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Dear Member

Welcome to the October 2008 Newsletter.

Where to start?

Well, we all consider juniors to be the life blood of any organisation and as a group we are not exactly swamped by their numbers. But.....

At the **Clyde and West Open Shore 31st August** event 81 juniors and 165 seniors took part and fished in very difficult weather conditions.

The format was catch, measure and release, with a 20cm size limit for seniors. There was no minimum size for junior participants as this event has everything to do with getting young anglers out fishing and actually catching. Leading tackle companies and retailers once again committed generously with an incredible £10,000 worth of tackle for the junior prize table alone.

One of our 3 junior members, Annie Burns, took a superb 5th place. Congratulations to you Annie. Annie also won the Juniors' section of the SFSA Individual Shore Championships at Riverside Drive on June 15th so look out all those going to the EFSA shore competition there in November.

Taynuilt (Loch Etive) is to be fished on **15th November** and an entry form accompanies this newsletter. Entry Forms **WITH CHEQUES** should be sent to me at the above address **NO LATER THAN Wednesday 5th November**. Pairs will be drawn (executive pairs) and the pairs entry fee is part of event fee. Sorry for the short time scale between form issue and closing date.

EFSA Individual Members Shore The date for your diaries is **1st November**. The venue is once again Riverside Drive Dundee which proved successful last year.

Registration will be at the Burger van which is, I understand to be found near the Railway Bridge (very civilized) from 9am till 9.30am. Fishing will be from 10.00am till 3.00pm
Further info available from Steve Burns or Billy Murray if required.

Western Isles Open 26th & 27th July Congratulations to Graham Forbes who caught a new (yet to be ratified) Scottish record John Dory of 2 lb 6oz while fishing off Carloway on the west side of Lewis. Unfortunately, this event was not well supported this year which is a great disappointment as it was one of the best events on our Order of Merit list. It was won this year by Steve Souter with Gillies MacKenzie second and Ali Forsyth third. All three won their boats on both days and scored 200 percentage points – a noteworthy performance. Well done you three!

Cobh Ireland 16th – 23rd August

I had hoped to include a report on this event here but my subscriber has opted to go on holiday to Egypt for a couple of weeks. I'll cover Cobh more fully in the next Newsletter. I think I can safely say that the only Scottish stars were Donnie Morrison and Ali Forsyth. More of this in December (I hope he's back from Egypt in time).

Viking, Shetland, 4th-6th September 48 anglers fished in almost perfect conditions for catches consisting mainly of ling and tusk. Our Chairman has had his true position recognised in that he was awarded two trophies. One was for being top Tourist and one for top Visitor. And I thought he was there for the fishing! The first seven places went to local anglers with Charlie Hunter taking top spot followed by Robert Duthie, John Robert Scott and Laurence Williamson – all four of whom scored boat wins on all three days. Top EFSA Scotland anglers were John Fullerton in 7th, Joe Connolly in

12th and Howard Foster in 14th place. Joe tells me that the competition was well run and fished on a percentage scoring system for the first time. Because of the nature of the fishery, all fish were landed and sold through the fish market.

Dunbar, 27 September 17 anglers took part (1 was a non member guest) with only 2 of the 4 boats originally booked being used. The weather was a bit breezy but, I am told, quite fishable with reasonable fish numbers being caught. The event was won by John Speirs (15 fish) with Peter Redshaw second (13 fish) and Derek Yuille third (12 fish). The pairs were won by Willie Carr and Scott Gibson.

Joe Connolly has told me that only two boats will be booked for this event next year and entries will be on a first come etc basis.

Standing Committee Meeting 24th September

Joe Edward is one of our delegates to the HQ Executive Committee and below is a summary of the business covered at their last meeting.

14 countries were represented.

Hamish Holmes extended a welcome to two new delegates from section Cyprus who attended the meeting and went on to say that no definite information had been received but it is believed that the Faeroe Isles, Canary Isles and Turkey will be possibilities for forming Sections.

