

# **IRISH ANGLING UPDATE**

**From the Central & Regional Fisheries Boards**

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- **Some good Rainbow Trout fishing reported from the Corkagh Pike Fishery in Clondalkin, Dublin.**
- **William Bowles from Cork lands the first Salmon on the Butlers Pool near Lough Currane on the opening day of the new season.**
- **The first Salmon of the new year was landed by Colin Gardiner weighing 13 lbs. on the River Drowes in Donegal on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January.**
- **Some good Rainbow Trout fishing reported from the Cashel Trout Fishery in Dungiven, Co. Derry.**
- **Carp to 10.5 lbs. recorded at the Corkagh Park Fishery in Clondalkin, Dublin.**
- **Pike to 25 lbs. reported from Blessington Lake in Co. Wicklow.**
- **25 lbs. 10 oz Pike from the River Shannon for Dublin angler wins our Catch of the Week award.**
- **18 lbs. Pike from the North Western Regional Fisheries Board.**
- **Good Shore fishing reported from some of the east coast beaches.**
- **Special notices: EFSA Ireland calendar of events and notices.**

## **GAME ANGLING**

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The trout lake has been fishing reasonably well over the past few weeks. Best angler this week was local angler Rodney Gaynor with 15 trout to 6 lbs. Jimmy Finnegan had 12 fish this week and Paul Mc Brian had 10 fish.

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### **Not Long before the Opening Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February**

#### **A well-timed flood to start the Spring Run**

Yesterday saw the highest flood for a couple of years. The gauge on the bridge at Ballyduff peaked at 4.00 metres compared to summer level of 0.30 metres. This very well-timed flood will give a huge push of fresh water out to sea from the mouth of the river. This should help to bring in the early run of spring fish. The river has had a great flush-out and should be in peak condition for the Opening Day. It needs to be down to 0.80-1.00 metre on the gauge to be in spinning order & ~0.60m for the fly. There is plenty of time yet for it to come down to good fishable order by then. To see some pictures of the flood, click on the News link on the Navigation Bar on the website.

#### **Fishing Report page**

This is now being updated daily with rainfall & river height. If you plan on visiting us this year, email me for a password to access this section of the site (it's free!)

#### **Opening Day - February 1st.**

This year it falls on a Friday. As usual, we'll be gathering at the Lodge for complimentary breakfast rolls & coffee before heading out in eager anticipation

to the river for the first time in four months. Please note that the Lodge ensuite rooms are fully booked on February 1 & 2, as is the underhand casting course with Thomas Berggren (Loop) from Sweden. Accommodation is still available in bungalow rooms.

### **Underhand Casting Course**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> February we hold our seminar here with Swedish expert & Glenda's fellow Loop No.1 Pro Team instructor Thomas Berggren. We are eagerly awaiting this as it will give us a great insight into shooting heads which will open up a lot more fly-fishing for us - particularly off the bank where wading is impracticable, and also in high water conditions with sinking heads.

### **Loop Double Handed Tackle Trial Day - Saturday, March 8**

Glenda will be holding a Loop double-handed rod, reel & line trial day on the banks of the Blackwater. During this day, she will be demonstrating each of the double-hand rods and lines from the Loop range. Rods and lines will be available to try out yourself on the day. There is no charge for this day, but booking is essential for either the morning or afternoon session as numbers will be limited.

### **Regulations for the 2008 Season.**

The Irish Department of the Marine have just issued the regulations for next year. The Blackwater Total Allowable Catch (TAC) has been increased to 7,787 for 2008 from the 2007 TAC of 4,463. We will also have to use the brown tags in conjunction with the blue tags. This is to help ensure that the TAC is not exceeded. The increase in the number of fish which can be taken in spring up to May 11 is confirmed. The draft regulations can be summarised as:

Season: 10 fish in total per licence

Spring Fishing: January 1 to May 11 - 3 fish per licence in total.

Summer Fishing: May 12 to August 31 - a daily bag limit of 3 fish.

Autumn Fishing: September - a daily bag limit of 1 fish.

### **Bookings for 2008**

With the superb results from this year, and the prices being maintained at the 2007 level, bookings are coming in at an unprecedented level for the 2008 season. Why not avail of our excellent offer of a 1% discount per month for bookings paid in full in advance. Many of our regular visitors already booked their places before they left this year, so don't delay to ensure your place.

