

# **IRISH ANGLING UPDATE**

From the Central & Regional Fisheries Boards

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- More specimen Sea Trout up to 9.5 lbs. reported from Lough Currane this week in a great specimen Sea Trout season so far.
- Mayfly fishing season is nearly over on most our Trout lakes although there is still good trout fishing reported nationwide.
- Michael Flanagan reviews Peter O'Reilly's new 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the "Loughs of Ireland" Book.
- Regular English visitor, Bill Holmes from Derbyshire caught and released a fine Brown Trout of 7 lbs. 10 oz. on Lough Ree on a Mayfly emerger and wins our catch of the week award.
- 183 Salmon reported from the River Moy.
- Good Coarse fishing reported from the River Shannon at Mohill and from several venues in Co. Longford including some nice Tench to 6 lbs.
- Pike up to 34 lbs. reported from the International Fishing Centre at Belturbet.
- Strong winds this week seriously hamper Sea Angling and there were no reports this week.

## **GAME ANGLING**

**South Western Region:** Web: <http://www.swrfb.com>

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**Berni Kelleher** reports:

**FOR WEEKENDING SUNDAY THE 20<sup>th</sup> OF MAY 2007**

### **RIVER LAUNE BEATS 1 AND 2**

No returns due to low water levels.

### **KILLARNEY LAKES**

No returns due to low water levels.

### **RIVER ILEN**

1 fish reported caught on the Ilen River weighing 9 lbs.

### **RIVER BANDON**

1 fish reported caught last Friday on Bandon Anglers Club Waters on a worm weighing 8 lbs.

### **LAUNE ANGLERS WATERS**

Water levels falling again. Not a lot of fishing effort and no fish to report but for a couple of small Sea Trout taken on worms during the week. We need a serious flood to clean up high levels of algae in the shallows, to freshen the river and to bring a few fish.

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From Eureka Lodge, Caherdaniel, angling guide **Vincent Appleby** reports on the past week's fishing trends on the **LOUGH CURRANE** system:

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Website: <http://www.salmonandseatrout.com/>

**14/5/07** There was a fine Salmon caught on the fly in Copal by Mr David Bailey fishing with his Gillie Mr Sylvester Donnelly and just for the record Mr Bailey was fishing out of [www.lakelandshouse.com](http://www.lakelandshouse.com) and on the Sea Trout front [www.loughcurrane.com](http://www.loughcurrane.com) is reporting some fine Sea Trout catches. Wind NW light to fresh and overcast all day with light rain in the evening.

**15/5/07** it was a good day in the Sea Trout department with well known local Gillie Mr Bob Priestly catching and releasing a fine 6.5 lbs. Sea Trout out at the Black Rocks and finished the day off with a fine Sea Trout in the 2.5 lbs. class. Also in good form was a guest fishing with Mr Neil O'Shea of [www.oshealoughcurrane.com](http://www.oshealoughcurrane.com) who caught a fine Sea Trout in the 3 lbs. class. Wind NW light to fresh and overcast. I was reading on [www.loughcurrane.com](http://www.loughcurrane.com) the upper Lakes have been producing some good catches and these are as follows: On Lough Derriana there was some good Sea Trout and Brown Trout taken in the 3 lbs. class and on Lough Cloonaughlin, Mr McCauliffe caught four

Sea Trout up to 2.5 lbs. which he sportingly returned all, and last but not least Mr Chris Fogarty caught a fine 13 lbs. Salmon which he also sportingly put back followed by a C & R of a Sea Trout in the 3 lbs. class. **16/5/07** there was some good Sea Trout fishing on Lough Currane today and I will leave the best to last, first in the striking zone was Mr Kevin Mc Gillicudy of Waterville and the UK who caught a fine Sea Trout of 3 lbs. and as usual Kevin was fishing with his Gillie Mr Mike O'Dwyer and now for today's Specimen hunters, Mr Bob Priestly was in good form again out at the Black Rocks when he struck a fine Sea Trout of 6.5 lbs. which he sportingly put back, but fish of the day goes to Mr Arthur White of the UK who caught a fine 9.5 lbs Sea Trout on the fly also out at the Black Rocks and what a fight he had for approximately 30 minutes. Congratulations to Arthur and his Gillie Mr Michael O'Sullivan of Waterville Boats - contact [www.lobsterb@iol.ie](mailto:www.lobsterb@iol.ie) and just for the record Mr Arthur White is the Hon. Treasurer of the European Federation of Sea Anglers. Mr John Murphy the Manager of the W.F.D.G. of [www.loughcurrane.com](http://www.loughcurrane.com) reported to me today that Lough Derriana produced some good Brown Trout up to 2 lbs. today. Wind W fresh all day and overcast with light drizzle for most of the day.

**17/5/07** there were a few Sea Trout caught but nothing that would hit the head lines, my noble Specimen Sea Trout were taking a day off or put it another way we Anglers failed in our duties. Wind W light to fresh with light Drizzle at times and overcast but very humid.

**18/5/07** only two boats out because it was a wild day with storm force SW gales and just for the record they drew a blank so the least said the soonest mended.

**19/5/07** there were a few Sea trout caught but no real big rod benders and with a cold NW wind blowing that is not surprising and with the odd shower, even though there was plenty of sun breaking through.

**20/5/07** all quiet on the SW front and with very slack NNW blowing there wasn't much encouragement in the Sea trout department or the Salmon department either. As I said Wind NNW light all day with bright sunshine. Well that is all the news from your Gillie and the Waterville fishery. No Spin no Fly's just Facts.

