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Dear Member

Welcome to the July 2006 Newsletter.

There are a number of reports this time around; news of fantastic value special offers from Joe Edward's supplies supermarket and also a very important questionnaire.

Arbroath 20th May 2006.

Three boats were booked for this event and on the day 23 members plus 2 "guests" assembled on the pier for an 8.00am departure.

This year, a token based points system was introduced which enabled fish to be caught and released. Longer fish were rewarded with tokens of a higher value and a maximum of 5 fish of all species other than cod were allowed. The usual 100 points for the top angler on each boat was applied.

Results:-	Winner	Hugh Smith	100%	94 points
	2 nd	Scott Gibson	100	80
	3 rd	Derek Yuille	100	74
	4 th	David Proudfoot	94.59	70
	5 th	Donald Morrison	91.89	68
	6 th	George Bell	82.5	66

There were Executive Pairs and the results were:-

1 st	Hugh Smith and David Proudfoot	194.59%
2 nd	Donald Morrison and George Bell	174.39
3 rd	Derek Yuille and Gillies MacKenzie	163.83

Each boat winner received a bottle of whisky as did Jim Henderson for being top "senior" angler. Weather conditions were good – dry with a light breeze. Total number of fish caught was 307 with 30 of these over the 50 cm mark. The trophies, medals and prizes will be presented at the AMG in 2007

Thanks are due to Joe Connolly for organising another excellent event and to those members who helped out on the day.

Pittenweem 17th & 18th June 2006.

Three boats took 21 anglers to sea each day in very good weather conditions. The drop in numbers this year unfortunately forced the cancellation of a fourth boat. The fishing was an improvement on last year with a total of 260 cod boated with an average length of 46.6 cm, a marked increase in size over recent years. This venue proved to be its usual challenging self with fortunes swinging wildly between Saturday and Sunday. Only two anglers managed boat wins on both days and the overall position was resolved by number of fish caught.

Results:-

Winner	Joe Connolly	200%	(25 fish)
2 nd	Derek Yuille	200	(20 fish)
3 rd	Eddie Maxwell	186.84	
4 th	Billy Murray	164.18	
5 th	Robbie Robertson	146.16	
6 th	Scott Gibson	145.72	

	7 th	Helen Verrall	140.46
Two Man Teams:-			
	1 st	Joe Connolly & Willie Carr	325.39%
	2 nd	Peter Redshaw & Derek Yuille	318.20
	3 rd	Eddie Maxwell & Jim Henderson	292.11
Four Man Teams			
	1 st	Joe Connolly, Willie Carr, Stuart Clee & Eddie Maxwell	614.29%
	2 nd	Peter Redshaw, Derek Yuille, Hamish Holmes & Carl Ferrier	519.92

The longest fish of the competition was an excellent fish of 67 cm caught by Scott Gibson on Sunday. The best fish for Saturday measured 63 cm and was boated by Billy Murray.

Joe Connolly was Top Scot and Top Life Member winning the Robert Walker Memorial Trophy and Quaich and also the Wally Lambert Quaich. Was it his pink balls I wonder?

Top senior angler was George Brown.

My thanks to the Craw's Nest which, as always, provided excellent facilities and hospitality. This year saw the end of an era. Brian Watson, the Pittenweem Harbour Master, retires in January 2007 and, to thank him for his tremendous support over the years he was presented with a crystal decanter and a wee something to put in it!

The continuing decline in numbers of anglers fishing Pittenweem has for some time been a source of concern. On a separate page you will find a questionnaire which will help decide "where we go from here". Personally, I am very disappointed by the size of the entry and also a bit surprised. This event is, without question, the most difficult on our calendar. Comments about poor fishing don't really hold water. Joe had 25 fish, and Billy had 20 this year which represent good fishing and, all on the same bait, single hook and level playing field as everyone else. Is that the problem, I wonder? Is Pittenweem scary? Too much of a challenge?

