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## 2016 Champion of Champions 7th October 2016 - Lake of Menteith

The weather was kind to the competitors in the final of the 2016 Champion of Champions with a light to brisk easterly wind throughout the day. It was mainly overcast and stayed dry with the sun breaking through for a couple of hours in the afternoon. This was another hard final which included four recent champions in the line-up (Shane Kelly - 2014; John Buchanan - 2013; Ray Anderson - 2012 and Gregor Fleming - 2009) a recent National Champion (Ronnie Glass - 2011) along with three recent Brown Bowl winners (Alan Steven - 2016; Ray Anderson - 2013 and John Buchanan - 2012) and two Silver Salver winners (Allan Smith 2015 and Ronnie Glass - 2012).

There were 52 anglers in the final and between them they caught 355 fish for 764lbs 14.9ozs. The match was fished on a partial catch and release basis with the first two trout being retained and an allowance of 2lb given for each returned fish. Heavy fish were capped at 4lbs. Quite a few large fish were taken to the scales notably 7lbs 13.9ozs (Gregor Fleming); 7lbs 4.9ozs (Alex Moriarty); 6lbs 15.7ozs (Wullie Cowan); 5lbs 14.8ozs (Alan Steven); 5lbs 7.1oz (David Moore); 5lbs 6.2ozs (Michael Ward); 5lbs 1oz (Mark Stephen); 4lbs 8 ozs (Frank Ross); 4lbs 5.7ozs (Neil Anderson) and 4lbs 1 oz (Bill Ramage).

We wish to thank our sponsors Snowbee who provided a Snowbee Prestige Rod to the winner; a Snowbee reel for the second and a Snowbee line for the third. Fly Tying Scotland provided a multi pack of fritz to the top three and a pack of fritz to all competitors; the Loch Lomond Group provided a bottle of Loch Lomond Signature whisky to each of the top three; Glencairn Crystal provided crystal ware for the winners and Keir Hardie Joinery provided the fly measures that were used throughout the competition.

Thirteen trout were needed by Allan Smith of Kinross AC to become the 2016 Champion of Champions and his fish weighed 26lbs 4.1ozs just short of 2lbs too good for Neilston FF angler Brian Mackenzie who finished in second with 12 trout for 24lbs

4.4ozs. Alan Steven of Forth Area Federation of Anglers snatched the third spot with 10 trout for 22lbs 1.6ozs just ahead of Johnston FF angler Michael Ward who had 10 trout for 22lbs 1.3oz

In all there were five competitors with 10 trout with another five competitors on 9 trout and seven competitors on 8 trout. All competitors caught fish with the lowest bag being 3 trout.



photo: Allan Smith with the Champion of Champions Trophy



2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Mackenzie



3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Steven

The Champion, Allan Smith, was drawn with John Buchanan (9 fish - 10th place) and they spent most of their day at the Rookery where most of their fish were taken. They also tried the cages and the butts area. Trout were taken steadily until the sun came out and picked up a bit when it clouded over again. Allan was fishing a 7ft fast tip and 9 of his fish were taken on a genghis, 2 on a cormorant and 2 on a pink booby.

Second placed Brian Mackenzie was drawn with Gregor Fleming (8 fish - 13th place) and most of their fish were taken at the butts and lochend areas. They moved away from there for a couple of hours and tried the cages but returned to where they started. Brian's first fish was on a booby with the rest being on dries.

Alan Steven finished in third and was drawn with Steven Welsh (7 fish - 24th place). They spent their day in the lochend/butts area where they took all of their fish steadily until the sun appeared about 3pm. Alan took fish on fabs fished on a floater and boobies and blobs fished on a fast glass.

## Heaviest Fish in the Scottish Club Heats

The heaviest fish in the Saturday nights weighed 7lbs 3.6ozs and was caught in heat 9 by David Bonnington of Alba Orvis FF "A". David was presented with the Salver and a bottle of Loch Lomond Signature Whisky at the Champion of Champions dinner.



Heaviest Fish in the heats – David Bonnington

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<b>7th October 2016</b>					
		Competitor	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Allan Smith	13	26	4.10
2		Brian Mackenzie	12	24	4.40
3		Alan Steven	10	22	1.60
4		Michael Ward	10	22	1.30
5		Sandy Boag	10	21	13.60
6		Gary Ormiston	10	21	10.20
7		Mark Stephen	9	20	14.00
8		Chris McAllister	10	20	8.70
9		Neil Anderson	9	20	2.90
10		John Buchanan	9	20	1.00
11		Andy Smith	9	19	10.60
12		David Bonnington	9	19	1.20
13		Gregor Fleming	8	18	3.50
14		Keith Doig	8	17	6.90
15		Gary McGinlay	8	17	4.00
16		Barry Lennon	8	16	11.20
17		Jim Mckinlay	8	16	6.90
18		Shane Kelly	8	16	1.70
19		Peter Cameron	7	16	1.20
20		Ian Scott	7	15	10.00
21		Ray Anderson	8	15	9.80
22		Campbell Cree	7	15	8.80
23		Wullie Cowan	7	15	8.00
24		Steven Welsh	7	15	7.20
25		Paul Cushnie	7	14	9.60
26		Scott Aitken	7	14	6.00
27		Grant Gibson	7	14	5.40
28		Ronnie Glass	7	14	1.80
29		Jim Hay	7	13	12.40
30		Mick Tait	7	13	10.20
31		Malcolm Selvey	6	13	5.10
32		Alex Moriarty	5	13	2.40
33		Colin McMonagle	6	13	0.20
34		John Maestri	6	12	10.50
35		Bill Ramage	5	12	5.10
36		Bob Robertson	6	12	2.20
37		Martin McCafferty	6	12	0.30
38		David Moore	5	11	11.40
39		Paul Garner	5	10	13.60
40		Chris Davidson	5	10	13.30
41		Calum Crosbie	5	10	11.80
42		Paul Clarke	5	10	9.60
43		Ray Harrison	5	10	8.30
44		George Murray	5	10	5.40
45		Steve Cowan	4	9	4.70
46		Frank Ross	3	9	4.70
47		Joe Lee	3	8	14.30
48		Frank Jackson	4	8	12.20
49		Douglas Scott	4	7	9.00
50		Bruce Chisholm	3	6	2.00
51		Dugald MacGilp	3	5	12.10
52		Alan Daisley	3	5	10.50
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>14.90</b>