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**Brian McManus** reports:

<http://www.shannon-fishery-board.ie/guides/game/fishing-reports.htm>

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**UPPER SHANNON**

**LOUGH SHEELIN**

Weather wise it was a difficult week on Sheelin with blustery winds which kept many anglers at bay. This spoiled the evening gnat fishing. There were a few good fish reported though caught mainly on buzzer and mourrough sedge. Thomas Lynch L.S.T.P.A. had a fish of 4.5 lbs. Frank Kelly L.S.T.P.A. had a fish of over 4 lbs. Gene Brady had a fish of 5 lbs 2 ozs.

Contact Thomas Lynch L.S.T.P.A. Mobile: 087 9132033 or logon to the L.S.T.P.A website <http://www.loughsheelinanglers.ie/> for information on local competitions and other upcoming news.

**For local updates contact Mr Sean Gurhy, Assistant Fisheries Inspector Lough Sheelin Tel: 049 4336144**

### **LOUGH O'FLYNN & UPPER RIVER SUCK**

The weather had an adverse effect on trout angling on O'Flynn with a strong blustery wind which kept many anglers away. The Mayfly season is reaching an end on O'Flynn and the upper Suck system at time of writing. However as is usual for this fishery sporadic hatches of fly are likely to continue for the coming weeks. On one of the more suitable days two youth anglers John Gaffey and Ronan Baggot did very well with a catch of 19 fish on mayfly variants, best fish was 2.5 lbs, they released 8 fish. John Connolly Castelrea had 2 fish for 2.5 lbs. Anthony Baggot had 2 fish in an afternoon session.

**For updates contact John Ryan, Assistant Fisheries Inspector Co Roscommon at 087 2536064**

### **MID SHANNON AREA**

#### **LOUGH ENNELL**

There are still some good hatches of Buzzer on the lake but the fish seem to be losing interest in them. There's very little Mayfly activity which is very disappointing and the Button hatch did not attract the trout's attention. Conor Lynch, Tullamore had one fish of 3 lb 6 ozs. Andy Duncan, Mullingar had 2 fish on buzzer at 5 lbs and 3 lbs 6 ozs.

**For updates contact Pat Mc Donnell, Fisheries Officer Shannon Regional Fisheries Board Mullingar Office Tel: 044 9348769 mornings**

#### **LOUGH OWEL**

There is little or angling news from Lough Owel this week.

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**Mick Flanagan, Angling Correspondent for the Westmeath Topic and Sunday World Newspaper Tel: 087 2797270: [mick@midlandangling.com](mailto:mick@midlandangling.com) reports on Midland Lakes & Rivers.**

**LOUGHS OF IRELAND...**

Last week my friendly postman delivered the most recent book of that master angler and fly tier Peter O' Reilly. Peter is as well known as the fish species themselves and he recently launched his 4th edition of Loughs of Ireland. Published by Merlin Unwin Books, this 4th edition of the Loughs of Ireland is certainly a must for all, trout, sea trout and salmon anglers. The book has been updated with new contact numbers, e-mail address and mobile numbers so information is simply at the press of a few buttons. Waters with disabled facilities is well covered in Peter's 4th edition, which is great to see. The book covers the whole of Ireland, naturally including our Midland Loughs. The Loughs of Ireland is available in Mullingar at the moment in Just Books and other leading book shops.

### **COMPETITIONS ON LINE....**

Next Sunday May 27th local angling clubs Ennell and Derravaragh are in action. On Ennell trout anglers will be fishing for the Jimmy Nea Cup. Hopefully may fly hatches will be peaking and some good Ennell trout will come on the feed. The lake is proving quite difficult during day time fishing conditions, and evening fishing is proving the most successful at present. Start and finish for the Ennell competition is Whitebridge Bay. Boat and Engine hire contact Myles & Eileen Hope on 044-93 40807. or Lilliput boat hire Peter Ganly on 087-6492866. Also next Sunday May 27th Derravaragh anglers will be in action. On the day the Stonehall / Delamer trophies will be fished for. Derravaragh produced some fine trout at the previous competition and with enough anglers fishing the lake some cracking trout should be caught on the day. Start and finish is Donor shore. Boat and engine hire Paul Smith 0868230363. or Sally Meehan 044-93- 71154.

### **COARSE & GAME ANGLING INFO..**

Now that the tourism season is really starting to kick in, the Mullingar Tourism office has reopened for the summer months. I dropped in last week to Market House just beside Canton Casey's Bar & Lounge at the Market Square and checked out what's happening on the tourism trail. Well it was heart warming to see angling topping the shelves and there are some great information brochures for both game and coarse anglers alike. Both brochures cover plenty of fishy news items including Locations, fish species, hints on pre-baiting, tackle tips, and of coarse licences and permits. Another very useful part of the guides are the accommodation choices, be it simple B & B or top class Hotels. A lot of the contents are geared for visiting anglers, but local clubs or individuals will also find the brochures quite useful. When planning an angling trip. If any locals have friends or relations coming over in the coming months call into Mullingar Tourism office and check out the wonderful information stands. Call into Market House and check it out. Caroline Cole is the charming Tourism Lady who will help you out or call direct 044-93- 48650.

### **LOUGH REE MAYFLY UPDATE**

Mayfly fishing has quietened down considerably since last week, but there is still plenty of sport to go out and this will happen if we get suitable weather conditions. Peter Foy, Newtown had a good fish of 5 lbs 7 ozs on wet flies.

