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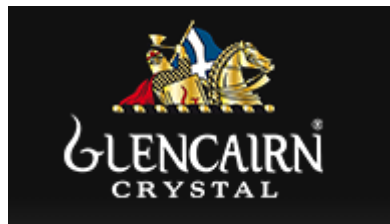
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### Champion of Champions Final

Lake of Menteith - Friday 4th October 2024

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The weather was kind to the competitors for the Champion of Champions on Friday 4th October with overcast skies throughout the day and a light wind that gave almost perfect conditions. Some light rain did get through later in the day. Sixty anglers set off around 9am and it looked like they had been finding fish in most areas of the Lake in their practice sessions as the boats spread out quickly over the water. The top six anglers from each of the ten Saturday night heats of the Scottish Club Championship qualify for the Champion of Champions and should any angler be unable to take up his spot then the seventh angler from that heat is offered the place.

The match was fished to a two fish kill per angler followed by catch and release with 2lbs being awarded for each returned trout. Heavy fish were capped at 4lb. The competitors caught a total of 498 fish of which 119 trout weighing 353lb 15.4oz were retained and 379 trout were returned. Of the retained trout 28 were capped at 4lbs. One of them was over 6lbs, nine were between 5 and 6lbs and a further 18 were between 4 and 5lbs.

The presentation dinner was held at the Karma Lake of Menteith Hotel with the prizes being presented by Quint Glen, manager of the Lake of Menteith Fishery. During the heats, semis and finals of the Scottish Club Championship and Champion of Champions each angler is asked to donate £1 and along with the proceeds of raffles held at the dinners it is given to the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity. At the Champion of Champions £83 was collected from the £1 donations and £511 was raised at the raffle.

Top rod and the 2024 Champion of Champions was Joseph Wood of Albacats. Joseph had 24 trout for 48lb 3.4oz and received the first prize of £250 provided by McLanachan Transport, a box containing approximately 150 flies provide by My Fishing Flies, a voucher for a 50% discount provided by Snowbee and of course the trophy and a gold medal. Joseph had a very successful end to the 2024 season and in addition to being the Champion of Champions he was in the Scotland team that took the gold medal at the autumn international where as an individual he was 10th overall. The following week he was 24th in the Scottish National Championship and the week after that he was in the Albacats "B" team that were third in The Scottish Club Championship.

photo: Joseph Wood receiving the trophy from Quint Glen



Close behind in second was Gregor Fleming of Albacats with 21 trout for 45lb 3.1oz. He received a £100 prize, a 40% discount voucher provided by Snowbee and a silver medal. Gregor has also had a successful year having been in the Scotland team that took the gold medal at the spring international. He finished a close third in the Scottish National Championship thereby qualifying for the 2025 Scottish teams and like Joseph he was in the Albacats "B" team that was third in the Scottish Club Championship. Gregor has an incredible record in the Champion of Champions having qualified for the final in at least 8 out of the last 15 years. He was the Champion of Champions as a youngster in 2009 and more recently he was 3rd in 2022 and 5th in 2023.

photo: Gregor Fleming receiving his prizes from Quint Glen

In third place was Alan Steven of Tartan Tyers with 16 trout for 36lb. Alan received the £100 prize, a 30% discount voucher provided by Snowbee and a bronze medal. Alan recently finished 18th in the Scottish National Championship thereby qualifying for the 2025 Scottish teams. He was in the Tartan Tyers team that finished 10th in the Scottish Club Championship and is no stranger to the Champion of Champions having finished a close third in 2016.

Alan Steven receiving his prizes from Quint Glen



The Scottish Club Championship committee wish to thank the Lake of Menteith management, My Fishing Flies, Snowbee, Thermo Fisher Scientific, McLanachan Transport, Glencairn Crystal and Angus Angling for their support of the Scottish Club Championship and the Champion of Champions. The efficient running of the heats, semis and finals requires good communication with the competing clubs and the committee wish to thank the club secretaries for the help provided by them throughout the season. We are fortunate to have such good natured competitors taking part in the championships and their patience, particularly at the weigh-ins is appreciated.

