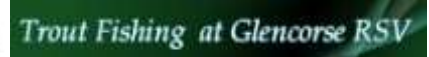
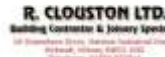




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Spring International Bewl Water – 17th May 2013

The Scottish Team, captained by Ronnie Glass, set off for Bewl Water on Monday 13th May with high hopes of doing well in the Spring International. Preparations had gone well beforehand and the Manager, Stan Headley, having taken the team to Gold at Lyn Brenig the previous Autumn was confident that another gold medal could be on the cards. Conditions during the practice days were variable with a mix of cold, wet and sunny days but with the emphasis very much on cold. As seems to be the norm at the Internationals, conditions changed again on competition day with the wind swinging round to the north which was the first time from that direction during the preceeding week.

At 10am on match day the 28 boats set off and they split roughly into three groups with one group heading for Canoe Club Corner, another group heading for Bewl Straight and the third group heading for Hook Straight. Reports coming in from observers during the day were that it seemed like the 'blue caps' were being seen to be lifting into more trout than the others and it was a nervous manager that was counting in the team as they returned at 6pm.



As they came off the pier there were bags of 9 from Peter Auchterlonie, Andrew Glasgow and Kevin Porteous. Kevin McCabe had 7 and Tom Burnett had 5. There were 4 each for Ray Anderson, Craig Osborne and Jock Kettles. 3 each for Dugald 'The Poet' MacGilp and Willie Cowan. Brian Mackenzie and Alan Porteous had 2 apiece and there was 1 each for Ronnie Glass (Captain) and Scott Miller.

England were first to weigh-in and had 42 fish for 79lb 8.5oz with their best bag being taken by Roger Trustcott with 8 trout for 16lb 1oz. Next came Ireland with 21 fish for 42lb 3.5oz with their best bag being Francis McSharry with 6 trout for 13lb 8.5oz. Scotland came to the scales next and had 63 fish for 127lb 14oz. The best Scottish bag was taken by Peter Auchterlonie who had 9 trout for 20lb 5oz which secured him the Brown Bowl as the top individual and the Phoenix Silver Salver as the top Scottish rod. Wales were fourth to the scales and had 32 fish for 61lb 11.5oz with their best bag being taken by Jason Heath with 4 trout for 9lb 2.5oz. Richard Hooper of Wales had the heaviest trout at 3lb 3oz.

Peter Auchterlonie at the scales



This was a very convincing win by Scotland with 4 rods in the top 5 and a total of 9 rods in the top 20. In addition to Peter Auchterlonie being the top individual we had Andrew Glasgow and Kevin Porteous tying for second and Kevin McCabe in fifth. Although there were plenty of superb individual performances it was very much a team effort with the work done by all the team in the practice days paying off in great style. The team were also fortunate enough to have the support of many others who helped out in the run up to the match or who supported the fundraisers or provided sponsorship and the team now wish to thank them all for the assistance they provided.

Peter Auchterlonie
Top Rod and winner of the Brown Bowl and the Phoenix Silver Salver



It takes an excellent performance to win a Brown Bowl and not many competitors manage to do it twice but Peter Auchterlonie has done just that. In 1999 he took the Brown Bowl at Loch Leven and now 14 years later he has done it again. Peter has now been in a gold medal winning team in all four countries.

On match day Peter was drawn with John Ball of England and having lost the toss he was taken to Bramble Bay where there were about ten boats in that area at the start. Peter had three fish by 11am. He didn't have any more in the next hour and moved with the intention of going to Monty's Seat but on seeing boats coming away from there he went to Ferry Point. On his second drift there he picked up another fish. They remained in that area, working along the straight for the rest of the day and he picked up his other five trout there. All his trout were taken on either buzzers or fabs. His boat partner finished with two.

2nd Equal - Andrew Glasgow

Andrew was drawn with Andrew Banner, captain of Wales, and like Peter he lost the toss and was taken to Bramble Bay. He had his first fish within ten minutes and his next was a double header both of which were landed. His next five came fairly quickly. During the session he dropped 4 or 5 and when it went quiet about 3pm they moved on. They tried Monty's Seat, Ferry Point and Canoe Club Corner before returning to Bramble Bay where he picked up his last fish right away. All his fish were taken on either fabs or buzzers. His boat partner, Andrew Banner finished with 2 fish.



2nd Equal - Kevin Porteous

Kevin was drawn with Denis Symonds and also lost the toss. After they had discussed where they were likely to be successful they opted to go to Canoe Club Corner. There were 5 or 6 boats working that area two of which had Scottish competitors in them. Kevin had 8 trout by 12.15pm. Boats were coming and going so they decided to stay where they were but with one hour to go they moved to Ferry Point where Kevin took his last fish. Seven or eight of his fish were taken on fabs. Denis finished with one fish.