Bernie Scott, Moate (87 years young) also had a good fish of 5.5 lbs. Cormac Doyle, Athlone had 4 fish up to 4 lbs. 10 ozs. Joe McGeehan, Athlone had 2 fish of 5 lbs. 3 ozs. and 2 lbs 7 ozs. Newtowncashel Anglers held a competition on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May. The winner was Mark Craven, Athlone with a fine fish of 6 lbs 8 ozs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver Fallon, Athlone with fish of 2 lbs 9 ozs Midland Trout anglers competition was won by Cormac Doyle 2<sup>nd</sup> Padraig Hanniffy, Athlone with fish of 2 lbs 6 ozs, 1 lb 9 ozs. and 1 lb 8 ozs. This week will see the end of the Mayfly season on Ree and while some good fishing was had at times, generally it was a patchy season overall and not as good as in previous years.

**For updates contact Pat Mc Donnell, Fishery Officer Shannon Regional Fisheries Board Mullingar Office Tel: 044 48769**

**Catch of the Week 24th May – see photo on front page of our website at [www.cfb.ie](http://www.cfb.ie)**

This week's catch of the week comes from Lough Ree, Co. Westmeath. Regular English visitor, Bill Holmes from Derbyshire has landed his third catch of the week in the past year and half. He caught and released an fine Brown Trout of 7 lbs. 10 oz. while fishing with angling guide Mark O'Regan from Trim. Bill's fish was taken on a may fly emerger. Bill is our first treble winner of the Catch of the week this year. Earlier He caught another fine Trout on Lough Ree and a fine Pike in Lough Gowna to win catch of the week awards. If you catch a big fish in the next few weeks and have a good photograph of your catch, please submit it to Paul Bourke at 01 8842674 or e-mail [paul.bourke@cfb.ie](mailto:paul.bourke@cfb.ie)  
**Want to see more? [Visit the Catch of the Week Archive.](#)**

#### **ATHLONE ANGLERS ASSOCIATION NEWS**

report courtesy of Eamon Cunningham P.R.O. Athlone Anglers Association

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#### **THE BARRA FLYNN MEMORIAL CUP TROUT COMPETITION....**

The Barra Flynn Memorial Cup, the final of our three Dapp/Fly competitions, took place last Sunday and as with the previous two weeks the fishing was patchy. However there was one man, Michael Ganly, who had a great days fishing but he may have had a little bit of help from above. As everyone knows Michael used to fish with the late Barra and on one occasion he was given some of his favourite flies by Barra and it was with one of these flies that Michael caught the winning fish. This was a home and away competition however nobody went away, surely a great testament to Lough Ree that while it may not be fishing well at the moment it still offers the best chance for a good days fishing. The weigh in and presentation of prizes took place that evening in the Bounty Bar and when the scales came down it was Michael Ganly and Joseph Crompton who, for the second year in a row, claimed the magnificent Barra Flynn Memorial Cup for their trout which was head and dorsal fin above the rest. The fight for the next three prizes was very close with only three ounces separating second to fourth place and second place went to Richie Fallon who, along with Owen Murphy, had opted to have his fish weighed and released earlier in the day, and his trout was thirteen ounces lighter than the winning fish. Noel Monaghan claimed third place for a trout

which was only two ounces lighter. The fourth and final prize went to John Killion whose trout was beaten by only one ounce. The competition was sponsored by Ross and Patrick Flynn and we would like to thank them along with their mum Kate for their continued generosity and support. We would also like to thank Geraldine Rohan and Eamon Cunningham who acted as Captains of the Day.

### **THE DONOVAN CUP....**

This is a new addition to our list of competitions and is being sponsored by Paul and Timmy Donovan who are well known in angling circles in Athlone as well as being the proprietors of Sean's Bar. We would like to thank them for the beautiful new cup which they have commissioned as well as the generous sponsorship provided for this competition. The competition itself will take place on Lough Ree and will be a standard competition i.e. anglers may troll as well as Dapp/Fly. The start will be Gallagher's Boat Shed at 10.30am and the weigh in and presentation of prizes will take place in Sean's Bar with the scales down at 9 pm sharp. The normal monthly competitions have now started and are as follows, The Genoa Cup will be awarded to the heaviest trout caught over the three competition Sundays. The Monday to Saturday competition will start on Monday 7th May and will finish on Saturday 2nd June. The Athlone Anglers Association Cup will be awarded for the heaviest trout caught during this period, excluding Sundays. There will also be another competition over this period and will cost €15 to enter, all money taken in will be given out to the top three fish weighed in the order of 50% for first place, 30% for second place and 20% for third place. This competition also excludes the Sundays and you must register your entry before going fishing, you can do this by ringing Eamon Cunningham on 087-2340815 before 11 am on the day you start fishing or on the shoreline on Sunday mornings. The scales will be left in the Lough Ree Inn and anglers can use this to record their catch. Text Messages detailing the heaviest fish caught during the Dapp will be sent at regular intervals to inform anglers of the weights of the trout weighed in. This will help ensure that trout are not needlessly brought in for weighing and can be returned unharmed to the lake should you wish.

### **FOR YOUR DIARY...**

The following is the schedule of competitions that it is proposed to hold over the next few weeks. Please note this list may change due to unforeseen circumstances, however the details of each competition will be published in the local newspaper, on the posters, the [www.athlone.ie](http://www.athlone.ie) website and sent out to members by text message in the week prior to each competition.

- May 27th – The Donovan Cup, Lough Ree – Trout.

### **FRIENDS OF LOCH AN DOCHAIS...**

Friends of Loch an Dochais held their Annual all Ireland trout angling match for anglers with disabilities at Loch an Dochais, Kilcormac, Co Offaly on Sunday 13th May 2007. 16 anglers from 7 counties took part in this competition representing Carlow, Clare, Cork, Laois, Offaly, Tipperary and Westmeath.

