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Annual Report for the year 2022



DTAA Secretary Report 2022

2022 will probably go down as the year for getting back to the new normal, apart from DTAA having to postpone our AGM to 25th March the rest of the year we managed to run our normal competition schedule being mindful to keep within the restrictions. We are getting back on track for 2023 and the AGM is back to its normal slot on the last Friday in January, Lucan Spa Hotel 27th January 2023.

I had a very enjoyable fishing year in 2022, like most anglers I did not get as much fishing in as I would like but when opportunities presented, I got to the water. I enjoyed an extra few days on Conn in April in advance of our regular May bank holiday weekend. I had action every day, Conn really is a fantastic lake with super game fish. I did not get the size and numbers for any podium positions, but what more would you want, than to know you are never far from lively wild brown trout and fabulous fishy drifts.

Next, I travelled with my daughter for the Ladies International in Menteith, Scotland and I got a chance to hook into some fantastic Menteith Rainbows. Menteith is now definitely on the list as a venue that I have to return to. While I was there, I did a bit of exploring and called into the local tackle shop in Calander for advice on permits and evening river trout fishing. Time was limited, but I did get a few hours on the River Teith, downstream of Calander. While I did not catch, I saw enough swirls and splashes to know I was fishing for the wrong fish. I needed heavier gear for the longer silvery version of Salmonid.

I fished the Liffey at Clane on only 2 or 3 evenings. It is very disappointing the decline in trout size and numbers there. We continue to have the same very limited access problems to our stretches at Straffan and Celbridge. Inland Fisheries Ireland held a presentation in Westgrove Hotel, Clane on 22nd November 2022 to present the findings of the fish

survey they carried out on the Liffey during 2021. The title of the study is "Population Structure and Genetic Stock Identification of the Liffey Catchment Brown Trout", and I would recommend any member interested in finding out more should check out the IFI website and take a look at their report. The IFI have combined the findings from the fish scale sampling a few years earlier with the 2021 survey. Some of the conclusions I found particularly interesting in terms of the numbers of trout that are born in a particular area of the Liffey who stay in that area and then other areas of the Liffey where a high proportion of fish having been born in an area, later move out of the area. I guess if trout are happy in their habitat why would they move out and if there is something they don't like in their habitat they will migrate.

The report found that Liffey brown trout were 'fast growing and short lived' compared to some other Irish rivers and that this finding was consistent with previous IFI studies on the Liffey going back to the '50's. But surprisingly the IFI found that taking the Liffey as a whole, there was no particular decline in trout numbers. In addition, the discharges from waste water treatment plants were not identified as having any significant impact. I know many anglers will have a difficulty with these points and that Federation of Liffey Anglers (FLAC) are planning to get back to IFI to raise some comments on the presentation. The study did identify local areas where there were poor fish numbers and mentioned in particular upper Ballymore Eustice and mid Clane section. For Clane (includes DTAA licenced fishery) it was suggested that some interventions would improve conditions for the fish, and in particular encouraging 'fish friendly flows'. They reported the build up of silt at Clane is not a natural thing and deflectors and two stage channels could be introduced as pilot to see how conditions might improve. While we may not agree with all of the findings of the report, any improvement would be welcomed so IFI 'bring it on'.

Results of DTAA competitions and DTAA successes at internationals and qualifiers will be dealt with elsewhere in this report, but I take to opportunity to congratulate them all. Particular congratulations to DTAA member John Farrington and the other members of the Irish Youths Team for winning GOLD at the home international in Lough Lene in July 2022.

In ITFFA news, I'm sure all DTAA members would like to thank Noel Shiels for his excellent service as ITFFA Leinster Chairman. It is great Noel is staying on the Leinster committee and will remain involved in the national team selection sub committee. Also, I'm sure all DTAA members will join with me in a big congratulations to Julie Gerry for her appointment as the new ITFFA Leinster Chairperson. We look forward to working with you Julie.