Hamish Holmes stated that he had briefly investigated the question of Insurance for all EFSA Anglers, organisers and Skippers but it is extremely unlikely that such extensive cover could be obtained.

H Schneider stated that if a Section wished to host any future Standing Committee Meeting in their country then they would need to put forward a firm proposal with details and costings.

Hamish Holmes stated that a problem still exists with a lack of response to requests for information from Sections and went on to say that information is not being passed on to Individual Members.

Use of the Website should assist in the communication of Information.

EFSA continues to grow with new Sections being formed and it is clear HQ must now take a firmer line over the issue of failing to respond to requests for information.

Arthur White circulated the present financial position as at April 2008, the budget is on track and he expects that by the end of the year to see a break-even position.

Members lists are not being supplied to HQ which is a requirement and HQ has the option of blocking national teams from taking part in championships if this is not done. Sheet circulated requesting advertisements for the record list which is crucial in view of the costs involved.

David Wood circulated a report outlining statistics concerning the Records for 2007.

Arnie Jorgensen circulated a list of the current stock available and advised he would take any orders and provide the Five Star bars if required whilst in Ireland.

Kurt Muscat working on the 2008 Game Championships in Mexico and details have been circulated to the relevant Sections. 92 competitors taking part along with 28 guests. Amended rules will be used.

Proposal for the 2010 game Championships to be held in Phuket Thailand, could be more proposals, decision will be made at the April 2009 Standing Committee meeting at Gatwick.

Copy of Rules available for Scottish Anglers participating

David Styles stated that he had been working on the Line Class Fishing Rules which have now been circulated to Standing Committee Delegates.

Hamish Holmes Stated that Marcus West had been appointed as Assistant Secretary to Hamish who would work with Hamish over the next 3 years with a view to taking over as General Secretary.

Arthur White stated that as a result of problems encountered by EFSA Executive Officers holding other positions in International Bodies it was decided and agreed by all that Executive Officers shall not hold Office in any other Sea Angling Body.

Draft for the new AGM format was circulated by Hamish Holmes and will be implemented in Stromness Orkney August 2009 after the Standing Committee meeting.

Davis Styles stated that he had received no queries or points re the Line Class Rules Amendments, all were in Favour.

Phil Lustig stated that no suggestions or amendments to the Shore Checklist had been forwarded to him prior to the meeting and the revised checklist will therefore now be going forward for implementation.

European Species Championship- Ostende Belgium 3rd/4th May 2008. H Roofthoofst stated that following the Championships the Belgium Section had received a lot of favourable comments from those who took part. Went on to say that unfortunately the fishing had not been good but a successful competition had been held which was well supported.

European Line Class And Boat Championships Cobh Ireland 2008

George Mc Cullough gave an update, answered any questions and hoped everyone would enjoy a successful championship.

European Line Class and Boat Championship Stromness orkney August 2009

Joe Edward gave update to the meeting advising that arrangements were well in hand the only issue was the signing up of adequate number of boats, however this was improving by the day and it is hopeful that the compliment of boat places will be at least 160.

European Line Class and Boat Championships Dalavik Iceland 11th/15th May 2010

Organisation going well, programme organised with timetable of events. Biggest issue is the accommodation which unfortunately is widespread. To date 150 Boat places have been obtained but it may be possible to increase to 200 if demand is there. Line class day will be on Friday. Brochure will be available at the next Standing Committee meeting in Crawley April 2009.

European Species Championships 2009 Plymouth

Brochure and entry form available on EFSA England website

Species is Conger Eel

European Light Line and Boat Championship Norway 2012. This has been applied for because of the sections 50th Anniversary in EFSA.

Full report will be presented at the Standing Committee Meeting in Stromness Orkney August 2009.

European Shore Championships West Kapella Netherlands 20th/22nd November 2008

Unfortunately had to be cancelled owing to lack of support.

