

# **EFSA SCOTLAND**

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Dear Member

Welcome to the September 2006 Newsletter.

The menu this time is a bit of a mixed bag and includes a Report from the Standing Committee meeting in Harstad, info on the EFSA European Shore Championships in Wexford, Fish of the month update, Joe's Summer bargains, a report on the Western Isles Open, a report from Harstad, a report from the Light Line and North of Scotland Championships and the Taynuilt entry form.

The Highlands and Islands Open and the Western Isles Open were fished out of Carloway on the west side of Lewis. The H & I Open on the Thursday was fished in glorious flat calm conditions – there are those who might say too calm – but good quality fish came to the new fangled measuring sticks introduced here for the first time, along with “catch and release”. I have to say that although the quality was good, the fish were not plentiful and, had there been a prolific fishing, some doubt could perhaps be cast on the fish recording system.

Day one of the Western Isles Open was fished in similar conditions but the second day was fished within Loch Roag. Unfortunately, as I was unable to fish on the Saturday, I have only the basic results which are as follows:-

The Highlands and Islands Open

Winner	Peter Redshaw
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Souter
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roddy Saunders

The Western Isles Open

Winner	Gillies MacKenzie
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gus MacKenzie
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Redshaw

### **Harstad Report**

Congratulations should go out to all Scottish anglers who represented Scotland at the European Championships. The Scottish A & B Team came 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> the A Team with 1048.91% & the B Team with 1009.55% out of a possible total of 1200% well done lads.

Seven Scots made the top 50 with Donald Morrison of the B Team coming 26<sup>th</sup> - well done Donald. During the main championship Stuart Clee, David Proudfoot & Derek Yuile had two boat wins. Dan Mackay the “old codger” from Inverness caught the bottom but after a few minutes the bottom began to move according to Dan and few days later Dan brings to the surface a cod of 14.5 kg the third biggest of the competition Dan showed up Peter & Derek who could only catch 10kg cod. (The old codger shows the young ones, Dan strikes again) well done Dan. (Dan also caught another cod of 9.5kg during the championship)

As usual on the practice days there was no stopping the Scots, big fish were plentiful with cod up to 14kg, coalfish to 7kg & Tusk to 6kg.

Once again the Scots in the Light Line did us proud, in the two man team Donald Morrison & Roy Robertson picked up silver. Donald Morrison, Peter Redshaw & Stuart Clee both had two boat wins but unfortunately they did not have enough fish points to give us a 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> you can only ask the anglers to win their boats. (Well done lads.)

A special mention should be given to Stuart Clee who had four boat wins out of five also to Dan who was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the old codgers (over 65) & caught the third heaviest fish, also

The Scots were a credit to their Country, showing good team spirit and, they even went to bed when it got dark.

Thanks to Joe Connolly

### **Report from the Standing Committee Meeting, Harstad, Norway**

22 delegates and 6 Executive Officers, representing 16 countries, attended the meeting in the Thon Hotel on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. The following items were intimated, discussed and, where necessary, decisions were made.

- Ukraine has formed an EFSA section but the section's President had been unable to attend as he had not had enough time to obtain the necessary visa.
- The fish Recorder reported that only 3 claims had been received since 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005 indicating that records are becoming increasingly difficult to beat. To date there are only two Fly Records.

c) The Game Championships Officer confirmed that 15 teams (60 anglers) will compete at the 2006 event in Kenya. They will be accompanied by 30 non-fishing friends and family.

d) The Championship Officer (Boat & Shore) stated that since the last meeting, in April, all the agreed changes to the Boat and Shore Checklists had been implemented and the updated version of the Shore Checklist was issued to the Officers and section delegates in attendance. National flags for Russia and Spain had been obtained. She confirmed that she had checked the listings of the boat draws for the forthcoming event and passed any amendments/ corrections to the Norwegian Organising Committee for them to action.

e) Fishing Rule Amendments – Rule 7.19 and Line Class Rule 8.3. At the April 2006 meeting in Crawley, the undernoted proposal had been put forward by W Doyle (Ireland) and seconded by A White (England) and agreed unanimously by the delegates:- “Where a fish, hooked fairly, is lost in the process of being gaffed or netted, it shall be allowed to count provided it is immediately recaptured by the gaff or net handler. Any fish lost by an angler whilst attempting to lift it into the boat, unaided, shall NOT count. Recaptured fish shall not be eligible for record purposes”.