5th Place - Kevin McCabe

Kevin was drawn with Richard Hooper of Wales. They motored to Canoe Club Corner at the start of the session and Kevin took fish there early on. At noon they moved to Bramble Bay and found about 12 boats already there. Richard picked up 2 there and Kevin picked up 1. At 2pm they went back to Canoe Club Corner and while there were plenty of boats there nothing was being caught. They moved over to Bewl Straight and getting nothing there they returned to Bramble Bay. Kevin had taken his 5 trout on buzzers but changed to dries and picked up 2 trout on them at Bramble Bay. His boat partner had 4 fish one of which was the heaviest of the day at 3lb 3oz.



9th Place - Tom Burnett

Tom was drawn with Robert Barden of England and lost the toss. However, as Robert is a warden at Bewl he was unconcerned at not having the decision on where to go. They went in to Bramble Bay where there were another 10 or 12 boats. Tom picked up one on his fourth or fifth cast but it was slow for the next hour. It picked up around 11am and he caught 4 trout between 11am and 2pm. There were boats coming and going and as it was apparent that it was also hard elsewhere they stayed at Bramble Bay hoping that it would come back on. Between 2pm and 6pm Tom hit fish but didn't connect with them and at the end he had 5 fish and his boat partner had 1.



photo on left:
Ronnie Glass with his winners speech



photos on right:
parade of teams before the match



Back Row: George Barron(IFFA President) Stan Headley(Manager) Dugald MacGilp George MacKenzie(International Secretary) Peter Auchterlonie Ronnie Glass(Captain)
Craig Osborne Ray Anderson Kevin Porteous Ian Campbell(IFFA Secretary)
Front Row: Jock Kettles Tom Burnett Andrew Glasgow William Cowan Kevin McCabe Scott Miller Brian Mackenzie

Result				
		Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1 st	Scotland	63	127	14.0
2 nd	England	42	79	8.5
3 rd	Wales	32	61	11.5
4th	Ireland	21	42	3.5

Spring International - Bewl Water - 17th May 2013				
Individual Scottish Placings				
(For the full result please see the IFFA website at www.iffa.net)				
Position		Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Peter Auchterlonie	9	20	5.0
2=	Andrew Glasgow	9	16	11.0
2=	Kevin Porteous	9	16	11.0
5	Kevin McCabe	7	14	12
9	Tom Burnett	5	10	13.5
12=	Ray Anderson	4	8	5.0
14	Craig Osborne	4	7	14.0
18	Dugald MacGilp	3	7	3.0
19	Jock Kettles	4	7	1.5
21	William Cowan	3	6	7.5
29	Alan Porteous	2	4	0.0
30=	Brian Mackenzie	2	3	11.5
38	Ronnie Glass	1	2	1.0
40	Scott Miller	1	1	14.0

Autumn International				
Friday 20th September 2013				
Lake of Menteith				
Position	Country	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1st	Scotland	135	299	14.8
2nd	Ireland	107	247	4.7
3rd	Wales	106	243	4.0
4th	England	99	234	1.2

Scotland's run of success continued at the Lake of Menteith on Friday 20th September when the four home countries met to contest the Fly Fishing Autumn International. Having won the last two gold medals at Brenig in the 2012 Autumn International and at Bewl Water in the 2013 Spring International, Scotland followed up by winning the gold medal on their home water. Ireland narrowly pipped Wales for the silver medal with England in fourth.

Scottish rods filled three of the top four individual spots and had a clean sweep of the prizes with the Brown Bowl winner and the captor of the heaviest fish.

Some English and Welsh rods had travelled up early in the week and braved the windy conditions on Monday to put in some early practice on Menteith. For Tuesday's practice the wind eased slightly and although it was particularly chilly the fish were high in the water. All four countries found that there was a good head of fish in Menteith with a fair number of them over the 4lb and 5lb mark.

On Wednesday the wind dropped but the steady rain changed conditions from chilly to cold and although the fishing was good the trout were not as co-operative as they had been the day before.

The rain stopped and the wind dropped a bit on Thursday and the trout were back on again. By the end of the practice sessions it was clear that fish could be caught at Stable Point, Cages, Rookery, Sam's Point, Hotel Bay and Shear Point on one side and at the Plantation, Butts and Lochend on the other. Trout had been caught on the bung, washing line and dries and with a weather forecast for light winds gradually strengthening throughout competition day it was anticipated that there would be good catches.