European Shore Championships Langeland Germany 2009. Draft brochure drawn up, dates are 7th to 14th of November

Nominations for future Championships/Festivals

Portugal has submitted proposal to hold this (Species) Event in 2010, species Bream

Germany will be preparing a report on a Species Championship for 2011 for the Standing Committee Meeting in Crawley April 2009.

Phil Lustig from Wales Section stated that the welsh Section were putting in a proposal to hold the Shore Championships in 2010 and if approved brochure would be available at the Standing Committee Meeting in Crawley April 2009

Conservation Sub Committee

Hamish Holmes Stated that this item was on the agenda due to the effect of commercial fishing off the coast of Kenya. Sections had been asked to send protest letters as the tourist industry to Kenya was being affected by this.

Events in Portugal

H Roofthoofst Stated that L Borges (Portugal) was complaining that the events run by the Portuguese Section were not being supported. He felt that perhaps if pins were awarded this would encourage more interest.

Sponsors

H Schneider Stated that both Ande and Italeanna have sponsored the Federation for a long time. This was appreciated with a round of applause.

This article is intended to give our members an insight into the items covered at these meetings and the often wide range of topics concerning our sport. We are well represented on this committee and in spite of what is said above, we do try to communicate with our members either in the Newsletter or at the AGM – another reason for attending!

The European Species Championships 2009 in Plymouth on 28th to 30th May 2009 has a limited number of boat places – 80 is the number I believe – and the entries close on 31st March.

As always, **ALL** entries for international events must be sent to your Secretary in time for their onward submission to the organising section.

Mr. Edward wears two other hats – as Supplies Officer and Fish Recorder.

As Stores Officer he tells me that he still has loads of bargains available and can supply all your EFSA clothing needs. I'm not quite sure if there'll be a January sale but I do know he has been very busy preparing items for the European next year.

With his Fish Recorder's hat on he has sent me the following article:-

1 Thanks to all the Anglers who have submitted entries so far this year, there have been several excellent fish caught which you will see on the Website and the Newsletters.

2 Outstanding fish captured:-

John Dory 1.1kg (New Scottish Record) G Forbes
Cod 8.25kg G Brown
Ling 10.5kg Howard Foster
Pollock 5.92kg Bryce Watson

3 Notable fish Entered:-

Red Gurnard	0.886kg	Ewen Thomson
Red Gurnard	0.650kg.	Joe Edward
Horse Mackerel	0.36 kg.	Nicky Thompson
Ling	5.01kg	Joe Connolly
Ling	10.5kg	Howard Foster
Conger Eel	4.98kg	Kenny Thompson
L.S.D.	1.44kg	Kenny Thompson
L.S.D.	1.5 kg	George Bell
Megrim	0.48kg	Joe Edward
Sandeel	0.16kg	Gus MacKenzie
Spurdog	4.097kg	Donald Morrison
Spurdog	4.71kg	George Bell
Pollock	4.08kg	Kenny Graham
Pollock	3.37kg	Nicky Thompson
Flounder	1.32kg	David Owen
Common Skate(2)	72.12kg/59.98kg	Scott Gibson
Thornback Ray	6.09kg	Alistair Fullerton
Tusk	3.18kg	Howard Foster

Total claims for the year to date are 32. Keep them coming in. I am sure there are fish caught that could be entered, you could be a Monthly or indeed an Annual Winner.

Can you please ensure entry forms are completed fully, witnessed and the weight entered in kg, many entries are still coming in entered in lbs.

Many thanks for the support with Fish of the Month it is your competition make the most of it!!

Joe Edward (EFSA Scotland Fish Recorder)

Now here's the Fish of the month round-up to the end of September 2008 (on the next page to save repeating all the headings!!)