This is the 11th year of the competition and the anglers were fishing for the Mary Robinson Perpetual Trophy. With the lake in good condition the weather however was mixed with cool strong winds at times but the rain held off. 21 trout were landed. The results of the match were as follows

- **1st Place:** Sean Hogan, Tullamore, Co Offaly with a catch of 4 trout for 1 kg 800g
- **2nd Place:** Anthony Cunningham, Co Tipperary with 4 trout for 1 kg 700g
- **3rd Place:** Jason Wheatley, Tipperary with 4 trout for 1 kg 550g

Chairman of Offaly Co Council Mr Ger Killooley presented the prizes at St Josephs Community Centre, Kilcormac.

In the junior angling match also held at Kilcormac's Loch an Dochais run by Friends of Loch an Dochais and the Shannon Regional Fisheries Board was won by David Smith of Tullamore with 3 trout for 1 kg 500g. Great thanks are due to Marcus Mac Mahon and Marie Mortell who presented the prizes and supplied all the anglers with Fisheries Board literature and assisted with angling and safety tips to all who took part. For further information contact Mr Denis O'Driscoll, KDA Secretary, Kilcormac, Co Offaly Tel: 057 9135328

### **LOUGH ACALLA CO GALWAY**

12 anglers fished the lake recently with a few decent fish reported caught. Best flies were Golden and Green Olives, Brown Hedgehog. Two anglers Michael Bradley and Matrin Cauley had their bag limit with fish up to 3 lbs.

**For updates contact John Devaney, Assistant Fisheries Inspector,  
Roscommon 087 2266735**

### **LOWER SHANNON AREA**

#### **MAYFLY UPDATE ON LOUGH DERG**

The mayfly season is now over on Lough Derg with very few fish reported last week.

**TJ O'Brien, TJ's ANGLING CENTRE KILLALOE Tel: 061 376009 Mob 087 8108225 reports for the Lower Shannon, Lough Derg**

There was very little angling or fish reported over recent evenings on Derg in the Killaloe area. Some days were very blustery.

### **ShRFB reports for the RIVER FEALE CO KERRY**

A badly needed flood arrived on the River Feale on Thursday, although a bigger flood would have been needed to flush the river properly. It was late on Friday before conditions were suitable for fishing and Sunday before it was suitable for fly. A good number of anglers were out after the long spell of dry weather. 9 fish were reported caught over the weekend. Jerdie Sheehy, Abbeyfeale, Co Limerick had the best reported fish of the week at 11 lbs. caught on Friday on

fly. David Enright, Abbeyfeale, Co Limerick had a 9 lbs. fish. Other lucky anglers were Stephen Moroney, Listowel, Tony Stack, Listowel, and Jack Murphy Abbeyfeale. Dee Dennison and Mark Enright both Abbeyfeale anglers had fish.

**NB:** Anglers please note the new Salmon & Sea Trout Bye Laws for the River Feale for 2007. See

### **SHANNON FISHERIES REGION (River Feale) CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT BYE LAW NO 816, 2007**

This Bye-Law provides for a bag limit of 4 fish (being either salmon or sea trout over 40 cm) from 1 March to 12 May subject to a daily bag limit of 1 fish during the period. The Bye-law also incorporates the provisions of the existing Bye-law i.e. an overall annual bag limit of 10 fish for 2007, a daily bag limit of 3 fish from 13 May to 31 August and a daily bag limit of 1 fish from 1 September to the end of the season. The Bye-law also provides for the use of single hooks and prohibits the use of worms as bait once the specified number of fish have been caught in the specified periods.

**For up to date fishing reports contact the local Assistant Fisheries Inspector Mr Paddy Halpin Mobile: 087 7729126**

**ShRFB reports for Castleroberts Fishery RIVER MAIGUE.**

**For angling updates on Castleroberts contact Mob: 087 9810817**

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**Kevin Crowley** reports:

#### **GALWAY WEIR**

There were 10 salmon landed at the Weir this week, with half of these released again. On the 16<sup>th</sup> Welsh visitor Rhys Thomas landed a fine 12 lbs fish on shrimp, and Laois man Pat Campion also had a 12-pounder on fly, this fish released alive. The following day Niall Tonge from Dublin had a 5 lbs. grilse on fly, and Phil Mackie from Bristol caught and released a 12 lbs fish. On the 18<sup>th</sup> Liam Gilsean from Westmeath landed a fine 13.5 lbs. salmon on fly, followed by Tom Noonan and Tony Kavanagh, both with 9-pounders, and both released. The following day Andrew Hegarty had a nice 11.5 lbs fish on fly, and on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Peter Taylor from England had fish of 9.75 lbs and 10 lbs approx., both on fly. Water conditions at Galway are perfect, and with good spring salmon and a few grilse arriving in the river, prospects look very good for the next few weeks.

#### **LOUGH MASK**

There were localized hatches of mayfly, with good hatches of olives in many bays, and fair hatches of sedges seen over the last week. 189 anglers landed 283 trout in 336 rod-days, with strong cool winds making for difficult fishing at times. Wetfly, dry fly and dapping all accounted for fish, with mayfly, olive,

and sedge patterns all successful. Fishing was described as patchy, with excellent sport at times and slow elsewhere.

