

# **EFSA SCOTLAND**

## **NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2006**

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Dear Member

Welcome to the January 2006 Newsletter and all the very best for the New Year

This Newsletter consists mainly of the Order of Merit and the Fish of the Month results as well as contact details for the legs making up the Boat League for this year plus the all important AGM notice.

The AGM notice is printed separately and we really need you to attend. There are 2 Office Bearers posts to fill this year – Chairman (for 3 years) and a Vice-chairman (also for 3 years) and the Executive Committee also needs new members. Please bear in mind that EFSA Scotland exists for you **but** depends on you and your support to operate. It's easy to sit back and criticise when you think we get it wrong. It might be better if you can see where we get it wrong for you to be on the committee and help to steer it along a better/different course. The Executive committee only meets about 4 or 5 times a year – hardly onerous – and meetings last for about 3½ to 4 hours usually on a Thursday evening, in the Atholl, Bankfoot.

EFSA Scotland needs YOU!!

As usual, since we started having our AGMs in the Atholl, soup and sandwiches will be available from 12.30pm.

### Qualifying Legs for 2006 Order of Merit

The following is the list of legs selected for 2006 giving the contact details of the organisers:-

6/7 May	Caithness Open Boat Derek Yuille, Culzean, Camilla Street, Halkirk Caithness KW12 6YQ Tel. 01847 831955
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Individual Members Boat Championships Arbroath Joe Connolly, 75 Arden Road, Hamilton, Lanarkshire. ML3 6TT Tel 01698 423343
17/18 June	Pittenweem Ian MacGregor, 35 Nevis Park, Inverness. IV3 8RX Tel 01463 223621
8 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> July	European Championships Harstad Mrs. E H Walker, Springvale Cottage, Halket Road, Lugton, Ayrshire. KA3 4EE Tel 01505 850593
28/29 July	Western Isles Open Stornoway Sea Angling Club, South Beach Quay, Stornoway HS1 2BT Tel 01851702021
5 <sup>th</sup> August	Skye Open John McInnes, Golf View, Kilmuir, Dunvegan, Isle of Skye IV55 8GT Tel 01470 521724
19 <sup>th</sup> August	NOSSAC Light Line Gus MacKenzie, 6 Teal Avenue, Inverness, IV2 3TB 01463 230227
20 <sup>th</sup> August	NOSSAC Open Boat As for NOSSAC Light Line above
26 <sup>th</sup> August	Western Isles Cod Festival Stornoway Sea Angling Club, South Beach Quay, Stornoway HS1 2BT Tel 01851702021

31<sup>st</sup> Aug & 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept Viking Championships  
Mrs Margaret Smith, Shorefields, Ladysmith Road, Scalloway, Shetland ZE1 1JN  
Tel 01595 880625

14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September Scottish Open Boat Stromness  
Leslie Fettes, 2 Buttquoy Place, Kirkwall, Orkney. KW15 1JN  
Tel 01856 874089

Oct/Nov Individual Members Boat event  
Hugh Smith, 15 Manor Road, Old Drumchapel, Glasgow. G15 6SP  
Tel 0141 944 2015

### **Annual, Specimen and Heaviest Fish Awards 2005**

	<b><u>Specimen Fish</u></b>	<b><u>Heaviest Fish</u></b>	<b><u>Annual</u></b>
	<u>(All fish are boat caught unless otherwise stated)</u>		
January	G.Bell L.S.D. 1.533kg 77.23% Loch Etive	No Claims	No Claims
February	S. Gibson Common Skate 79.13kg 80.17% Oban	H. Foster ling 5.1kg  Bressay	Scott Gibson Common Skate 79.13  Oban
March	H Foster Tusk 7.160kg  Mousa	H.Foster Tusk 7.160kg  Mousa	No Claims
	<u>Scottish Record Application</u>		
April	G Bell Sea Scorpion 0.956kg 96.37% Scrabster	No Claims	No claims
May	A Mcdonald Red Gurnard 0.70kg 60.97% Butt Of Lewis	G Forbes Cod 4.90kg  Kinlochbervie	No Claims
June	H Foster Tusk 4.09kg 58.37% Skelo	H Foster Tusk 4.09kg  Skelo	No Claims
July	D.McKendrick L.S.D. 1.25kg 62.97% Scrabster	G Forbes Spurdog 4.68kg  Loch Roag	No Claims
August	No Claims	No claims	No claims
September	R. Anderson L. S. D. 1.15kg 57.14% Orkney	J Dent Cod 4.0kg  Orkney	No Claims

October	G. MacKenzie Lesser Weaver 0.37kg <b>New Scottish Record</b> Cape Wrath	H. Foster Cod 4.54kg  Steggies	No. Claims
November	G. Bell L.S.D. 1.55kg 78.80% Loch Fyne	C Ferrier Thornback Ray 4.68kg  Loch Etive	No Claims
December	G.Bell Spurdog 5.12kg 56.43% Loch Etive	G Bell Spurdog 5.12kg  Loch Etive	No Claims

