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

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.

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.

photo: David Egan at the weigh-in

Four of the Ireland team finished in the top 10 and with all 14 of their team finishing in the top 35 this was a well deserved victory.



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.

Top rod for England was Iain Barr with 6 trout and top rod for Wales was Richard Hooper with 5 trout.

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



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

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Individual Scottish Team Overall Positions**

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

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

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.

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

photo:
Grant Osler with the
Brown Bowl and Silver Salver



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 Hessematt 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.

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Pos	Country	Fish	lbs	ozs
1st	Scotland	79	164	15 3/8
2nd	Wales	70	144	8 1/8
3rd	England	65	134	13 1/2
4th	Ireland	51	107	10 3/8

Grant Osler 1st: 11 fish

I was drawn with Andrew Banner of Wales and won the toss. I took the boat to the point at the osprey pole to drift out over the open water and set up with a two tone fab, flashback diawl bach and an apricot booby on a slow glass.

Andrew had set up with a 5 sweep and took the first fish. He also took the second one to go 2 - 0 up. It then went 2 - 1, 3 - 1, 4 - 1 then 4 - 2. About 1pm we we moved to the point at the Sailing Club and I changed to dries with a black and red hopper, a scruffy and a hares ear shuttlecock.

We drifted from the point area out over open water and I picked up fish steadily until 5.15pm I had four on hoppers and five on the shuttlecock and finished with eleven.

photo:
Grant at the weigh-in





Stuart McLean
2nd - 9 fish

I was drawn with Stuart Pickard of Wales and I won the toss. At the off I saw that there were only half a dozen boats holding back to fish the cages area and I opted to start there. I set up with two candies on a slow glass.

photo
Stuart McLean

The boats were all picking away at fish and in the first hour I picked up two and my boat partner had one. It slowed down fairly quickly there and about noon we set off to go to the area around the osprey pole. As we passed Sailing Club Bay we saw Ronnie Gilbert taking a fish so we pulled round and set up behind him. We did a few drifts there and I picked up another two and Stuart got one.

From there we went to the point at Brenig Arm/Northern Arm and drifted out over open water. I picked up one straight away but then went a long spell with nothing. We went back to the jetty at the Sailing Club but didn't do anything there either so we went back to the open water where I got four very quickly on the candies. I had my last fish about 5.35pm and finished nine and my boat partner finished with 7.

Ronnie Gilbert
4th - 8 fish

I was drawn with Dennis Goulding, captain of the Ireland Team. I won the toss and opted to go to the Quarry where I set up with fabs, diawl bach and bibio hopper on a 3ft midge tip.

Dennis got the first fish. I picked up one and about 11.15am we moved over to the Sailing Club.

I picked up three in the Sailing Club and when I saw Scottish rods I waved at them to come in there. We stayed there the rest of the day and I picked up another three. I tried a 12ft tip and dries as well and picked up one on the dries. I finished with eight and Dennis had five and dropped a few.

photo:
Ronnie Gilbert



Derek Hessett
7th - 7 Fish

I was drawn with Gareth Evans of Wales and having lost the toss I was taken to the open water at the osprey pole. I set up with a candy and a ga cat on a slow glass. Gareth set up with a 5 sweep and boobies.

photo
Derek Hessett

I got my first fish on my second cast and then went on to drop five on that first drift. Between then and 1pm I took one more fish and although I had offers I couldn't hook them. We stayed in the same area and I changed to dries and picked up two straight away. From there we went to the Sailing Club and I picked up another one. We returned to the osprey pole where I picked up my last two fish. I finished with 7 and Gareth had 6.



Martin McCafferty
10th - 7 Fish

I was drawn with Terry Llewelyn of Wales. Terry won the toss and we went to the cages area where I set up with a ga cat and a candy on a slow glass. I rose a fish on my first cast and 10 minutes later I had my first fish in the boat. By 1pm I had six in the boat and about 2pm we moved to the Sailing Club where I changed to dries and took one straight away.

photo: Martin McCafferty

We moved to the osprey pole about 3.30pm. I had been in front for most of the day and was 7 - 5 up but Terry picked up another two and we finished with 7 each.



Autumn International - Llyn Brenig Wales, 7th September 2018

Scottish Team Positions

(For full result see www.iffa.com)

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



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