The European Cup wetfly competition was held by the Tourmakeady Anglers over the weekend, with 152 anglers landing 185 trout in 304 rod-days. First prize went to Stephen Greaney from Galway, with 8 trout for 10 lbs. 13 oz. Irish international angler Madeleine Kelly was 2<sup>nd</sup>, with 5 trout for 8 lbs. 3oz, third was Stanley McCart from Enniskillen, and fourth was Harold O'Toole from Galway. The heaviest fish was caught by Athony Matthews from Dundalk.

Eleswhere, Ted Reid and Tom Killoran from Donegal had 18 trout for 21 lbs in 5 days to wet and dry fly. David McCann and a friend from Dublin had 13 trout for 15 lbs in 3 days fishing wetfly. Pat McGovern and Norman Mulvany from Cork fished wetfly for 5 days and had 16 trout for 20 lbs., while Bernard Rock and 2 friends from Dublin had 11 trout in 2 days to wetfly. Laois anglers Danny Graham and Dick Moloney had 7 trout for 9 lbs in 2 days to wet and dry fly.

### **LOUGH CORRIB**

Conditions on Corrib were very variable over the week, with high winds on some days making for difficult fishing, indeed consigning many visiting anglers to the pub on one or two days.

Donal Connolly of Nonaim Lodge reports on fishing from the Glann area. Catch of the week must surely go to 8 year old Paul Joyce from Glann, who landed his first trout on dry fly, which was a lovely 2.25 lbs. fish. It was caught on Sunday, a day when many more experienced anglers were struggling to land fish.

Mark Thomas from Wales had 10 fish for 15 lbs., all on wet fly over 3 days fishing. Tony Howells, Wales, landed his first Corrib trout, a memorable 3.25 lbs. fish caught on wet fly. Rob, Graham and Andrew Oliver from St. Andrews had 8 trout for 10.25 lbs. in 3 days on wetfly and dapping, while Rob Cooksley, Bristol, had 3 trout for 3.75 lbs. on wet fly. Danny McLaughlin from Derry had a fine 3.5 lb trout on wet fly, and Richard "Red" Ward, also from Derry had a 2 lbs. trout, also on wet fly. Donal can be contacted for accommodation and fishing at 091 552138 or email [info@fishingcorrib.com](mailto:info@fishingcorrib.com)

### **LOUGH CARRA**

There were small hatches of mayfly and sedge, with fair hatches of olives on Carra over the last week. 32 anglers accounted for 77 trout in 111 rod-days, with all methods successful. The last few years have seen a lot of small trout reported from Carra, but anglers have been meeting bigger fish coming to the fly in recent weeks. Andrew Donaghy and 2 friends from Dublin had 13 trout for 16 lbs in 5 days to wetfly and dap, including one fish of 2.5 lbs. Simon Kenny and Martin Tunney from Northern Ireland landed 8 trout for 10.5 lbs. in 4 days. Dermot Sharkey and 2 friends from Derry had 6 trout for 8 lbs. in 3 days to wetfly and dap, while Bob Cripps and David Harten from London had 13 trout for 15 lbs. over their week, including one fish of 2.25 lbs.

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**Markus Muller** reports:

## **River Moy**

The Moy had its best week of the season, so far, with a reported catch of **183** salmon.

On the Ridge Pool, Vincent Woodlock, Dublin, had a salmon on the fly weighing 8.16 lbs. and Vincent Foley, also from Dublin, landed a fish at 5.58 lbs. on spinner. The Weir Pool produced 4 fish for the week including a fine 9.5 lbs. salmon on the fly for Brian McGlashan, Scotland, who had a second fish at 8.86 lbs. on the worm. Keith Brand from the Isle of Man, who also fished the Weir Pool, caught a salmon at 8.35 lbs. on the fly.

On Byrne's, Dave Roe, England, had an 11 lbs. salmon on the worm and Patrick Finnegan from Monaghan who fished Gannon's landed a fine fish at 12 lbs. also on the worm. On Rinanne, German angler, Horst Hermann caught a salmon weighing 7 lbs.

Further up river, the Cloongee Fishery produced 13 salmon for the week including 3 fine fish for Pat Carr, Wicklow, at 9, 10 and 12 lbs. Pat caught all his fish on the worm. Fintan O'Toole, also from Wicklow, had a 10 lbs. fish and Keneth Chandler, England, had a very memorable day on Cloongee as he caught his first ever salmon weighing 6.74 lbs.

There was also good fishing on the East Mayo Anglers water during the week. Amongst the successful anglers were Jean Luic Le Frere, France with a salmon (worm) at 7 lbs., Martin Gross, Germany, with a fish (spinner) weighing 9.79 lbs. and John McDonagh, Galway, who landed a fine fish (worm) at 14 lbs.

## **Carrowmore Lake & Owenmore River**

Despite the breezy conditions and a slight discolouration during the week, Carrowmore Lake produced 8 salmon for the week: David Baggenstos from Switzerland, a regular visitor to the Bangor area, landed a fish at 6.5 lbs. and his friend, Neville Thomson, Dublin, did well with a fine 9.5 lbs. salmon. The lake also produced fish for Liam Gilsenan, Mullingar, Mel Parrott, UK, John Long, Dublin and NWRFB Fishery Officer, John Cosgrove.

On the Bangor Angling Club stretch of the Owenmore River, Rory Murphy, Portlaoise, landed a 6 lbs. salmon and Marvin Corway, Dublin had one at 11 lbs.

## **Lough Beltra**

There were 4 salmon caught and released on the Glenisland Co-Op side of Lough Beltra this week: Declan Foley, Dublin, had 2 fish at 7.5 lbs. and 9 lbs., Rory Moran, Castlebar, had 1 salmon at 9 lbs. and Kevin Byrne, also Castlebar, caught a fish at 12 lbs.