Best Regards & Tight Lines!

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I commence my report on the 17/1/08 on the opening day of the new Salmon and Sea Trout season and Mr William Bowles of Cork was the toast of the Waterville Fishery when he caught the first Salmon of the 2008 season on the Famous Butler Pool and showed the rest of we Anglers how it is done so congratulation to him, and on Lake side I can tell you Lough Currane was wild with storm force WNW blowing all day even though a few boats did venture out with no success. My next report will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and every Monday from then on. That is all the news from your Gillie and the Waterville Fishery for today. No Spin No Fly's just Facts. See Photo of the first Salmon on [http://www.cfb.ie/fishing\\_in\\_ireland/update/game\\_angling.htm](http://www.cfb.ie/fishing_in_ireland/update/game_angling.htm)

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**Brian McManus** reports:

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**January 15th, 2008**

**Mick Flanagan, Angling correspondent and photographer for Sunday World and Topic group of newspapers Tel: 087 2797270: [mick@midlandangling.com](mailto:mick@midlandangling.com) reports on Midland Lakes & Rivers.**

**TROUT ANGLERS GETTING ITCHY..**

Yes we are starting to twist and turn at night with the thought of another trout season coming on line. We won't start till March 1<sup>st</sup> which is on a Saturday so put in your diary now and get working on the brownie points. In the West of Ireland some fisheries open on February 15<sup>th</sup> which is a Friday, and it's the day after Valentines Day. Naturally all going well I along with a large number of other local anglers will be heading for Lough Corrib. The boats are booked and the B & B are sorted. All we need now is some suitable weather, for the opening day on Corrib. The Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association will be in town on Sunday February 3rd next. On the day the I.T.F.F.A. will host their Annual general meeting in the Greville Arms Hotel. This is an very important meeting

for clubs affiliated to the I.T.F.F.A and a large turn out is expected on the day. Each affiliated club is entitled to send two delegates to this meeting and with eighty clubs registered it should prove an interesting A.G.M. All clubs by now should have received their delegate forms, so please fill out and return as soon as possible. Delegate forms can be sent to Michael Callaghan (Hon- Sec. I.T.F.F.A. Virginia RD, Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan. Local clubs affiliated are Derravaragh, Ennell, Bane, Glore, Lene, Owel and Sheelin. Just taking a quick glance at the Annual report which is a credit to all concerned, I see that Lough Bane will host this years National Youths Qualifier. This will take place on April 19th 2008. In previous years Lough Bane have hosted this event and it was a huge success which we covered. The Club have a fantastic team of Officers and Committee members and I am sure the 2008 National Youths Qualifier will be a success. On the senior end of the business, some of Westmeath top fly anglers proved their metal during 2007 and have qualified to represent Ireland at International level. Well done to father and son pairing from Killucan Jimmy and Colin Cahill who will fish in the Spring team. The Spring International will be fished on Lough Melvin on Friday June 13th. Another top Mullingar angler who has represented Ireland before is top Auctioneer Andrew Duncan. Andy will fish the Autumn International, which takes place at Llyn Trawsflinnad North Wales. This date is Friday September 5th. Best of luck. Naturally in the coming season I will keep you posted on these events. Who knows maybe some day I will fly the Green flag, to date the only opportunity I have got has being Paddies day, but we will still keep the faith.

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**Lynsey Clarke** reports:

Happy New Year. Here we go again for another season!

Here are the details of the first salmon of the season if you are not aware of them. The Salmon was caught on the Drowes River from the Money Hole at midday on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> January. The fish weighed 13 lbs. & fell to a black Flying 'C' spinner. The captor was Colin Gardiner from Lurgan, Co. Armagh, a regular visitor to the river. (He also caught the first salmon in 2005). Colin was presented with the Perpetual Trophy by fishery owner Shane Gallagher. The fish was presented Brendan Faulkner of the Foxes Lair Restaurant, Bundoran. Brendan is organizing a buffet dinner to raise funds which will be donated to the Paediatric Ward of the Sligo General Hospital. See Photo on our website at [www.cfb.ie](http://www.cfb.ie)

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Cashel Trout Fishery report by Marlene Mc Laughlin

With unsettled weather conditions during this past week anglers are beginning to find it increasingly difficult in deciding which fly will do the trick.

Egg flies, bloodworms and assorted lure patterns have been cast during all climates to lure a few trout to the bank.