I would like to take this opportunity to let members know the way the DTAA committee duties are shared between committee members. We continue to have the officer posts in Gerry Heaslip as president, Fran Nugent vice president (outgoing), Cathal Mc Donnell, Secretary and Declan Mc Kibben as Treasurer. In addition, we have Gary Coakley as Committee Chairman, Tom Hipwell as Competition Secretary, Justin Clarke as Membership Secretary, Clive Mills who looks after Trophies and replicas and Gerry Heaslip & John O'Neil for boat management. Also, a big thank you to Declan for our new look DTAA website. I would encourage any member interested in coming on the committee to contact one of the above or come along to the upcoming AGM in Lucan Spa Hotel on 27th January 2023 and express an interest in getting on the committee. Many hands make light work.

For members who would like vehicle access to Bohernabreena you are asked to phone Gerry Heaslip, on 086 2253126 before 26th February 2023 so there is time to have details finalised with

Secretary's Report

Dublin City Council representative. In previous years it has been awkward dealing with late requests and sending Dublin City Council multiple updates of the list after the deadline has closed. They have been very accommodating to date, but we should really try to have the list finalised by end of February.

On behalf of the committee, I wish all members a safe and a happy new year and a successful season for 2023.

Tight lines,

Cathal DTAA



New Member Rudolf Britz shows off his first Lene fish—what a way to start!



Nessan Kelly plays a Conn trout caught on dries

Boating Safety

In the past few years, a considerable number of new members have joined DTAA The Association has boats available for members to use, and as the boats are not closely supervised, it is up to members to exercise caution when using boats to ensure that they are safe at all times. We have collected a few thoughts on boat safety to guide inexperienced members, and to refresh the knowledge of the old-salts among us.

The most important advice we can give is that you should know the lake you are going out on. Do not boat on a lake if you are unfamiliar with the area you are going to. Always take a person with knowledge of the lake with you before you set out.

Secondly, try to avoid emergency situations before they can occur by being cautious and by acting sensibly. Once an emergency occurs on the water it can quickly become very serious and life-threatening. Bad weather is a major contributor to boat accidents, do not go out in bad weather or if bad weather is forecasted.

Always be prepared for engine failure. If you would not be able to control the boat on the oars, then it is not suitable to go out.

BY LAW, LIFEJACKETS ARE REQUIRED TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES

Before you go on the water:

1. Make sure that you consult the weather forecast, especially the wind strength. Be aware of weather warnings that may be active. Check inland lakes forecast on www.met.ie.
2. Check water conditions before you launch – definitely do not go out if you see spray being blown off the waves, but do not wait until conditions get this extreme. Met Eireann issues a small-craft warnings for Beaufort Scales 5 and above (wind greater than 30km/hr) and it is recommended that club members exercise extreme care well before the weather even approaches these conditions.
3. Ensure that you are warmly dressed and that you wear appropriate footwear
4. Make sure that someone knows where you plan to go and how long you will be on the water
5. Make sure you have some means of

communication (mobile phone), it is charged and waterproofed.

6. Ensure your engine is properly serviced in good running order
7. Ensure that your engine is securely attached to the boat and that you have used a safety chain.
8. Make sure that the engine kill-switch is attached to the helmsman.
9. Make sure you have sufficient petrol, and it is of the correct type (e.g. 2-stroke oil), make sure that your fuel tank bleed valve is open.
10. Essential boat equipment:
 - Set of oars
 - Bailing bucket
 - Length of rope (preferably a floating rope)
11. Bail out the boat and remove any slime from the floor of the boat to prevent slipping
12. Make sure that there is no rope trailing from the boat which may catch in the propeller. Use rope secured to the bow of the boat that is no longer than the boat so it can not catch in the propeller.
13. Pack things neatly in the boat to avoid tripping over your equipment
14. Make sure your boat partner knows how to use your engine; you may need them to take over in an emergency.

As you go on the water perform the following initial checks:

1. Ensure that your engine is working correctly, if you suspect any issues with your engine return to shore.
2. Observe that engine cooling water flow from the impeller is working.
3. After a few minutes, recheck the engine clamps just in case engine vibrations may have loosened the clamps.
4. Make sure that you have read water conditions correctly from shore and return to shore if it is worse than you first thought.
5. Ensure boatman and partner keep the boat trim, particularly when motoring the boat in heavy weather.



