	0	0	80	17
Greg Forrest	Bridge of Weir (Loch) AC	0	0	80	17
20 anglers	Total Fish	83			

The top six competitors Dick Logan, Alan Hill, Scott Hamilton, Mike Cordiner, James Litster and Mark Straughen make up the team and reserve that will represent Scotland at the 2019 River International at the River Agivey.

**2018 River International
River Ure – 22nd June 2018**

Scotland Team sponsored by 7plus7 Construction and Virtual Nymph Products

The 2018 River International was a closely contested match with Scotland coming through in the final session to take the gold medal with Ireland close behind in second.

England topped the board after the first session with 12 placings. Ireland, Scotland and Wales were only one placing behind all tied on 13 placings. Ireland had an excellent second session with three individual firsts a second and a third to finish with 8 placings which put them on top with 21 placings. Scotland also had a good second session with one individual first, three seconds and a fourth to finish with 11 placings which put them in the second spot with 24 placings. England and Wales were tied for third on 29 placings.

It really tightened up after session three which was topped by England with 10 placings courtesy of two first, two seconds and a fourth. Scotland (two firsts and three fourths) and Ireland kept themselves ahead of England by taking 14 placings each while Wales dropped back with their 16 placings. At the end of the third

session Ireland were in front with 35 placings; Scotland were in second with 38 placings; England were right behind in third with 39 placings and Wales were in fourth with 45 placings.

Scotland stormed through in the final session with Craig Osborne, Richard McHattie and Scott Hamilton winning their groups backed up by a second place from Mark Straughen and a third place from Mike Cordiner. Their tally of 8 placings in that session put them into the gold medal position with 46 placings just two ahead of Ireland on 48 placings.

Scotland's Mark Straughen with two first places and two second places was just pipped for the top individual spot by Terry Bramwell of Wales. They were tied on six placings each but Terry had the greater number of points.

2018 River International River Ure – 22nd June 2018				
		Fish	Points	Placings
1 st	Scotland	36	1616	46
2 nd	Ireland	47	2079	48
3 rd	England	37	1646	56
4 th	Wales	33	1498	59



Clive Collier(IFFA President), Richard McHattie(Captain), Mike Cordiner, Derick Logan, Mark Straughen, Scott Hamilton, Craig Osborne, Alan Hill(Manager) and Ian Campbell(IFFA Secretary)

River International Scotland Team Individual Positions					
			Fish	Points	Placings
2 nd	Mark Straughen	Coldstream & District AC	4	185	6
4 th	Craig Osborne	Crown FF	9	430	7
6 th	Richard McHattie	D & B FF	8	330	9
10 th	Scott Hamilton	Tweed Valley Tanglers	10	449	11
17 th	Mike Cordiner	Raemoir TF	5	222	13

Scottish Club Championship

Sponsored by the Lake of Menteith, Loch Lomond Group, Keir Hardie Joinery, Snowbee, Glencairn Crystal, Hope Embroidery and Fly Tying Scotland.

Final – Lake of Menteith – 21st September 2018

The 2018 Scottish Club Champions are Lintrathen FF. Their team of Neil Anderson (11 fish), Kevin Neri (11 fish) and Tyler Hay (16 fish) recorded a total of 38 trout for 79lbs 9.5ozs which was 8 fish ahead of second placed Tartan Tyers "B" who had 30 trout. Close behind in third with 29 trout were Costa Ecosse.

Lintrathen FF made a good start to the championship in heat 8 when their team of Neil Anderson, Kevin Neri and Chris McAlister netted 20 fish to win the heat. That same trio contested the second semi-final where their 25 fish put them in second place behind Costa Ecosse.

Second placed Tartan Tyers "B" started off the championship with the same three team members (Alan Steven, Shane Kelly and Andrew Barrowman) who took part in the final. They qualified from heat 10 which they won with 28 fish. In the first semi-final Shane Kelly and Andrew Barrowman were replaced by Paul Sharp and Wullie McFarlane and their team total of 22 fish was good enough for 7th position and a place in the final.

The Costa Ecosse team of John Buchanan, Murray Hunter and Allan Mclachlan, had the same team members throughout the championship. They started in heat 12 where they qualified in second spot with 16 fish. In the second semi-final they netted 32 fish to comfortably win the semi and qualified for the final where they finished third.

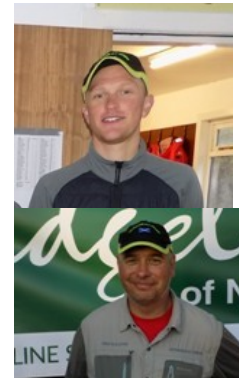


Photo Left: Lintrathen FF
Kevin Neri and Neil Anderson
Top: Tyler Hay
Above: Chris McAllister



Heaviest Fish in The Heats

Eck Moffat of Dalzell AC caught the heaviest fish in the heats when he was competing in heat 12. His fish went to the scales at 6lbs 13.2ozs. In addition to receiving the salver Eck also received a bottle of Lomond single malt whisky.