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the above re-wording of Fishing Rule 7.19 and to the inclusion of the new rule into the Line Class rules under rule 8.3

f) Fishing Rule Amendment – Rule 7.4 (Pirks) & Line Class Rule 5.7 (Metal Pirks) Following discussion at the April meeting on hook sizes and measurement of hooks referred to in these two rules, the Boat and Shore Officer, Mrs Walker, proposed the following changes:-

“Rule 7.4 (Pirks) – in the fourth sentence, the word “barb” should be deleted and replaced with the word “hook”. Line Class Rule 5.7 (Metal Pirks) – in the second sentence, the word “barb” should be deleted and replaced with the word “hook” and the words “size 8/0 should be deleted.

Mrs Walker had previously distributed copies of these proposed changes. Mr Styles (England) seconded the proposal and all present were in favour. It was pointed out that these changes will not come into effect until 2007 events.

g) Format of Future Line Class Championships – A paper produced by Tony Hudson of EFSA England was circulated to the meeting. It was tabled as an interim report on the work done by the Sub-committee during the last 8 months. No discussion of its contents took place but sections were requested to take it home for discussion at Committee and Membership level.

h) The Shore Championships Checklist – As stated in d) above, the updated version of this was circulated at Harstad. Accompanying the Checklist was a 2 page paper received from EFSA Ireland containing 6 proposals for amendments they hoped could be discussed at Harstad. This paper was received by Mrs Walker on 19<sup>th</sup> June and due to the short time before the meeting, it had not been possible to circulate the proposals. The document will be on the agenda for the 2007 Spring meeting and in the meantime Sections were requested to discuss its contents with their members.

i) Officers due for re-election – Horst Schneider, Kurt Muskat and Arne Jorgensen had all agreed to stand for re-election and all present were in favour of their nominations going forward to the AGM. The post of Festival Officer was to be split and D Styles (England) had been nominated as Festival Officer (Boat) and Phil Lustig (Wales) as Festival Officer (Shore).

NOTE – At the AGM on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July, the following were elected:-

Chairman	Horst Schneider
Game Officer	Kurt Muskat
Supplies Officer	Arne Jorgensen
Festival Officer (Boat)	David Styles
Festival Officer (Shore)	Phil Lustig

k) Future EFSA Championship Events

- 2007 Line Class & Boat Championships will be fished at Weymouth on 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September and all of the organisation is in hand. It was intimated that only a £50.00 deposit is required to book accommodation at the Holiday Camp. Bookings must be made before 31<sup>st</sup> October to the cheaper rates. Dispensation had been granted for the draw for boat places to take place to be carried out on the boats each day. Any Scottish member requiring a brochure should contact our secretary, Mrs Walker (Tel 01505 850593)
- 2008 Line Class & Boat Championships will be fished out of Cobh, Co Cork, Ireland from 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August. HQ will be the Commodore Hotel and the boats have been booked. Fishing will be on the drift for the Line Class and at anchor for the Boat event. It was suggested by EFSA England that this be reversed and Ireland will look at this request. More info should be available at the next SC meeting.
- 2009 Line Class & Boat Championships A provisional proposal has been tabled by EFSA Scotland to host these events in Orkney. Mr Holmes will visit Orkney in August to investigate the availability of boats. Possible dates could be during the first 2 weeks of August. HQ will be updated on the Scottish sections feasibility study findings.
- 2007 European Species Championships will be fished in Iceland on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007. four species will be targeted – coalfish, tusk, ling and haddock. Price quoted is 23000 ISK which covers two day’s fishing, bait, packed lunch and Gala Dinner – extra Dinner tickets are available at 4500 ISK per person. Special prices have been arranged for accommodation. The rate of exchange is 100 ISK = 1euro. Icelandair is one of the sponsors and they are giving an extra 20 kg weight allowance to competitors. All info is available at:- [www.efsa.is](http://www.efsa.is)