## **Ballin Lough**

Ballin Lough continued to fish well for the week with 18 rods reporting a total of 25 trout, 6 of which were released.

Pat and Damien Murphy, both from Castlebar, had 6 trout (2 released), best at 2.5 lbs. and Martin McGuire, Newport, landed 3 fish, best also at 2.5 lbs. Most successful flies were Bibio, Green Peter and Buzzer patterns.

## **Lough Conn & Lough Cullin**

Despite the strong gales and varying winds during the week fishing on both Loughs has been excellent for the past week with very good mayfly fishing reported by anglers. About 250 anglers landed 350 trout, averaging 1 lbs. in 300 rod days.

Padraig Traynor, Crossmolina, fishing together with Michael Monaghan landed 35 trout for the week weighing between 1 lbs. and 2.25 lbs. John Walsh and Joe Quinn, both from Cloghans, took 8 trout for 10 lbs. At Kelly's Boat Hire, Cloghans, Noel Loughnane, Dublin, had 15 trout for 24 lbs., with best at 2.25 lbs. Gerry Hoey, Cork, and friend reported 11 trout for a day's fishing with best at 2 lbs. Dr. Clemence McRory, Dublin, caught 7 trout for 7 lbs. and Dermot Dunne, Offally, fishing together with Seamus Kelly, Cloghans, caught and released 23 trout over 2 days, all weighing between 1 lbs. and 2 lbs. John O'Brien, Wicklow, a guest of Pontoon Bridge hotel, took 2 trout for 2 lbs. and Stewart Lyon, Scotland, had 6 fish, best at 2.1 lbs. Best flies for the week included Grey Wulff, Green Wulff, Gosling and Spent Gnat. Professional angling guide, Ken Hall, also reported good fishing for the week. Ken was guiding Austrian visitor, Andreas Werzer, who had 9 trout (6 released) ranging from 1.25 lbs. to 2.5 lbs. Andreas was fishing Dry CDCs and Green Duns.

Elsewhere, the Foxford Angling Club held a competition for the "Foxford Lodge Cup" on Thursday, 17 May. Twenty-seven anglers took part and the event was won by local angler, Stephen Browne, with 3 trout for 4.25 lbs. The Lakelands Angling Club, Mullingar, also held a competition on Lough Conn during the week. Thirty anglers landed 45 trout and Darren Cox won the event with the heaviest bag of 7 lbs.

## **Ballisodare River**

Seventy-five salmon (50 released) were reported for the week for the Ballisodare Fishery.

The best fish for the week weighed 9 lbs. and was caught by local angler, J. Power, on a Yellow Shrimp. Further fish were caught by Thomas O'Donovan, Chairman Ballisodare Fishing Club Ltd. (salmon 7.5 lbs.) and Fechin McMorrow, Coolooney, who had fish at 6 lbs.

## **Lough Arrow**

Anglers who ventured out on Lough Arrow during the week were rewarded with some exceptional catches. Gerry Martin, Drogheda, had a total of 10 fish

including 2 at 4.75 lbs. each, 2 at 3.5 lbs. each and on at 2.75 lbs. His brother Jim landed 3 trout, heaviest at 2.5 lbs. Gerry and Jim were fishing Dry Mayflies and Spent patterns. Sean and Peter Dunne, Drumshanbo, caught 9 fish together weighing between 1.5 lbs. and 3.5 lbs. They also took their fish on dry flies. Local angler, Noel Fairbanks, landed a fine 5 lbs. trout on the dap and Philip Murray had a nice bag with 2 fish at 2 lbs. and one trout at 6 lbs.

## **Lough Bo**

Recreational Angling Ireland (RAI) in conjunction with The North Western Regional Fisheries Board held an "Angling Tuition Day" on Lough Bo on Saturday, 19 May. Twenty participants including many youngsters attended the event. The enthusiastic beginners enjoyed the day despite the squally weather conditions and 10-year old Walter Frazer, Ballindoon, was rewarded with his first ever fish. Walter caught a 1 lbs. brown trout on a Connemara Black!

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**Lionel Knobbs**, Loughs Agency Angling Manager reports:

*Loughs Agency Angling Report*

*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May*

## **Foyle Catchment**

### **River Finn**

Reports are good today with fish landed on all the main sections of the river. Among the many successful anglers was Ian Gamble (L'Derry) with a fresh run 9 lb fish from the Graveyard Pool, Mark Foley (Draperstown) 9 lbs. Fish on a Black Flying C from the Ivy Bridge section and Ervin O'Hagan (Belfast) 7 lbs. Fresh run fish on Fly (Willie Gun) from the Letterback Bridge Section on the upper Finn.

Conditions are good at present for the upper sections and fishing should be good over the weekend.

### **River Mourne**

The upper sections of the system are starting to clear and should fish well over the weekend as fish numbers continue to grow, but if the rain holds off we should have some great sport along the lower sections from Newtown Stewart down to Lifford. Among the successful anglers yesterday was Morris Livingston (Belfast) 10 lbs. fresh run fish on the Fly from Liskey Bridge Section.