Arnold Boreland (Limavady) had an unbelievable day releasing seventeen trout which took assorted rainbow beaded buzzers. Keith Casey (Limavady), Ciaran Mellon (Swatragh) and Sean Mc Williams (Draperstown) all banked three to four trout each while more trout have been lost or missed. Dungannon's Stephen and Edmund Curry on their first visit to Cashel banked a trout each one which weighed almost 7 lb. Shaun Duggan (Gulladuff) bagged two trout which weighed 4 lb 8 ozs and 5 lb 14 ozs. His mate Seamus Convery also bagged a lovely trout which weighed 3 lb 14 ozs. Shay Clyde, Colm Mc Closkey, Brian Harkin and Lee Moore (Claudy and Craigbane) banked a couple of trout each which took buzzers. Some of these trout weighed up to 4 lb each. Joe Mc Guigan (Draperstown), Barry Hasson (Feeny), Kevin Mc Callion (Dungiven), Aidy Askin (Derry), Franky Murphy (Feeny) and James Kelly (Feeny) all banked a trout each but unfortunately lost many others.

Breakfast is now being served at Cashel in the comfort of an open log fire with plenty of craic.

**We are now taking group bookings for any angling club or corporate groups interested in a fun day. Catering facilities are available in the adjacent Cashel Fishing Lodge.**

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We are constantly feeding the carp in the carp lake throughout the winter to keep them on the move. We are selling this same pellet as hook bait in the shop for those interested in having a reasonable chance of catching a nice carp.

Last week Harry Kilpatrick of the Portobello anglers landed more than 20 carp over a seven day period. The fish ranged between 5-10.5 lbs. and were taken on maggot and corn. Harry fished a legered bolt rig. Harry also the trout lake at Corkagh Park and landed a rainbow trout 10 lbs. in weight using a floating line and a lure called a black teaser.

**Josie Mahon** reports

### **Parkers Lake, Baileboro - County Cavan**

One angler fishing Parkers Lake county Cavan reported reasonable bream fishing in spite of the time of year.

## **PIKE ANGLING**

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### **Blessington Lake, Co. Wicklow**

Blessington Lake has produced some good fish in recent days. One fish over 20 lb and another over 25 lbs. took static dead baits at Vallemount on Saturday. Another 20 lbs. pike was taken on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at Baltyboys on a sardine dead bait. Some anglers reported fish running with dead baits and then dropping them. Well know Dublin angler and Dublin Angling Initiative Project Manager, Des Chew had fished this venue on a number of occasions over the Christmas break. He finally connected with a fine pike of just over 20 lbs. while fishing a whole sardine dead bait and it was awarded the catch of the week for the first week in January on our website. See Photo of Des with his lovely Pike at

[http://www.cfb.ie/fishing\\_in\\_ireland/catchofweek.htm](http://www.cfb.ie/fishing_in_ireland/catchofweek.htm)

### **Lough Ramor - Virginia County Cavan**

A good number of anglers have been fishing Lough Ramor since Christmas from both the shore and by boat. Some good doubles have been taken by the shore on static dead baits, Joey mackerel seem to work well. Two fish have been reported to have been caught over the 20 lbs. mark from both anglers fishing deadbaits under floats.

### **Castle Lake – Baileboro County Cavan**

A good number of anglers also have fished this lake from the shore in recent days. We are not aware of any 20's been landed yet but some low doubles have been reported.

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**January 9th, 2008**

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## **WINTER FISHING...**

This time of year like quite a few other local anglers are caught between the passion for fishing and shooting. I spent most of the Christmas break walking the fields in search of game and had some success. On the Angling front I just could not resist a trip down the Inny River from Derravaragh. This is one of my favourite spots for River fishing and I travelled by boat with Pat Keenaghan. The River was dropping quite fast after the rain before Christmas and it was in mint condition for spinning and wobbling dead baits. As it turned out we had a cracking day landing 5 pike and loosing quite a few more drifting down river to Ballinalack. We could not interest the big river pike but had great fun with jacks to 7 lbs. The river was quite clear and the pike really took a shine to our clown coloured Bulldogs. The Bulldogs are coming in all sorts of sizes and unusual colours and what some of them resemble I simply don't know, but the pike really fancy them. If I burn my self out walking over the new years, I hope to spend a few more days in search of pike on enchanted lakes and rivers.