- 2008 European Species Championships will be fished out of Ostende, Belgium at the end of May. Further info at the next SC meeting.
- 2009 European Species Championships will be hosted by England and the venue will be Plymouth, in May. The species will be Conger Eel and fishing will be over wrecks and reefs.
- 2006 European Shore Championships will take place on beaches in Co Wexford, Ireland from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> November. Fishing areas are sand and shingle beaches. Self catering and hotel accommodation is available.
- 2007 European Shore Championships are scheduled to be fished at Pwllheli, Wales on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November. When the brochure is available, 2 copies will be sent to each section.
- 2008 European Shore Championships will be hosted by EFSA Netherlands who are currently looking at venues. More info should be available by the end of this year.
- 2006 European Game Championships will take place at Watamu, Kenya on 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December. Mako Sharks will be allowed but NOT Tiger Sharks. Three Scots are fishing this event viz. Hamish Holmes, Jim Henderson and Gordon Stevenson.

l) Ratification of 2 more EFSA events.

The undernoted events, having been proposed and seconded were ratified at the AGM:-

- 2007 European Game Festival will be hosted by Portugal and fished out of Albufeira in the last week of August.
- 2008 European Game Championships will be held in South Africa. A package, without accommodation will be put together and the venue will be Richard's Bay sometime between 7<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008. Kurt Muskat stated that the venue could accommodate Light tackle & Shore fishing for those members wishing to extend their stay.

m) To mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reforming of the Irish Section, HQ has accepted EFSA Ireland's invitation to host the meeting in Dublin on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

#### EFSA European Shore Championships – Ireland 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> November 2006

The detailed programme & entry costs have now been received from EFSA Ireland and the event will be fished from beaches in CO Wexford.

Relevant details are:-

- Headquarters are at Sean Og's Kilmuckridge. Co Wexford
- Accommodation available at above includes 15 self catering houses (5 persons per house) at a cost of €140 per person or 4 nights (Wed to Sat) including full breakfast in the hotel. Hotel rooms cost €40 per person per night, sharing. All accommodation must be booked and paid for through EFSA Ireland.
- Registration will be at Sean Og's at 20.00hrs - uniform must be worn. The draw for pegs will be followed by a finger buffet.
- Fishing – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> venue Courtown  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> venue Tinnebesrna/Ballinamona/Ballyvaldon  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> venue Kilmuckridge/ Morriscastle
- Presentation of Prizes and Dinner at Sean Og's on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> at 20.00hrs uniform must be worn
- Entry fee €195 per person, which covers bait and Presentation Dinner. Dinner tickets for guests are €20 each.

#### NOTE

Fishing any of the venues is strictly forbidden for 5 days prior to the first session.

There are Optional categories – 4 and 2 man teams, longest fish, most points and Life Member can be entered and are payable at registration.

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2006**

Any member requiring a brochure should contact Libby Walker on 01505 850593.

NOSSAC (North of Scotland Sea Angling Championships) and Scottish Light Line Championships were fished out of Scrabster on 19 & 20 August. The Light Line day proved to be quite challenging with some of the top rods struggling to cope with the stretch in the monofilament line after becoming accustomed to using braids. The top three places went to Hughie Smith, Peter Redshaw and Joe Edward, respectively. The top pair were Hughie Smith and Scott Gibson. The biggest fish was a ling of 6.16 kg and fell to Allan Stewart of the Leachkin Club with Peter Redshaw taking best specimen with a Ballan Wrasse of 52.52% of the Scottish record.

Sunday saw a return to "normal" tackle and Gus Mackenzie, who had struggled with the Light line showed the rest of the entry a clean pair of heels. Peter Redshaw was second and Hughie Smith third. Peter and Gus both won their boats but Gus had 280 points against Peter's 145. The pairs went to Gus and Alastair Forsyth. Angus MacDonald took the specimen prize with a Lesser Spotted Dogfish at 61.46% of the Scottish record and the biggest fish of the day weighing 3.62 kg went to Gus and again it was a ling.

Gus and his helpers would like to thank the competitors for their support.

I have had the following contribution from Joe Edward following an incident at the NOSSAC event:-

#### **THE LAZARUS ROD!**

The usual cry when something falls over the side of a fishing boat is "MAN OVERBOARD." However, on this occasion, Joe Dent from Northumberland found himself shouting "ROD OVERBOARD."