**Rivers Faughan & Roe Angling season starts on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

## **Cashel Trout Fishery**

Paul Ratified (Limavady) made the best of this when he landed twenty trout which took Yellow Dies and Yellow Buzzers. Aidy Askin (Derry) had seventeen trout using Suspender Peasant Tails and Back Klinkhammers. Sean O'Kane (Derry) had two trout for home, which weighed 4 lb 5 ozs, and he also released thirteen others into the lake again. Sean was using a Green Peter. Dungiven's Brian O'Kane had an amazing day banking fifteen trout in total but he only took the one home, which weighed 2 lb 9 ozs. Andrew Logan (Dungiven) had at least nine trout in a couple of hours while John Hasson (Dungiven) and Martin Bradley (Dungiven) had half a dozen trout each using Suspender Buzzers and CDC's. Kevin Mc Callion (Dungiven) had seven real good fighters which took Klinkhammers, James Kelly (Feeny) and Franky Murphy (Feeny) had seven trout between them taking two home, which weighed 4 lb 2 ozs. These anglers were using Suspender Buzzers and Back Buzzers. Ciaran Mellon (Maghera) had five trout in a short period of time using Back Dies. Scotland's Angus Mc Donald landed quite a few trout on Sunday evening using assorted Scottish patterns. John Tracey, Brian McGillian and Jude O'Kane (All Dungiven) banked a trout each in a couple of hours.

Breakfast is now being served at Cashel in the comfort of an open log fire with plenty of craic. Group bookings are most welcome during the week. Tight lines for next weekend and fingers crossed for a tagged trout.

Foyle and Carlingford Area Licences can be purchased at Cashel Trout Fishery.

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for new regulations for fishing in the whole of the Lough's agency area.

### **COARSE ANGLING**

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**Brian McManus** reports:

<http://www.shannon-fisheryboard.ie/guides/coarse/fishing-reports.htm>

**May 23rd, 2007**

**UPPER SHANNON**

## **ShRFB Reports for the Upper Shannon Region**

Not a lot of news on the pleasure angling front in the Lanesboro area. UK visitors reported skimmers and some Tench from Drumgorman Lake. Lough Bran has fished okay with reasonable bags of mixed fish reported.

This week the King of Clubs competition is being fished which commenced last Monday 21st May and is being fished to Thursday 24th. 110 anglers are participating. The venues are Section A: Lower Annagh at Dowra Lough Allen, B Section: Remada on Herons shore and Barneys Island Lough Allen, C Section: Kiltiybarden Lake and St Johns near Ballinamore. D Section is the pumphouse and Rocks Lough Scur. See updated competition results. Day on day fishing has improved with the top weight 15 – 16 kg - out of 4 of sub sections. The average catch is Roach and Roach Bream hybrids. There were limited number of bream and those which were weighed were on average to 2 to 3 lbs at best. These will be posted each evening. A full report will be published here on Monday May 27th.

### **RESULTS TABLE KING OF CLUBS DRUMSHANBO UPDATE**

- **OVERALL RESULT TABLE TO DAY 2 TUESDAY MAY 22nd**
- **GROUP RESULTS DAY 1 MONDAY MAY 21**
- **GROUP RESULT DAY 2 TUESDAY MAY 22**

All these results are at

<http://www.shannon-fisheryboard.ie/guides/coarse/fishing-reports.htm>

**Brian Bohan CHAFLYNNS COTTAGE MOHILL reports on angling in the upper Shannon region around MOHILL and CARRICK ON SHANNON**

Fishing was good in the Upper Shannon this week, but the heavy rain did put the fish off slightly. Lough Lowfield fished well for an English angler - some hybrids and Tench. Lough Rynn fished well for local anglers for Tench and hybrids (on the sheep walk). I fished Lough Mc Hugh at the weekend from the car park beside the seat, fishing was hard mostly hybrids and some roach. The Shannon at the back of Terry's is fishing well in the evening for hybrids and Roach. Conor Mc Grath local angler had some nice Tench to 6 lbs. and bream to 5 lbs. Conor fished the pole on the margins.

### **Upper Shannon results - Wednesday's match on Barnies shore Loch Allen**

1st Place: A. Turton - 11.06.

2nd Place: T. Allen - 10.09

3rd Place: C. Ward - 10.08

### **Friday evening match pumphouse on Lough Scur. Alan Hargreaves Trophy.**

1st A Turton 8,02

2nd T. Allen 7.15  
3rd R. Lightbown 6.02

### **Sunday match Gulladoo Lake**

1st: M. Beasley 14.03  
2nd: R. Lightbown 11.11  
3<sup>rd</sup>: A. Turton 8.02

Next match is on Wednesday on Rockfield then Friday evening on the pumphouse Scur,

**Kevin Lyons, MELVIEW LODGE GUESTHOUSE, Drumlish Road, Clonrollagh, Co Longford Tel : 003534345061 Mob: Email: [info@melviewlodge.com](mailto:info@melviewlodge.com) Web: <http://www.melviewlodge.com> covering fisheries in the LONGFORD AREA and the STROKESTOWN LAKES**

The Strokestown lakes have been slow to get going, but should get into form before long. Other lakes in and around the Longford area have been producing well, Bream, Tench, Roach and hybrids for bag weights to 80 lbs., with some fish to specimen weight. Fishing should improve further once the weather settles a little as the weather proved difficult on some days last week.

Ron and Len from the UK, angling guests of Melview lodge were over for their annual holiday for the second time. Their host Kevin commented that they had to put up with some awful weather and that at some venues the fish were still spawning. Still, they were able to put together some good mixed bags of fish, which included Bream, Tench, Roach and Hybrids..

Mick and son Carl Booth along with Friends Karl and Mark had catches of quality Bream, Tench, Hybrids and some cracking Roach. They worked hard on pre-baiting and consequently had a result, the only down side to the holiday was that Mark was unable to fish for five days due to being unwell.