## **EARLY SEASON PIKING ...**

Yes, we anglers are certainly a crazy bunch, when we swap the comforts of home for a cold waterway. Still even in the depths of winter angling is a fantastic sport. Nowadays there is loads of top quality winter clothing and it really makes a difference in the cold frosty weather. I was on the lakes Thursday in the snow and on Sunday I ventured to Lough Ree with local piker Barry Darby. Barry had a fantastic season in 2007 and not only produced two cracking Irish Specimen pike, he also topped some of the biggest pike competitions in Ireland in 2007. Already Barry is starting off where he finished last season and produced his first double last Sunday in bitter cold conditions. We were watching the weather forecasts like hawks on Saturday night and for the Midlands they were as far out as our nearest light house here in the Midlands. We were greeted by very severe frost on Sunday morning and it was a slow drive to Lough Ree with the quite country roads were like skating rings in places. Anyway we arrived in plenty of time as we started off before 9am. It's always nice to give yourself plenty of time when planning an angling adventure. We launched the boat and powered off across Lough Ree to one of Barry's favourite spots. It's a vast span of water and you could spend years fishing Lough Ree before you mark the Hot Spots. We were not alone on the lake as another pair of local pike predators were also trolling the lake, Stephen Battle and John Miggan. The lads drifted off early in the day, so how they finished up I don't know. As for Barry and myself, it was Barry who was in control on the day. I spent the day testing some magnum Bulldogs and the Lough Ree pike just were not interested. Barry fished some of his top lures and they produced two cracking new year pike. Both fish were caught just before lunch and that was it for a very long and cold day on Lough Ree. The water temperature was very cold and this really kept the pike movement to a

minimum. I hope to get another day or two on Ree in the coming weeks. If you are planning a trip to the lake I would advise you to get some information on this vast water. The lake stretches from Lanesboro, to Athlone and is dotted with fantastic bays and high weedy margins. Shore fishing can also be quite productive during certain times of the year. Please note that in the interest of conservation, it is recommended that all pike be returned alive to the water. Pike and Coarse Bye laws are strictly enforced on Lough Ree and other local waters. Any anglers who witness illegal angling activities are asked to contact the relevant Fisheries Board.

### **GLORE PIKE COMPETITION..**

Over the Christmas break Lough Glore anglers hosted a day out on the day. It was a fun day out Colm Potterton from Kildalky Co. Meath took Top Rod, in second place was Peter Smith from Trim, and Peter's daughter Yvonne finished 3rd. One of Ireland's top pike anglers on the fly finished 4th. This was the one and only Freddie Millar. Freddie from Dublin is a regular on the Midlands lakes and rivers and really enjoyed his angling. We have been planning a pike on the fly angling safari for some time hopefully in the new year, I will team up with Freddie and have a day out. At present the Glore anglers are busy sorting out competition dates for 208, and the date for the A.G.M. which will take place next month.

### **WALKING THE ROYAL CANAL....**

Having grown up just a stones throw from the Royal Canal here in town, I am always drawn to this fantastic water system. At the moment day time fish activity is as slow as a snail and very few fish are being caught. Saying this very few anglers are fishing the Royal Canal at present. I spend a lot of time walking the banks of the Royal Canal especially after dark and it's at this time I do come across some fish movement. It's at a very good level at present and the weed growth is not as bad as in the summer months. It's in perfect condition for a bit of piking on the fly and if you give it some time it will produce. Here in the Midlands we really don't seem to appreciate what we have at our door step. One thing to note if you are fishing on the canals, you may have to walk miles before meeting a few fish, so go light. Shoulder bag, few baits, lures etc, forceps for removing hooks etc.

### **WESTMEATH LEGEND DEPARTS THIS LIFE ...**

Over the years we have lost some real angling legend and in recent weeks Mullingar has lost another legend be it in the music world. I only knew Joe Dolan to say hello to and had the pleasure of meeting him on some of my Out & About adventures here in Mullingar. Be it one of his concerts in the Greville Arms Hotel or at some of the Vintners dinners, or Golf club functions. Joe always allowed me to get a few photos. Joe's older brother the lovable charter Paddy Dolan is the Vice Chairman of Lough Lene Angling Club and like the late Joe is a very colourful character and a true gentleman. On behalf of Angling Focus we sympathise with Paddy and all the Dolan family on such a huge loss.