What is very important is that you all complete and return the questionnaire to Libby Walker. This applies especially to those of you who used to go but no longer support the event. Your views on what needs to change may prove to be vital to the future of the competition.

Forthcoming Attractions

2006 Individual Members Shore Championships

This event will be fished from a beach at Dunbar on Sunday 5th November and is being organised by Steve Burns and Billy Murray on the day. ENTRY is FREE

Registration Car Park at John Muir Country Park

Time 9.00 till 9.30am

Fishing Times 10.00am till 3.00pm

For further information please contact Steve on 01620 890288

2007 European Line Class and Boat Championships

This event is being organised by the English Section and will be fished out of Weymouth from 10th to 14th September. The brochure is now available and any member requiring one should contact Libby Walker on 01505 850593.

Entry Fees:-	Line Class Championships (2 days only)	£180.00
	Boat Championships (3 days only)	240.00
	Line & Boat Championships (5 days)	385.00
	Gala Dinner	35.00

Non-fishing Companions

Trip 1	£25.00
Trip 2	15.00
Gala Dinner	35.00

As always ALL entries must be made through our Section Secretary and the closing date for

receipt is:-

1st MARCH 2007

Headquarters for the championships will be Littlesea Holiday Park which is located about 1½ miles from Weymouth harbour. The complex consists of modern mobile holiday homes and bars, restaurants/snack bars plus indoor and outdoor games areas. To view the park on-line visit www.littlesea-park.co.uk. Special group rates have been negotiated that equate to a discount of 30% off the 2006 brochure prices and 50 units have been reserved by EFSA England for the event. **NOTE** These discounted prices are only valid until **OCTOBER 2006**. It is therefore imperative that bookings for accommodation are made before 31 October 2006 to take advantage of these preferential rates.- bookings made after this date will be charged at the 2007 brochure prices. FULL for the unit must be made at the time of booking and the names of the persons who will occupy the unit must also be given with the booking. An 8-day food package has been arranged at a cost of £90.00 per person.

Other Events

Open Charter Boat Competition at Seahouses 2nd & 3rd September 2006.

Entry forms from:-

F Nesbitt, 25 Stonesdale, Mount Pleasant, Houghton-le-Spring. DH4 7QF

Cobh Sea Angling Club International Deep Sea Angling Festival 4th - 8th September 2006

Forms from:-

Mrs Mary Geary, Sycamore House, Ballynoe, Cobh, Co. Cork

Tel/Fax 00353 21 4812167

e-mail seaangling@esatclear.ie

EFSA Ireland

European Shore Angling Championships 1st to 4th November 2006

Forms from:-

Warren Doyle, 98 Seacrest, Vevay Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow Ireland

WARNING

Just to let you know that a recent Monthly Specimen/Heaviest fish claim was rejected because the claimant was not a paid up member of EFSA Scotland at the time of the fish's capture. (fish caught in April – fees paid in May)

JOE'S SUPERMARKET (contact Joe Edward our Supplies Officer on 01592 743491)

Summer Sale

Many thanks for your continued support purchasing EFSA goods last year and the year to date.

To stimulate interest and offer incentive to EFSA Scotland members I would like to offer the following items at reduced prices.

Polo Shirts m/l/xl/xxl available in blue and white
£10.00 Reduced to **£9.00**
or **2 for £17.00**

T Shirts m/l/xl/xxl available in blue and white
£ 8.00 Reduced to **£7.00**
or **2 for £13.00**

Fleeces m/l/xl/xxl available **£17.00** Reduced to **£15.00** (Great Value !!!)