The competition was fished on a partial catch and release basis with the first three trout being retained and an allowance of two pounds given for all returned fish.

The team managers were on hand as the boats returned at the end of the day to check on how many fish had been caught by their respective teams in an effort to gauge how well they had done however with some 'winding-up' going on the result was far from clear.

England were first to go to the scales and their 99 fish for 234lb 1.4oz put them in fourth place. Ireland went next and with 107 fish for 247lb 4.7oz they secured the silver medal. Scotland's captain, Wullie Leach, took his team to the scales and they recorded 135 fish for 299lb 14.8oz and took gold. Wales were last to the scales and their 106 fish for 243lb 4oz put them in third spot some 4lb behind Ireland. This was a clear cut success for Scotland being 28 fish and 52lb clear of the field.

photo: Scotland's captain, Wullie Leach, receives the winning captain's badge from IFFA President George Barron



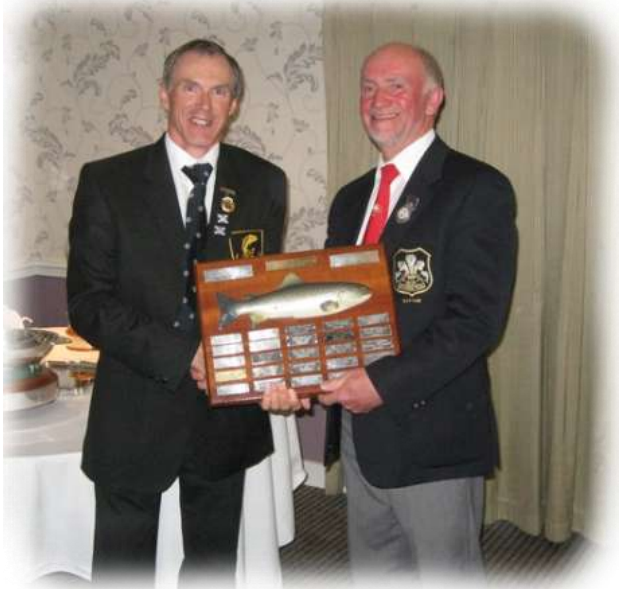
The top individual rod and winner of the Brown Bowl and Phoenix Silver Salver was Ray Anderson of Scotland with 18 fish for 37lb 10.2oz. Ken Oliver of Scotland was second with 16 fish for 32lb 12.8oz.

The top rod for Ireland and third placed overall was Kenneth O'Keefe with 13 fish for 28lb 9oz.

photo: Ray Anderson of Scotland receives the Brown Bowl from IFFA President George Barron

The top rod for England was Anthony Fox with 13 fish for 27lb 6.6oz and the top rod for Wales was David Hoppe with 12 fish for 27lb 6oz.

The heaviest fish on the day was a magnificent rainbow of 7lb 4oz that was caught by Colin MacDonald of Scotland



Colin MacDonald - heaviest fish



Kenneth O'Keefe - top Ireland rod



Anthony Fox - top England rod



David Hoppe - top Wales rod



Scottish Team

Back Row: George Barron (IFFA President) Stan Headley (manager) George MacKenzie (International Secretary) Ian Hutcheon Ray Anderson Allan Smith
Kenny Miller Peter Auchterlonie Derek Purves Keith Logan Ian Campbell (IFFA Secretary)
Front Row: Ken Oliver Neill Barrett Kenny Sichi Wullie Leach (captain) James Litster Colin MacDonald John Buchanan

Ray Anderson - Brown Bowl Winner

I was drawn with John Hood of England and as he won the toss he had charge of the boat and opted to go to Shear Point. I hadn't fished there during the practice days but knew from others in the Scotland Team that there was fish there. I set up with a booby and buzzers on a midge tip line while John set up with dries.

photo: Ray at the weigh-in



On our first drift I took one on the booby and thereafter we drifted in and out from about 70 yards. I hit fish or took fish most drifts and after I went four up on John he changed to a fab. I thought I was a touch low in the water and change a buzzer for another booby. About 11.30am we moved to Hotel Bay and we both caught fish at a steady rate there.

We moved back to Shear Point about 1pm and by that time I had 13. We worked our way back and forward along Shear Point to Yamaha Buoy and had three on one drift. It was good deal slower in the afternoon but I managed to finish with 18. John finished with 12.

Ken Oliver - 2nd

I was drawn with an Irishman, Tom Sweeney, who gave me control of the boat all day. I thought that the drifts at Sam's point would be wrecked by the passage of the boats going to cages, for at least an hour, so I turned left onto the far side of Shear Point drifting into International Bay. First blood went to Tom, but moments later I was in on a booby, and that was the last Tom saw of a fish for near two hours and 8 - 1 down. I was amazed that we had that side of the point to ourselves and could see Ray working the harbour side and getting a few fish.