Champion of Champions						
Lake of Menteith						
4th October 2024						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Joseph Wood	Albacats	24	48	3.40
2		Gregor Fleming	Albacats	21	45	3.10
3		Alan Steven	Tartan Tyers	16	36	0.00
4		Jock Kettles	Military Veterans FFC	16	33	2.60
5		David Wales	Select FF	15	32	2.20
6		Jimmy McBride	SPRA FFS East AC	15	31	6.50
7		Nigel Burns	FNF Falcons	14	29	7.30
8		John Simpson	GPO FFC	13	28	6.20
9		Michael Low	Glencoe FF	14	28	3.10
10		Bill Ramage	Stirling Castle AC	12	28	0.00
11		Andy Johnstone	Newton Stewart & District AA	13	27	0.20
12		Bob Robertson	Balfron Piscatorials	12	26	7.40
13		Angus Robertson	Lochan Dubh	12	26	6.80
14		Andy Gray	Harelaw FF	12	24	7.60
15		Colin Macdonald	Saltire FF	12	24	2.10
16		Ian Wilson	Rosyth CSSC	10	22	6.90
17		David Downie	Stirling Castle AC	10	21	11.10
18		Graeme Frew	Drumbowie FF	9	20	6.20
19		Scott Henderson	Glencoe FF	9	20	5.40
20		Wullie Simpson	Roths Oak AC	9	20	5.10
21		John Maestri	Military Veterans FFC	9	20	3.80
22		Mick Tarbett	Balbeggie AC	9	19	6.60
23		William Davidson	Black Bull FFC	9	19	6.30
24		Michael Craig	Brechin AC	8	18	7.50
25		Keith Logan	Heriot AC	8	18	6.90
26		Jim Jack	Dalzell AC	8	18	6.80
27		Derek Keenan	Saltire FF	9	18	2.80
28		Greig Davie	Albacats	8	17	8.30
29		Davie Couper	Select FF	7	17	6.80
30		Dennis Splaine	Strathleven FF	8	16	7.80
31		Stewart Inglis	Grimm Anglers	8	16	5.40
32		Alan Smith	Aberdour AA	8	16	4.70
33		Stevie Welsh	Albacats	8	16	2.10
34	eq	Peter Allan	Black Bull FFC	6	16	0.00
34	eq	Angus Armour	Costa Ecosse	6	16	0.00
36		Brian Fletcher	Select FF	7	15	9.70
37		Andy Kemp	Perth RASC	6	15	3.50
38		Neil Cockburn	Phoenix AC	7	14	8.10
39		David Marfizo	Brechin AC	7	14	2.40
40		Stevie Whitehead	Dalzell AC	6	13	9.10
41		Peter Shepherd	Bridge of Allan 76 AC	6	13	3.50
42		Stewart Howie	Aberdeen & District AA	5	13	0.50
43		Archie Blair	Port Glasgow AC	5	12	6.90
44		Andy Boylan	Lochend FF	5	12	4.60
45		Robert Wilson	Newton Stewart & District AA	4	11	9.50
46		Donald Gillies	SPPM	4	11	7.60
47		George Armour	Phoenix FF	4	11	7.50
48		Nathan Horner	Cupar AC	5	11	7.20
49		Graham Dempster	East Kilbride AC	5	11	6.40
50		Archie Whitehead	Gartmore, Aberfoyle AC	5	11	3.40
51		Donald Stewart	Bothwell & Blantyre AC	4	11	2.50
52		Eric Fox	Pentland Civil Service AC	4	10	5.80
53		Derek Halliday	Kelso AA	3	9	8.20
54		Mark Tweedie	Strathleven FF	4	8	3.60
55		Gary Ormiston	Roths Oak AC	3	8	0.80
56		Douglas Fairbairn	SPPM	3	8	0.10
57		Andy Durk	Strathgryfe AA	3	7	9.30
58		Mick Tait	Kelso AA	2	7	3.80
59		Wayne Seaman	Kilmarnock FF	3	7	1.90
60		Jimmy Watson	Balbeggie AC	1	3	8.50
		<b>Total</b>		<b>498</b>	<b>1111</b>	<b>0.00</b>