Waterproof Suits **£10.00** Reduced to **£6.50** (Heavy Duty)

Fish of the Month

Thanks to Joe Edward for the current claims list:-

	EFSA Specimen/Heaviest Fish Awards 2006		
	Specimen Fish	Heaviest Fish	Annual
January	No Claims	No Claims	No Claims
February	D Morrison Dab 0.634kg. 60.44% Boat Loch Roag	No claims	No Claims
March	No Claims	No Claims	No Claims
April	Gus MacKenzie Cuckoo Wrasse 0.66kg 48.49% Boat Scrabster	No Valid Claims	No Claims
May	H. Smith Sea Scorpion 0.65kg. 65.52% Boat Arbroath	R. Robertson Cod 5.25kg. Boat Scrabster	R. Robertson Cod 5.25 Boat Scrabster

Joe Edward has also been at a Standing Committee meeting in Gatwick on 22nd April 2006 as one of our Delegates and has provided the following report:-

New Delegates and Sections were welcomed to the Federation. The Russian Delegate gave a presentation outlining their plans and suggested they may be able to use the city and port of Murmansk as a venue for future events.

Headquarters have addressed the situation regarding the format of Future Gala Dinners. An agreed format will now be incorporated into the Championship checklist for European Boat and Shore Events.

Letter of Thanks issued to Sections who ran Championships in 2005.

Hamish Holmes advised the meeting that Communications are improving however he asked that Confirmation of Receipt of communications was required.

Libby Walker pointed out to the Danish Section that they had failed to stick to the agreed protocol for prize and pin presentation and allowing competitors to receive their awards incorrectly dressed.

Further work by the sub committee looking at the format for Line Class Events will be finalised and presented at Harstad.

Arthur White stated that the English Section had not forwarded a full report on the European Species Championship in Dover 2005 within the stipulated timescale, 1 month, of the conclusion of the event.

Headquarters have now produced a new standard form for the reporting of results to be used by all Sections. Will be forwarded to Sections for action.

A decision to allow S.C. and Executive Officers meetings at a venue other than the venue for the European Boat and Line Class events was withdrawn. The proposal as presented will be looked at again to try to achieve the spirit of what was desired.

Sections were supportive of the new format publications from H.Q. The Yearbook, Handbook and Record list publications offered a considerable cost saving over the previous Yearbook. Sections may obtain further copies of the Handbook at a cost of 50p each. £500.00 for Handbook £300.00 Records list (after advertising)

Arthur White has produced copies of EFSA HQ website on CD. These are available to present to potential sponsors. Advertising is still sorely needed.

Hamish Holmes, General Secretary, is the person that we should contact about changes to our Section Officers contact details. Hamish can also supply an updated list of all Section principal officers.

Sections were asked to present papers to the SC meeting about how to address the situation of lost fishing time and points calculations in the event of unforeseen problems occurring with boat breakdowns.

Several Sections were noted as not having paid subscription fees to Arthur Whyte by the time required. Note failure to comply with this requirement prior to 1st of June will exclude National Teams from representing Sections in Norway.

The proposals as requested by Brian regarding Shore Angling Competitions as previously circulated were agreed in full apart from the location of the H.Q. accommodation. Due to the difficulties in getting suitable accommodation near to the best fishing it was agreed that it would aimed for to provide the distance suggested if at all possible, but not binding, only a recommendation These additions will be added to the Shore Championship checklist.

The proposal from the English and Welsh Sections to split the roles for the H.Q. Boat and Shore Festival Officer were universally supported. The latest date to submit names to Hamish for consideration to stand for office at the AGM or any tabled proposal is 9th of May.

Tony Hudson attended the meeting to present the report on the arrangements for the European Line Class and Boat Championship 2007 in Weymouth. The delegates were impressed with the arrangements to date.

Brochures are now available with details of costs for Accommodation and Food.

Section Norway gave an update on the European Line Class and Boat Championship in Harstad. Information available on web site. efsa-Norway.com Dates and Details attached

Proposal to provide a nominated competitor from each attending Section with a set of results at the conclusion of an event together with the relevant Section Secretary within one month was passed. These actions will be added to the Championship checklist.

Proposals to Libby Walker re the Format to be used for future Line Class events, Libby to produce proposal for discussion at Harstad.