### **Catch of the Week**

Derek Greene, from Sutton Dublin caught a lovely specimen Pike of 25 lbs. 10 oz. while fishing the River Shannon near Athlone recently. Derek used a sardine bait to lure the big Pike and after a quick Photo released the fish back to the water. The fish wins Derek our catch of the week and a picture of Derek and his fish can be seen at [www.cfb.ie](http://www.cfb.ie)

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Kenny Sloan, a Pike angling guide from Foxford Co. Mayo sent us a photo of an 18 lbs. Pike he recently caught on one of his local waters. Ken can be contacted at [ksloan@eircom.net](mailto:ksloan@eircom.net) See lovely Photo on

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**Josie Mahon** reports

#### **Arklow Beach, County Wicklow**

Angers have reported good number of small white whiting up to 20cm in length and good numbers of dabs, fishing the falling tide with lug and squid.

#### **Annareilly Beach, County Wicklow**

Again large numbers of whiting to 20 cm in length, plenty of rockling (small) and occasional thorn back ray (small).

#### **Courtown – Wexford**

Again small whiting, rockling, small numbers of dog fish and occasional thornback ray. Best baits seems to be lugworm and fish baits.

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### **Special Notice** **Sea angling**

**Warren Doyle** Hon sec of EFSA Ireland sent me a calendar of events and some notes from his first newsletter of 2008.

#### **E.F.S.A. IRELAND**

#### **Event Calendar – 2008**

<b>Jan. 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>€40</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Morriscastle</b>	<b>5pm – 10pm</b>
<b><u>Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b><u>€185</u></b>	<b>S</b>	<b><u>Winter Festival</u></b>	<b><u>3 Day Event</u></b>
<b>Feb. 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>€40</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Clones</b>	<b>1pm – 6pm</b>

March 1 <sup>st</sup> €40	S	Courtown	5pm – 10pm
April 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> €T.B.A.	S	Home Nations, Wales	3 Day Event
April 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> €175	B	Kilmore Quay	League W/E #1
April 26 <sup>th</sup> €40	S	Arklow, Sth Beach	5pm – 10pm
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> €750 est.	B	EFSA Species, Ostend, Belgium. Entry fee:	
May 10 <sup>th</sup> €40	S	Morriscastle	5pm – 10pm
June 7 <sup>th</sup> €40	S	Tinnabearna	6pm – 11pm
June 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> €175	B	Cobh	League W/E #2
<u>July 6<sup>th</sup></u> <u>€25</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>'Open', Kilcoole Area</u>	<u>12pm– 5pm</u>
July 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> €175	B	Cobh	League W/E #3
August 18 <sup>th</sup> –23 <sup>r</sup> March €620	B	Euro Boat Champ's, Cobh. Entry before 1 <sup>st</sup>	
August 30 <sup>th</sup> €40	S	Enneriley	7pm – 12pm
Sept 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> €175	B	Kilmore Quay	League W/E #4
Sept 27 <sup>th</sup> €40	S	Kilcoole	5pm – 10pm
October 4 <sup>th</sup> €40	S	Arklow, Sth Beach	6pm – 11pm
November 9 <sup>th</sup> €40	S	Roney Point	12pm – 5pm

November 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> S Euro Shore Champs, Holland (excl' transport) €485

Note: Boat Events must be pre-booked and €175 paid as deposit for the year, before the end of February 2008. Annual Membership Fee €65

All League Prizes will be presented at the A.G.M. including Shore League.

E.F.S.A. IRELAND

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SEA ANGLERS (IRELAND)

### Boat Events.

Members will note that it is a requirement for pre-entry to boat competitions before the end of February. For those who were not at the AGM, the way this will work is: You must list the events you intend to fish on the enclosed form. Deposit fee of €175 must be included together with the annual membership fee of €65 (if not already paid). This deposit will be kept on your behalf and will cover the entry to the **last** of your chosen events for the year i.e. if you are going to compete on all 4 weekends you must pay for the first 3 as they occur and your deposit will cover the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Boats will be filled on the basis of returned forms only; later entries will only be accepted if seats become available due to the withdrawal of a pre-entered member. No refunds will be made if a substitute cannot be found i.e. your deposit is forfeited.

Unfortunately we have 2 events clashing with League Competitions in Leinster this season. This is due to the non availability of sufficient Charter Boats on other suitable dates. I hope this will not inconvenience too many members.