Photo:
Eck Moffat with the silver salver

Scottish Club Championship
Final – Lake of Menteith – 21st September 2018

Club	Competitor	Fish	Lbs	Ozs	Total	Lbs	Ozs	Pos
Gateside FC	Brad Chalmers	11	21	12.50	24	49	5.10	5
	Lee Anderson	5	11	7.40				
	Greg McLaren	8	16	1.20				
SPRA FFS East "A"	Brian Clifton	6	12	14.20	13	30	10.00	15
	Jimmy Walker	4	8	2.70				
	Paul Barr	3	9	9.10				
Dunfermline Rusty Nail	John Watt	5	12	14.00	14	31	11.30	14
	Brian Munro	6	11	15.50				
	Ian Orr	3	6	13.80				
Heriot AC	Jimmy McBride	7	14	0.90	24	48	4.00	7
	Keith Logan	8	15	14.60				
	Derek Kilgour	9	18	4.50				
Firecats AC	James Kerr	11	23	1.40	27	57	0.60	4
	Ralph Fleming	10	21	9.90				
	Mark Fleming	6	12	5.30				
Grizzle Cats AC	Peter Edge	11	22	6.50	23	48	7.40	6
	John Morton	7	14	0.90				
	James Watson	5	12	0.00				
Tartan Tyers "B"	Shane Kelly	6	12	3.80	30	64	5.50	2
	Andy Barrowman	11	24	0.70				
	Alan Steven	13	28	1.00				
Kinross AC	Donald McGregor	6	13	8.00	20	40	4.90	10
	Kier Hardy	5	8	13.20				
	Allan Smith	9	17	15.70				
Blackloch AC "A"	David Ezzi	2	5	9.80	8	17	13.60	20
	Marco Ezzi	4	7	13.00				
	Jim Jack	2	4	6.80				
East Kilbride AC "B"	Gil Farid	6	12	1.60	17	34	7.00	12
	Ronnie McKean	4	8	4.20				
	Stephen Jap	7	14	1.20				
SPRA FFS West "A"	Brian Carnegie	6	12	14.60	10	22	1.50	19
	Kenny Miller	4	9	2.90				
	Stevie Mannion	0	0	0.00				
Costa Ecosse	John Buchanan	13	27	2.80	29	60	12.70	3
	Murray Hunter	9	18	3.70				
	Allan McLachlan	7	15	6.20				
Lintrathen FF	Tyler Hay	16	32	8.20	38	79	9.50	1
	Neil Anderson	11	23	14.00				
	Kevin Neri	11	23	3.30				
Change FF AC "B"	Wullie Leach	5	10	13.60	11	25	3.50	18
	Ray Anderson	4	9	0.80				
	Jim Crawford	2	5	5.10				
Perth RASC	Grant Sutherland	9	18	6.40	20	42	10.60	8
	Andy Kemp	9	18	15.50				
	Ian Birch	2	5	4.70				
Neilston FF "B"	Tom Burnett	6	13	6.00	15	32	11.50	13
	Jim Litster	4	9	6.90				
	Brian Mackenzie	5	9	14.60				
Caley Liners FF "B"	Andrew Kennedy	9	18	7.90	13	26	6.70	17
	Kevin Cullen	3	6	3.10				
	Billy Muir	1	1	11.70				
Saltire FF	Derek Keenan	5	11	14.80	12	27	4.90	16
	Alan Hill	2	3	15.70				
	Colin Macdonald	5	11	6.40				

St Boswells, Newtown & District AA	Davy Wright	7	14	5.70	20	41	7.90	9
	Grant Gibson	9	18	9.50				
	Jake Harvey	4	8	8.70				
Priory FC	Paul Clarke	5	9	4.20	17	36	4.30	11
	Kenny Sichi	7	15	7.10				
	Davy Grierson	5	11	9.00				

Champion of Champions

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Lake of Menteith – 5th October 2018

Sixty one competitors took part in the 2018 Champion of Champions having won their place from one of the Saturday night heats of the Scottish Club Championship. The top five from each Saturday night heat qualified for a place in the 'Champions' and where an angler couldn't take up their place it was offered to the next highest competitor from the same heat. The match was fished on a partial catch and release with the first two trout being retained and 2lb awarded for each returned fish. Prize vouchers provided by Snowbee were given to the top three who also received a bottle of Lomond Single Malt Whisky and the winner received a fleece provided by Hope Embroidery.

When the competitors arrived at the Lake of Menteith the temperature was 3 degrees with a clear blue sky and not a breath of wind which was in stark contrast to the wind and rain that the competitors had faced during the previous couple of days.

The temperature rose gradually and it was good bit warmer by the time the competitors set off although there was still a shortage of cloud cover and the light westerly breeze was intermittent. The competitors had mixed views on which was the best area to head for with a few boats staying at Hotel Bay and Shear Point while some went on round to International Bay and a good number headed for Lochinch and The Butts. Quite a few boats headed for The Cages with a couple stopping at Sams Point. By early afternoon a north westerly wind had picked up and as the day progressed the clouds thickened.

Top rod at the end of the day was Bobby Quinn of Ayr Travellers with 19 trout for 38lbs 14.4ozs.

Bobby qualified for the final from Heat 10 where his 5 fish had put him in 5th place. His club finished in fourth in that heat and just missed a spot in the semis.