### **MID SHANNON AREA**

**The ShRFB reports for Ray Duthie Old Forge Banagher, Bait Stockist, Tackle and ACCOMMODATION PROVIDER Tel: 057 9151504. BANAGHER area this week.**

Conditions were blustery on several days during the week which upset fishing. At time of writing conditions have improved somewhat. During the calmer interludes fishing was good on the Meelick match stretches especially the two pegs on the A Section below the red marker for hybrids and large Roach. Inishee Island half way down on the right hand bank fished well - hybrids mainly. The top two pegs on the cut into the backwater at Mickies pond fished very well on Sunday, mainly hybrids.

### **ShRFB reports for the RIVER SUCK VALLEY - Mid River Suck**

There was some coarse fishing activity reported at our access for all facility on the River Suck at Donamon, also at Glinsk. Anglers reported good catches of Rudd, Roach at Glinsk and skimmers and hybrids at Donamon.

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**ShRFB reports for INNY BAY B&B - fishing at TOM FOXES ANGLING  
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Fishing along the lower Inny is very slow presently. Anglers have resorted to fishing on the Canal for now.

**Mick Flanagan, Angling Correspondent for the Westmeath Topic and  
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reports on Midland Lakes & Rivers.**

#### **BREAM ME UP PASCAL....**

Over the past few months Mullingar coarse angling club members have been really very busy. Regular meetings are taking place and plenty of match competitions have been held on the canal system and other local waters. The club is growing in strength and with the summer programme of events coming on line you would be advised to contact the club if interested in joining. Last Sunday the club were in action on one of Westmeath's many small lakes. Prior to the competition club members worked on the lake and cleaned up swims and laid down peg numbers. The competition itself proved a very close encounter, with some of the top club members producing good bags of fish. The hours of fishing were 4pm - 9pm, and at the final weigh-in it was very close. Top rod on the day was Mullingar coarse angler Pascal Weymes, Pascal who is regarded as one of the best in the coarse angling business produced a gross weight of 19 lbs 6 ozs. This included one cracking bream, and quite a few skimmers. In second was Polish angler Marcin Gorau with a combined weight of 15 lbs. Once again the main fish were skimmers. Marcin and his dad Joachim are really enjoying their angling and Marcin has been very consistent all season. Deckie Byrne was on song to take 3rd place with a good weight of 14 lbs. 7 oz. Deckie already has a club angler of the year award under his belt, and if he keeps producing weights like this over the summer months he will be a force to be reckoned with. The weigh-masters on the day were Stephen Cotter and Emmett Bennett and all fish were released and swam away for another day. As we mentioned above the club have plenty of competitions pencilled in for the summer months and all members will be contacted prior to these taking place. Water levels, wind conditions and water quality play a major role in these events. As a rule the club hold back the venue till days before the event. This gives the members time to clean swims and peg the stretch. If you are interested in joining this super Mullingar Angling Club contact Keith Glennon on 087-3686017.

#### **COARSE & GAME ANGLING INFO..**

Now that the tourist season is really starting to kick in, the Mullingar Tourism office has reopened for the summer months. I dropped in last week to Market House just beside Canton Casey's Bar & Lounge at the Market Square and checked out what's happening on the tourism trail. Well it was heart warming to see angling topping the shelves and there are some great information brochures for both game and coarse anglers alike. Both brochures cover plenty of fishy news items including Locations, fish species, hints on pre-baiting, tackle tips, and of coarse licences and permits. Another very useful part of the guides are the accommodation choices, be it simple B & B or top class Hotels. A lot of the contents are geared for visiting anglers, but local clubs or individuals will also find the brochures quite useful. When planning an angling trip. If any locals have friends or relations coming over in the coming months call into Mullingar Tourism office and check out the wonderful information stands. Call into Market House and check it out. Caroline Cole is the charming Tourism Lady who will help you out or call direct 044-93- 48650

### **LOWER SHANNON AREA**

**TJ O'Brien, TJ's ANGLING CENTRE KILLALOE Tel: 061 376009 Mob 087 8108225 reports for the Lower Shannon and East Clare Lakes**

Angling guests of TJ O'Brien are fishing the island swims on Lough Derg and reporting decent catches of hybrids averaging 60 lbs. bags at a sitting.

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**Alice Murtagh** reports:

There is not much angling news to report this week. The change in the weather seems to have had a significant effect on the catches being reported to us. Pike anglers report poor angling for the last few days. Meanwhile Flynn's Pass at the Leprechaun Chair has been pretty good with 40/50 lbs. of fish being caught including some Bream. Garadice and Killykeen are giving mixed bags with plenty of Tench and Roach. Plenty of small fish reported in catches on the Dromore River between Cootehill and Ballybay.

### **PIKE ANGLING**

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**Michelle Neuville** reports on some recent Pike fishing for his clients at the International Fishing Centre on the River Erne and nearby lakes near **BELTURBET**

Bonjour Paul,

fantastique pêche aux brochets dans la région de Cavan, et dans l'Erne, ou les pêcheurs de l'International Fishing Centre à Belturbet, ont attrapés et relaché, depuis le début de la saison, 46 brochets au dela d'un mètre, avec un joli trophé de 1.19 pour 34 livres.

Très cordialement à vous

Michel NEUVILLE

Translation for those who's French is a little rusty,

Hello Paul,

Fantastic fishing for Pike in this area of Cavan, and the River Erne, for the fishermen staying at the International Fishing Centre in Belturbet; caught and released, since the beginning of the season, 46 Pike beyond one meter, with the best specimen fish of 1.19 metres long weighing 34 pounds.

very cordially with you

Michel NEUVILLE