Tom Hipwell out on Lene on a very successful day with Justin Clarke

General boating advice:

1. Do not overload the boat, generally we should not have more than two anglers in the boat.
2. Do not stand up in the boat unnecessarily. When moving in the boat, keep your centre of gravity low. Warn your partner if you intend to move or lean over the side of the boat so they can counterbalance if necessary. It is best to bend over and make sure you are holding onto the boat with both your hands and then only move one of your four limbs at a time when moving in the boat.
3. Ensure weight is distributed evenly in the boat. Avoid too much weight on one side of the boat as well as having weight too far forward or too far back.
4. Travel slowly, particularly in areas you are not familiar with or when approaching shore. 'If you think you are travelling slow

enough – slow down!'

5. In high waves, try to travel into the waves, and do not travel along the waves.
6. Take care when you are travelling downwind in heavy waves as the waves may cause the boat to broach (turn sideways) and capsize.
7. Adjust your speed when in heavy weather do not go too fast or too slow, concentrate on meeting each wave at the correct angle, speed and under the correct power.
8. If stopping on shore for a short while, make sure that your boat is properly secured, particularly if the wind is blowing away from the shore.
9. When underway, make sure that you are on constant lookout for other boats or markers indicating underwater hazards, a good way to do this is to move the boat slightly from port to starboard and back as you travel as

this allows you to scan the water ahead.

10. When possible, always approach a shoreline from the leeward side of an island or a point.

When you get back to shore:

1. Secure the boat properly:
 - Make sure that you have pulled it up sufficiently
 - Ensure that the boat is securely tethered
2. Support the sides of the boat with tyres and ensure that the boat cannot bash against other boats.
3. Ensure that the boat and oars are securely locked and the keys stowed
4. Remove all your belongings, litter and discarded fishing line.

Wind Force	State	Appearance on the Water (Lake Conditions)	Wind km/hr	Wind Knots
0	Calm	Water surface smooth and mirror-like	Less than 2	Less than 1
1	Light Air	Scaly ripples, no foam crests	3-6	1-3
2	Light Breeze	Small wavelets, crests glassy, no breaking	7-11	4-6
3	Gentle Breeze	Large wavelets, crests begin to break, scattered whitecaps	12-19	7-10
4	Moderate Breeze	Small waves 25-50cm. becoming longer, numerous whitecaps	20-30	11-16
5	Fresh Breeze	Moderate waves 35-60 cm taking longer form, many whitecaps, some spray	31-39	17-21
6	Strong Breeze	Larger waves 50-75cm, whitecaps common, more spray	40-50	22-27
7	Near Gale	Water heaps up, waves 1m, white foam streaks off breakers	51-61	28-33
8	Gale	Moderately high >1m waves of greater length, edges of crests begin to break into spindrift, foam blown in streaks	62-74	34-40
9	Strong Gale	High waves 1.5m, water begins to roll, dense streaks of foam, spray may reduce visibility	75-87	41-47
10	Storm	Very high waves (2m) with overhanging crests, sea white with densely blown foam, heavy rolling, lowered visibility	88-102	48-55
11	Violent Storm	Exceptionally high (>2m) waves, foam patches cover sea, visibility more reduced	103-117	56-63
12	Hurricane	Air filled with foam, waves over 2.5m, water completely white with driving spray, visibility greatly reduced	Greater than 118	64+



Ready to start—ITFFA Leinster qualifiers

D.T.A.A. BOAT RULES

The following rules apply to DTAA boat use:

- The use of DTAA boats is for members only for insurance reasons
- Boat must be booked in advance with boat manager, Gerry Heaslip and John O'Neill for their contact details, please see membership card
- Life jackets must be worn at all times
- After use, pull boat well up on shore and place tyres under each side
- Lock the oars under the seats and lock the

front of the boat to the ground chain

- Leave the boat clean and tidy and take all your litter home
- Don't forget to return keys
- Please exercise care on the water and make sure you look at the weather forecast before setting out.