Photo: Bobby Quinn

John Maestri of Blackloch AC with 19 fish for 37lbs 5.8ozs was just pipped at the post and had to settle for second place. John came through from heat 4 where his six fish earned him a sixth place. The 2013 Champion of Champions, John Buchanan of Costa Ecosse was third with 15 trout for 29lbs 13.1ozs. John came through from heat 12 where he was 15th.



Champion of Champions – 5th October 2018

Name	Club		Weight	Position
Bobby Quinn	Ayr Travellers	19	38lb 14.4oz	1
John Maestri	Blackloch AC	19	37lb 5.8oz	2
John Buchanan	Costa Ecosse	15	29lb 13.1oz	3
Scott Aitken	Tartan Tyers	14	28lb 3.1oz	4
Gary Wilkinson	Cupar AC	12	27lb 9.4oz	5
Alan Gilbert	SPRA West	13	26lb 8.7oz	6
Derek Kilgour	Heriot AC	13	26lb 3oz	7
Stuart Lindsay	Select FF	13	26lb 0.8oz	8
Gil Farid	East Kilbride AC	12	23lb 14.4oz	9

Ray Anderson	Change FF AC	11	22lb 2.7oz	10
Gordon Fisher	Ferry FF	10	20lb 14.6oz	11
Bill Braithwaite	St Boswell Newtown & Dist	10	20lb 14.2oz	12
Thomas McMillan	Select FF	10	20lb 11.5oz	13
Kenny Sichi	Priory AC	10	20lb 3.3oz	14
James Kerr	Firecats AC	9	17lb 3.2oz	15
Andy Boylan	Grizzle Cats	8	17lb 0.6oz	16
Alan Lindsay	Blackbull AC	8	16lb 13oz	17
Tom Burnett	Neilston FF	7	15lb 13.3oz	18
Ian Glassford	Bothwell & Blantyre	8	15lb 12.4oz	19
Wullie Cowan	ABC & D	7	15lb 10.6oz	20
Jim Jack	Blackloch AC	7	15lb 2.3oz	21
Jim Mckinlay	East Kilbride AC	7	14lb 10.5oz	22
Owen Cook	Townhill AC	7	14lb 5.4oz	23
Ian Guthrie	Leslie & Glenrothes	7	13lb 14.7oz	24
Andrew Kennedy	Caley Liners	6	13lb 13.6oz	25
Neil Wylie	Team Flybox	7	13lb 13.5oz	26
Robert Wilson	Newton Stewart & Dist	6	13lb 12.2oz	27
Arthur Donachie	Drumbowie AC	7	13lb 9.1oz	28
Jimmy Cavan	West Lothian FD	7	13lb 4.3oz	29
William Winning	East Kilbride AC	6	13lb 1.6oz	30
John Anderson	Ayr Travellers	6	12lb 5.1oz	31
Jim Hay	Dunfermline Railway	5	11lb 14.9oz	32
Kenny Dickens	Grizzle Cats	6	11lb 12.4oz	33
Laurie Taylor	Bothwell & Blantyre	5	11lb 2.7oz	34
Craig Inglis	Grimm AC	5	10lb 15.2oz	35
Graham Servewright	ABC & D	5	10lb 11.5oz	36
Bruce Chisholm	Coldstream AA	5	10lb 10.4oz	37
John Logan	Drumbowie AC	5	10lb 6.4oz	38
Steve Plank	Stirling Castle	5	10lb 5.3oz	39
Gregor Flemming	Alba Orvis FF	5	10lb 1.6oz	40
Chris MacAllister	Lintrathen FF	5	9lb 8.1oz	41
Brian Brown	Kilmarnock FF	5	9lb 7.9oz	42
Eric Fox	Pentland CS	4	9lb 4.3oz	43
Andy McAdam	Tartan Tyers	4	9lb 3.7oz	44
Tam Brown	Kelso AA	4	8lb 10.5oz	45
Davy Wales	Select FF	4	8lb 9.2oz	46
Davy Kemp	Stanley & District	4	8lb 7.3oz	47
Allan McLachlan	Costa Ecosse	4	8lb 4.5oz	48
Derek Halliday	Kelso AA	4	7lb 15.4oz	49
Ernest McKay snr	Aberdeen & District AA	4	7lb 14.2oz	50
Jim Walker	SPRA East	2	7lb 0.5oz	51
Andy Kemp	Perth RASC	3	7lb oz	52
Gus Armour	Neilston FF	3	5lb 14.9oz	53
Neil Cockburn	Buckshead AC	2	5lb 11.7oz	54
Ralph Fleming	Firecats AC	2	5lb 9.7oz	55
Tom McBride	Renton FF	2	5lb 4.7oz	56
Malcolm Miller	SPRA East	2	5lb 3.9oz	57
Jim Christie	Newtyle & Meikle AC	2	4lb 11oz	58
Keith MacKenzie	Dunoon & District	2	4lb 10.6oz	59
Eck Moffat H/F	Dalzell AC	2	2lb 15.3oz	60
Jimmy McBride	Heriot AC	0	0lb oz	61

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