This continued for a while longer and then I ran into a spell of about 1/2 an hour where I was getting hard solid takes . . . but no hookups and when I checked my flies . . . no point or bend on the booby . . . ooops ! Quick change of flee and I was back into fish straight away. A fair few boats started appearing around 2 ish and things started to slow up and the fish were on the buzzers now.



With the score sitting at 12 - 3, we slipped out of the combat zone and over to Hotel Bay where we met Colin MacDonald. We had a few tentative takes and follows with fish bow-waving after the booby and Toms blobs but no solid takes after an hour so back to International Bay.

A couple or three drifts saw my score up to 14 but things were slow compared to earlier so we moved out onto Shear Point to find fish rising, and two drifts thro with no answers saw my boat partner and I changing up to dries for the last hour. I managed two more on the hoppers and my boat partner another one then time stopped play . . .

Kenny Miller - 4th

I was drawn with Jack Spratt, captain of the Ireland team, and although I lost the toss we discussed which areas were working and he agreed to go where I suggested.

I set up with a sedge, diawl bach, cormorant and a booby on a sink tip line while Jack put on a two fly cast and we headed over to Reedy Bay to drift down to Hotel Bay. We were further out than I wanted to be and as a boat had come inside us we moved back to Sams Point.

We drifted back and forth from Sams Point over the Sunken Island and down either side steadily picking up fish. I changed to a floating line and dries and picked up three but after seeing the number of follows that Jack was getting I changed back to my original cast but stuck to the floater.

Like many others I lost my share of fish and was burst twice and lost the full cast each time. I was fortunate to be drawn with Jack who was great company and had an excellent boatman in Jim Crawford. We had a good day and I had 13 trout and Jack had 9.





Colin MacDonald - 8th

I was drawn with Mark Macleod from England. Mark won the toss and after a discussion we opted to go to Gateside Bay for the start. There were at least 6 blue caps with the same idea of starting in Gateside.

I started with a midge tip and 3 flies, booby, diawl back and a cat on the top dropper. I was quickly into a fish on my second cast and lost a fish a few minutes later which broke my cast. Fish were being taken along the rope so we moved into a space at the rope and I was quickly into my second fish. A few moments later I had a slow take and tightened into a large fish and after a lengthy battle and several near misses with the rope we netted a fish of 7lbs 4oz much to the delight of my team mates around the bay.

After a quiet spell we moved to Sams Point where my boat partner picked up his first fish. At 1.30pm after some encouragement from Jim Law our boatman I caught 3 fish rapid between Sams Point and the Sunken Island. Mark had 2 fish on this drift.

At 2.00pm Mark wanted to fish the Butts and although I hadn't fished the Butts I knew my team mates had done well on dries at this end of the Lake. A change to a floating line and with me with the inside line at the reeds, I took my 7th fish. After an hour I had lost 2 fish and Mark opted to return to Sams Point where I picked up another 2 fish on dries. My last fish was taken at the jetty at 5.50pm on a dry fly. I finished the day with 10 fish to Mark's 3. I would like thank Jim Law for all the encouragement and keeping us entertained and Mark for his company, on a very enjoyable day.

Allan Smith - 12th

I was drawn with Keith Cadogan of Wales and after I had won the toss I opted to go to Shear Point.

I set up with a booby and three buzzers on a midge tip line and got off to a great start when I picked up three fish with three casts. That put me 3 - 0 up on Keith but as we worked back and forth between drifting onto Shear Point and into International Bay he pulled that around and went 6 - 4 up on me.

It slowed up a fair bit between 1pm and 3pm and we kept working away. I had another good spell towards the end of the session drifting into the harbour and by 6pm I had 11 trout and Keith had 12.





Autumn International				
Individual Scottish Positions				
The Full Result is on the IFFA website at www.iffa.net				
Position		Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1st	Ray Anderson	18	37	10.2
2nd	Ken Oliver	16	32	12.8
4th	Kenny Miller	13	27	9.2
8th	Colin MacDonald	10	27	2.2
12th	Allan Smith	11	23	15.4
15th	Keith Logan	10	22	3.4
20th	Neill Barrett	10	19	12.8
21st	Derek Purves	8	18	13.4
24th	Wullie Leach (captain)	8	17	14.2
31st	John Buchanan	7	16	5.6
36th	Ian Hutcheon	7	15	8.2
41st	Peter Auchterlonie	6	14	2.6
43rd	James Litster	6	13	13.2
48th	Kenny Sichi	5	12	3.6