Gerry Heaslip



Review Of a Fishing Year

Is there anything more boring than reading someone else's diary...or worse again, their Fishing Diary? Well, don't blame me! My arm has been twisted by the Editor to do a quick review of an "ordinary DTAA Member's" fishing diary for 2022. Why he picked on me I have no idea- especially when there are Inter-provincial and Irish team members in our membership who have far more interesting outings than I do. I guess he was desperate to fill some vacant space in his annual report. Don't worry, I too rolled my eyes and sighed in resignation. So I will keep it as brief as I can.

Looking back I see that I was very fortunate to have had a total of 44 outings in 2022 on a variety of waters, including Lough's Nadirkmore, Ne-ambrakkeagh, Mask, Conn, Corrib, Ennell, Lene, Wavin Lake, Roundwood Reservoir and The River Liffey. Some of these outings were only an hour or two and others on the bigger lakes were all day affairs. Here's a brief stroll through of some of them.

February 20th -in rain, hail showers and 4°C and some snow still on the mountaintops- was the season opener for me on a corrie lake in Mayo. A single feisty 10 inch wild brownie took a size 12 red tagged peacock herl black spider sub surface on an intermediate line in the two hours I endured fishing from the shore (before my hands were too numb to retrieve any more and I could barely feel anything below the waist in my waders) but it was really great to experience the familiar tug on the line, see the bend in the rod and hear the sound of the reel.

March and April's diary entries show that the biggest fish caught was 36cms to a gold ribbed Olive nymph on the Kilbride shore of Lough Mask in mid April with the Blae Sooty Olive and Connemara Black also attracting attention. The reliable Silver Dabbling, Grey Wulff, Green Wulff, Royal Wulff, Dark Claret Hopper, Corrib CDC winged brown Mayfly, Yellow Mayfly Dabbling, Green Partridge Pearly Dabbling Mayfly, International Dabbling all worked for me this year.

Lough Mask's western shore was very tough going in 2022 with many undersized fish, low water temperature until the middle of May, sparse fly life and few fish feeding on the surface. It was also windier any time I ventured out which limited the fishing to

protected bays. Trolling flies (I know...a sin!) on Mask seemed to attract more hits than casting this year sadly.

Lough Ennell in May (where there were of Mayfly and sedges hatching!) yielded only one small fish to the Club Secretary and a few missed rises between three rods. Tough day out with twenty five other boats on the water all struggling to meet fish!

An expedition to Lough Conn in early June confirmed to me that Conn's trout are still more free rising than Corrib, Mask or Ennell combined. Sixty fish were netted and released between seven rods over the three days to both wets and dries with the largest fish of 38cms taking a Royal Wulff. The International Dabbling, Tom Doc Mask Dabbling, Green and Olive Fan-wing Mayfly and Gorgeous Green George also were also particularly successful.

August saw Ireland basking in a heatwave, so I let the fish rest with the water temperatures being so high.

Four visits to Lough Lene in June, September and October show that it was the dry red arsed leggy Daddy, orange Foam Daddy, dark Klinkhammer, Grey Wulff, small Black sedge and a wet Silver Daddy that were the most successful patterns. I also witnessed a remarkable moment on one of these visits to Lene when my boat partner and I spotted the back of a fine rainbow feeding slowly just below the surface and approaching the boat between our two dry fly casts. We wondered out loud if it might be a sick or dying fish as we could not believe its unperturbed feeding towards us. We both looked at each other with the same thought as it got closer and closer. My boat partner quietly put his rod down, slowly picked up the net, slid it silently into the water and then we held our breath and waited.

The fish swam on and thirty seconds later it was in the net, thrashing as if suddenly awoken from a sleep walk! It was quickly measured at around 3lb



before being released to swim away swiftly and strongly." A fishy tale" I hear you say...but no, it really happened!! Truly remarkable.

Lough Corrib proved to be very difficult in September despite two days of perfect fishing weather with little fly life visible on day one but better on day two. The Great Western Sedge was the order of the day we were advised by Basil Shields, but four rods returned only one fish of 2.5lbs and a four half-hearted rises (despite trying a variety of flies, lines and methods!) between us.