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR TAYNUILT ENTRY FORM IN

Specimen and Heaviest Fish 2008

Month	Specimen Fish	Heaviest fish	Annual heaviest
January	No Claims	D Yuille Cod 3.90kg Boat, Scrabster	No Claims
February	J Speirs Grey Gurnard 0.37kg 33.5% Boat, Loch Etive	No Claims	No Claims
March	A Fullerton Thornback Ray 6.09kg Boat, Scalloway	H Foster Ling 10.5kg Boat, Bressay	S Gibson Common Skate 72.12 Boat, Firth of Lorne
April	G Bell L.S.D. 1.59kg Boat, Loch Etive	G Bell Spurdog 4.71kg Boat, Loch Etive	No Claims
May	D Owen Flounder 1.32kg 61.68% Shore Dunnet Bay	No Claims	No Claims
June	H Foster L.S.D. 1.23kg 58.69% Boat Scalloway	N Thomson Pollack 3.37kg Boat Port Patrick	No Claims
July	G Forbes John Dory New Scottish Record 1.1kg Boat Carloway	B Watson Pollack 5.92kg Boat Scraister	No Claims
August	K Thomson L.S.D, 1.44kg 72.79% Boat Loch Fyne	G MacKenzie Cod 4.76kg Boat Scrabster	
September	E Thompson Red Gurnard 886 gm 77.17% Boat Carloway	G Brown Cod 8.25kg Boat Stromness	No Claims

Well that's it for this newsletter. As always I would appreciate any and all contributions for the next one.

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Post Script Late News Overleaf

POST SCRIPT Courtesy of Mr. Hamish Holmes

EFSA Species Championship 2008

The 6th running of the Species Championship was awarded to Section Belgium who chose the port of Oostende as the venue. With a total entry of 84 anglers competing from 10 Sections this was a Championship completely in the spirit of an EFSA event; friends and family gathered to celebrate another Championship and much socialising supported the serious side of the angling.

Most of the competitors stayed either in or near to the excellent H.Q. Europa Hotel in Bredene A/Zee. Due to extensive roadwork's and limited parking a coach was provided to take anglers to and from the boats at the Royal Yacht Club of Oostende (RYCO), and a formal Civic reception in the Oostende Town Hall on the Saturday evening. All competitors appreciated the coach transport meaning anglers could park for free in Bredene and would not need their cars again until departing for home. Fifteen boats were used all proudly flying the EFSA burgees, and providing the competitors with a good insight into the professionalism of the boat Skippers and their extensive knowledge of the fishing grounds.

Many members had arrived earlier in the week and fished the Friendship cup on the Thursday where the weather had been wet and cold with the winning angler recording 28 fish. From registration on Friday until most competitors left on the Monday, the weather could not have been nicer with flat calm seas and high temperatures making the event a really pleasant experience. Bait provision was naturally the same for all anglers and consisted of large quantities of fresh Ragworm, Blow Lugworm and gutted Black Lugworm.

Day 1 saw the boats heading well out to sea where lots of Whiting and Dabs kept everyone busy until lines up. The catches were numerous although the Flatfish were generally small with many failing to make the required size limits. Catches were efficiently recorded at the RYCO and results were promptly displayed both there and at the H.Q. Hotel.

Prior to selecting the area for angling on day 2 the Organisers and Skippers got together to consider the options and made the decision to return to areas much closer to shore for the Sunday, this proved absolutely spot on with far bigger fish.

Day 2 and the battle was on to see who would emerge as Champion, 15 boat winners from Saturday started as joint favourites knowing they needed another boat win and a good catch to win in a likely countback. When the day was finished 5 anglers had managed to win their boat on both days; 3 from England, Kim Bowden, Gary Galbraith and Mike Smith and 2 from Belgium, Andre Machiels and Ronny Cleyman.

At the prize ceremony the EFSA Flag and Species banner provided a fine backdrop for the photographs of all the competitors. Willy Van Renterghem, Chairman, Section Belgium and Hamish Holmes, General Secretary, EFSA H.Q. presented the prizes and Pins. The individual prize table stretched down to 34th place at the suggestion of Willy Van Renterghem so every competitor in the top half of the results received a prize and all competitors were in addition presented with commemorative embroidered polo shirts.

Individuals:

Gold Pin; Gary Galbraith, England

Silver Pin; Kim Bowden, England

Bronze Pin; Andre Machiels, Belgium