**Winners 2005**

<b><u>H Foster</u></b> Tusk 7.160kg Scottish Record Application	<b><u>H Foster</u></b> Tusk 7.160kg Scottish Record Application	<b><u>S Gibson</u></b> Common Skate 79.13kg
<b><u>G Mackenzie</u></b> Lesser Weaver 0.37kg <b>New Scottish Record</b>		

**23 Claims**  
Up 7 on 2004

**14 Claims**  
Level on 2004

**1 Claim**  
Down 3 on 2004

Nigel Hearn has sent Joe Connolly the following information about fishing out of Harstad:-

Pirks are from 100gm to 750gm the smaller ones for *casting* the others for deeper water.

**(Editors note: rule 10 of the general rules states that CASTING IS NOT ALLOWED)**

Colours silver, silver/blue, silver/green, red/black, red/yellow the smaller ones can vary. I will be bringing a lot up with me and you can also buy them there.

Rods - Light one for *casting* with fixed spool reel, a 12/20 for light pinking, flatties etc and a 30/50 for the heavy deep water. Pinking is in depths from 8 to 150 metres.

Line - 50lbs Berkley fire line is good for the deep and bigger stuff. Other than that, 20-30lb will do as the bottom can be snaggy. Stronger nylon for the tusk as they have got a lot of teeth. Bring hooks, booms etc as the choice is limited.

Fish - most common are cod, coalfish, tusk, haddock, catfish and redfish. On top of that there are pollock, flats, ling and halibut plus one or two more.

Line counters are a must. Some leads would be useful but you can use a pirk, inline.

Boots bring an old pair as you can leave them behind after the Competition is over. Life jackets or floatation suits are recommended. A two piece is handy as you can wear the jacket on the flight as it saves weight plus it can be wet and windy up here in the summer some times.

**Bring your full duty free allowance as the price here is a killer.**

Reels - A 4/0 is good enough for the deep water. Abu 7000 type for inside and a fixed spool bait runner size for the light *casting*. (Rules say casting is NOT allowed) A butt pad is a must for the deep water and maybe a harness saves a lot on the back.

Thanks Nigel

Libby has provided the following two reports:-

**Results from the EFSA European Shore Championships**

Three Scottish anglers were amongst the 44 anglers from 7 countries who fished the above championships in Gibraltar during 29<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Registration and the draw for zone and peg positions was carried out on the Thursday with fishing taking place over the next three days in 5 zones. The competition was run on a catch and release basis with different points for different species and a maximum of 10 fish of any species allowed. The results were as follows:-

<b><u>Individuals</u></b>	Winner	Anthony Triay, Gibraltar
	Silver	Kevin Gonzalez, Gibraltar
	Bronze	Dario Neale, Gibraltar
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Carreras, Gibraltar
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Asquez, Gibraltar

<u>National Teams</u>	Winners	Gibraltar "A"
	Silver	Gibraltar "B"
	Bronze	Ireland "A"
	4 <sup>th</sup>	England "B"
4 Man Team	Winners	Richard Ceal, Colin Sargeant, Daris Neale, Anthony Triay
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Janet Sargeant, Guy Olivero, Steven Glynn, Alfred Rodrigue
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Manolo Asquez, Christian Asquez, Brian Soiza, Marcus Wuest
2 Man Team	Winners	Anthony Triay, Kevin Gonzalez
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charles Carreras, Frank Baxter
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charles bear, Arthur Asquez

#### Report from the 2005 Individual Members Shore Championships

On 19<sup>th</sup> October 19 anglers braved wet, cold and windy weather to fish the beach at Belhaven, Dunbar. The group was made up of 7 EFSA members, 7 angling friends of these members and 5 Juniors. Of these, 14 caught a total of 30 fish. All the Juniors caught fish and top angler for the day was Billy Murray's 13 year old son, Ross. He caught 6 fish and amassed a total of 199 points – Hearty congratulations to him!

The largest fish landed was a 37 cm flounder which fell to Lorne Thomson, one of the visitors.

The EFSA results were as follows:-

Winner	Billy Murray	5 fish, 2 species	126points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Souter	3 fish, 1 species	85 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Les McBride	2 fish, 2 species	48 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Edward	1 fish, 1 species	39 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Dent	1 fish, 1 species	28 points

The top 3 EFSA competitors were awarded bottles of spirits on the day and the Shore Trophy, medals and prizes will be presented at the 2006 AGM in March.

All the juniors were presented with "angling" items and the top three were each given a small trophy, kindly donated by Billy Murray. The Executive Committee would like to thank all those people who donated goods for the young competitors and particularly Steve Burns and Billy Murray for organising the day on behalf of EFSA Scotland.

The Order of Merit lists for 2005 are enclosed and a massive thank you is due to Joe Connolly for his work preparing them.

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As always, items for the Newsletter are always required and any additional information from Harstad would be welcome.

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