Defaulters for membership fees or entry fees must also pay any arrears before a pre-entry form will be accepted.

### Cobh Euro Championships, 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

The final date for entries is February 29<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure you get in time. If the competition is oversubscribed, entries will be graded on the basis of the number of events fished over the previous years. Accommodation is filling up fast, if you haven't booked, do it soon. It's your own responsibility. **Unfortunately there will be no television coverage of the event as no aid is forthcoming from the tourism organisations.**

### Ostend, Belgium Euro Species Championships, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> May. Flatfish only.

Anyone considering an entry to this event, please let me know before February 29<sup>th</sup>. Total cost will be in the region of €750.

### League Event Accommodation

It is the responsibility of each member to book their own accommodation for all events.

Commodore Hotel, Cobh. Phone: 021-4813423

Wooden House, Kilmore Quay. Phone: 053-9148879

### Shore News.

League dates and venues are shown on the enclosed events list. The entry fee of €40 is broken down as follows: €20 towards prize fund, to be presented at AGM, €5 Longest Round Fish, €5 Longest Flat Fish, €10 to championship fund for travelling Shore teams etc.

### Winter Festival

The festival this year is a week later than usual to try and accommodate those fishing the IFSA 'Fish-Offs'. We advertised the event in Sea Angler Magazine and the entry so far is good with entries from Scotland, England, Wales, Isle of Man and the Irish contingent are up on last year. This despite the efforts of some so called 'sportsmen' to orchestrate a boycott. The venues are producing some super fishing at the moment, let us hope it persists until the event. As usual the event carries Penn League Points which attracts the big names.

The Headquarters at Seàn Og's in Kilmuckridge is very well liked by the competitors and makes for a great 'family' atmosphere among the competitors.

### EFSA Ireland 'Open'.

This year's event will be earlier in the season on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July and will be headquartered in Kilcoole, early fishing 12 noon to 5pm to accommodate those wishing to get home in time for their night out!! It is hoped that a good entry will result. Last years event carried a €500 first prize, we hope to have the same for this year. The successful winner was Karl Fogarty. We sincerely thank Mick Corlett of Viking Tackle for the generous sponsorship. Notice of this competition will issue closer to the date. We hope to have Penn League points again this time. We kindly thank Alan Yates & Sea Angler Magazine for arranging this.

### Home Nations Shore Championship, Wales 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April

Unfortunately this clashes with the first Boat League weekend which will reduce the Irish entry a little. Just shows how cluttered the year is becoming. Those intending to travel please let Mick Quinn know as soon as possible.

### European Shore Championships, Holland, 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of November.

Although this event is a while away anyone intending to travel should make their intentions known as early as possible. The entry fee is €485 including accommodation, travel costs and car hire will be

additional to this. Once we know the group size we can cost these. The earlier flights are booked the cheaper they are!!

### Teams for 2008

Boat:

#### A Team

Peter Mc Cartin  
Tommy Squires  
Gordon Darker  
Soy Shipway  
Dave Rylands  
Team Manager, Kieran Rice  
Assistants, Dermot O'Brien & Terry Carolan

#### B Team

Shay O'Neill  
Joe Gough  
Des O'Connell  
John Cronin  
Johnny Griffin

Shore:

#### A Team

Ken Forsyth  
Mick Quinn  
Ian Knight  
Stephen Glynn  
Robbie Gilbert

#### B Team

Jack Keegan  
Darren Ryan  
Peadar Taite  
Peter Taite  
Mick Devoy

We wish them all the best of luck for the coming season's championships.

### We Have a World Champion!!

On behalf of all EFSA members I would like to congratulate EFSA Member Paul Whelan for his magnificent achievement of winning a Gold Medal at the recent World Kick Boxing Championships in Boston. Well done Paul.

### A.G.M. Requirements.

The 2008 A.G.M. will take place on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> in Bray Head Fishing Club. It is likely to be a long meeting as the prize giving for all boat and shore league events will take place at it.

This year all Executive and Committee positions will be up for election, as we are at the end of the 3 year period.

'Sitting' Executive and Committee members do not require nominations as they come up for re-election automatically. Incumbents not wishing to go forward for another term must make this known to the secretary **6 months** before the A.G.M. i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> May. Nominations for the Executive must be notified in writing, stating name, proposer and seconder no later than **2 months** before the date i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Please complete and return the membership form enclosed to ensure notification.

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