Young Joe was fishing at the bow of the boat when his rod and reel slipped from his hands and disappeared into the murky depths of the Pentland Firth.

Joe was gutted. He stood staring in disbelief at his misfortune. The others on the boat were going to console Joe when suddenly a cry came up from the stern of the boat.

A few expletives were heard, and something about being tangled with someone else's line. Hughie Smith was reeling his line back in to inspect the damage to his trace when unbelievably Hughie had just caught Joe Dent's newly lost rod and reel!!

Joe was delighted with his good fortune and gave thanks to Hughie as a boatful of seamen looked on in disbelief. Hughie on the other hand was a bit disappointed. A quick check of the rule book confirmed that rod and reel did not register any points in the competition!!

Joe Dent – or Lucky Joe as he's now known - is looking forward to using his Lazarus rod in future competitions. The rod truly did come back from the dead!

## Summer Sale at Joe's Emporium

Joe Edward is doing a great job running the EFSA Scotland supermarket and he tells me that there are still a few bargains available but the sale will have to end soon so

**give him a call on 01592743491**

(I have to say that the Polo shirts are exceptionally smart and would be cheap at twice the price.)

**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 and Specimen fish results so far compiled by Joe Edward:-

### 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 5.25kg Boat Scrabster

June	No Claims	No Claims	No Claims
July	No Claims	G Forbes Spurdog 4.6kg Boat Stornoway	No claims
August	A McDonald L.S.D. 1.22kg 61.46% Boat Scrabster	G Mckenzie Ling 3.62kg  Boat Scrabster	1 claim to date
	16 claims to date	9 Claims to date	1 Claim to date

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**TAYNUILT NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> 2006**

The entry form for the Individual Members event at Taynuilt is enclosed and entrants should note that this is now a **2 hook event**. It will be fished as a catch and release competition with fish measured and recorded using Hughie's Gutter and Board system.

**RULES**

7.4 Bait Fishing : A maximum of two single hooks may be used. Each hook must be a separate single hook and must be free swinging. Positioning of hooks may be spaced on the trace above or below the weight.

Pirks : Must be fitted with one free swinging hook (single, double or treble) at a maximum size of 8/0 (the maximum distance between the point of the barb and the shank must not exceed 21 millimetres). A second single hook (baited or artificial) may also be fished simultaneously on a dropper provided it is positioned a maximum of 1 metre and a minimum of 30 centimetres above the pirk. **(DOUBLE OR TREBLE HOOKS CANNOT BE BAITED)**

Casting...allowed BUT lure must stay below and outside the gunwale i.e. underhand casting only.

Fish hooked forward of the gills are eligible for points.

Fish hooked by more than one angler are NOT eligible for points.

Minimum size for cod 36cm no limit to number of cod caught.

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

You will recall that the Executive Committee sent out a questionnaire asking for your views on the future of the Cod Championships at Pittenweem.

The response was not particularly good with a total of only 20 completed forms returned. The forms were examined and the following is the outcome:-

- There will still be a Cod Championships but it will move to Arbroath as a two day event fished to the same rules as Pittenweem BUT you'll be able to use TWO hooks. This event will be fished during the last weekend of May or first weekend of June with 26/27 May as the probable dates

- Pittenweem will become a 1 day event fished in August as the “East Neuk Open”. Again this will be fished to EFSA rules. The proposed date for 2007 is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August.
- The Individual Members competition will be fished out of North Berwick. This will be a 1 day competition and the date for next year will be 16<sup>th</sup> June. Once again, EFSA rules will apply.

These outcomes are as a direct result of the responses on the completed forms which almost all required changes of venue and/or format.

If you have any comments or views please let the secretary know. Mrs Walker can be contacted on 01505 850593.

Well done Robbie Robertson who won the recent event in the Faeros but can someone **please** send me a report for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

Well that’s about it for this edition unless anyone wants to buy one (or all) of three accordions I have – a Hohner Merino, a Victoria and a Crucianelli – OK its not fishing tackle but ....

Any articles, notes or reports are always welcome.

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