Firm views required from Sections re two Anglers hooking the same fish, to be discussed at Harstad

Amendments to Shore checklist approved.

Dates and venues for the following events were agreed, subject to ratification at the AGM in Harstad where the event has not been awarded.

2006 European Shore Championship. 1-4 November dispensations were approved to not conduct blind draws for some team events. Further dispensation was agreed to allow total points to be used in the event of a tie break. (Details as provided in the brochure)

2007 Species Championship, May, Western Islands, Iceland. 2 days targeted species will be Catfish, Haddock, Ling and Tusk. (Power point Presentation made by the Section)

2007 Game Festival, October? Portimago Portugal

2007 European Shore Championship 22-24 November, Pwllheli, Gwynedd, Wales. Preliminary brochure to be made available at Harstad

2008 European Boat and Line Class Championships, 16-23 August, Cobh, County Cork Ireland. An event to be used for practice fishing will be organised for May 2007 for those wishing to test the venue. (Preliminary booklet available)

2008 European Shore Championships, Spring, Netherlands, CD to be presented at a later date.

2008 European Species Championship (Flatfish) end of May Ostend, Belgium
2009 European Species Championship, England
Scotland Section intimated a desire to consider requesting the 2009 European Boat and Line Class Championships in Orkney June/July
Section Gibraltar, intimated a desire to again host a future European Shore Championship.
The uniform for future Game events was agreed to be changed to Black shoes and socks, grey trousers/skirt, White short or long sleeved shirt with the EFSA Logo and Section name on the left breast pocket, in addition an anglers name can be displayed on the right breast. No sponsors or advertising to be displayed. A tie must also be worn.
Kurt Muskat was tasked with presenting a paper on either Mexico or South Africa for the Game Championship in 2008. To be discussed at Harstad.
Ria van Ranst Belgium Section with her background as an Environmental Director agreed to serve on the Conservation Working Group
All Delegates were asked if they had any points to raise under AOB.
The next Standing Committee Meeting is scheduled for Saturday 8th of July 2006 at Harstad, Norway.
Joe Edward
Standing Committee Delegate [Scotland Section]

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Individual Members Event, Taynuilt

This event is to be fished on Saturday 11th November and will be a two hook event fished on the same catch and release basis as Arbroath. Hughie Smith is the organiser and will deal with any enquiries. Hughie's phone number is 0141 944 2015.

As always I'm looking for articles, scandal or other interesting snippets for the Newsletters. Please feel free to put pen to paper or, better still, send it by e-mail to the address at the top.

A I MacGregor
Newsletter Editor

PLEASE COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE, WE NEED YOUR VIEWS

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QUESTIONNAIRE

THE FUTURE OF THIS EVENT IS BEING EXAMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS LISTED BELOW.

IF YOU HAVE ANY VIEWS NOT COVERED PLEASE FEEL FREE TO WRITE THEM IN THE SPACE BELOW.

- 1. SHOULD WE CONTINUE TO RUN THE COD CHAMPIONSHIPS YES/NO
- 2. SHOULD THE VENUE BE CHANGED YES/NO
 - IF "YES" PREFERRED LOCATION SCRABSTER YES/NO
 - ARBROATH YES/NO
 - OTHER
- 3. SHOULD FORMAT BE CHANGED YES/NO
 - 2 DAY EVENT AS PRESENT YES/NO
 - 1 DAY EVENT YES/NO
 - SINGLE HOOK EVENT YES/NO
 - TWO HOOKS YES/NO
- 4. SHOULD CHANGING THE DATE BE CONSIDERED YES/NO
 - BEARING IN MIND OTHER EVENTS AND WEATHER
 - PREFERRED MONTH JUNE YES/NO
 - JULY YES/NO
 - AUGUST YES/NO
- 5. YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:-
(Continue overleaf if necessary)

TO ENABLE US TO CONTACT YOU TO DISCUSS YOUR VIEWS COULD YOU PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR NAME BELOW (IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO RESPOND.