My final day out in 2022 was on December 23rd on Wavin Lake in north County Dublin (where my boat partner is a member). For those of you unfamiliar with Wavin, it's a stocked lake with mainly big rainbows and like my first day on the water in February, it was a very cold and very wet morning (my waterproof fishing jacket is apparently no longer waterproof!). Anyway, five hours of casting yielded nine big rainbows of up to 6lbs between us all caught-bar one which fell to red straggle worm fly-on a gold headed Humongous fished either as a single "fly" or with a smaller Black Humongous with green flash on the dropper.

So, there you have it. A brief look at the 2022 Fishing Diary of an ordinary DTAA member. You can unroll your eyes now!!

Mark McAllister

2022 Ladies International, Lake of Menteith, Scotland

The Ladies 4 Nations International on the Lake of Menteith Fisheries

The Ladies International in 2022 was a much anticipated day. We had our team established from Irish trails in 2019 which made myself Almha Mc Donnell captain and Liz Dermott vice captain. We thought the international was never going to happen with the Covid-19 pandemic cancelling the two previously planned years.

We had 3 years planning for this trip. When the time finally came we spent the week prior to the international scouting the lake finding pods of feeding fish,

noticing when they switch on and off, noting flies that worked at different areas of the lake. Everyone caught fish on practice days and we were confident in the method we had found.

As fishing goes, the conditions on the day of the competition grew a lot more challenging than anticipated. In a change from the practice days, competition day was extremely wild and windy.

Ireland came 3rd overall, England won gold and Wales were awarded silver medal, leaving Scotland with the wooden spoon. Ireland's Ann Kerrin won

the Top Irish rod and the Top international rod (brown bowl) with 9 fish on the day.

We may not have got the result we wanted but it was a memorable week and so many strong fighting fish in the Lake of Menteith, such a beautiful part of the World.

Almha McDonnell

My First International Competition—Paul (Diller) Delaney

A few words on my experience on earning my first jacket for the Irish International team.

We departed Dublin on the 24th September with all our homework done and we were looking forward to fishing a lake with little information about tactics. This meant that we had to do a lot of work on the practice days to understand how best to fish the lake.

25th September - first practice day: I fished with Tony Walsh and had a fabulous day static fishing was the most productive method with a dabbler and booby on the point.

26th September – second practice day: I fished with Stephen Brown. A really enjoyable day with plenty of fish caught mostly by pulling wets in a wave. We found that Dabblers (mosaic/gold) and boobys worked the best.

27th September – third practice day: I fished with Paddy Ward, our captain, it was a day for us to cancel out areas and lines which we did. We did not have

many fish on the day because we were busy with the process of eliminating a lot of flies from our competition box and finding out tactics which would not be expected to work on match day.

28th September – fourth practice day: I fished with Ciaran Newman. Unfortunately, I had to leave the lake after the morning session after developing flu symptoms, but I still managed to land 6 fish before I had to go. That afternoon and evening, I slept right through to match day, and thankfully, I felt a lot better.

29th September - Match Day: We had an early start, got onto the bus and headed off to the lake. I could have not been paired with a nicer partner for the day – Peter Aucterlone. Peter had previously won 10 golden medals and four brown bowls. I remember Michael Monaghan's advice just before we set out. Michael said: "Don't worry, even if you're six-down your time will come; be patient." Never a truer word and Michael's advice

came to pass. I went six-down to my partner in the morning session, but then in the afternoon session, I got five back. However, Peter landed a few more to finish the day ahead. Despite this, I had a great experience.

Some of the things that stood out for me over the whole week was the presentation dinner where we unfortunately got the wooden spoon, also, the hectic schedule of the week was such that we had to even have our team meetings on the bus.

Paul Delaney

(Editor's note: Paul has once again qualified for the 2023 Irish team and we wish him luck and look forward to hearing more about his international fishing experiences)



Reflections On The 2022 Season—Justin Clarke

2022 started with much promise as we all expected to have the worst of the Covid 19 pandemic behind us. Thankfully we all found that our lives were not being controlled by a virus and things got back to normal. Unfortunately I was only able to fish one DTAA competition this year due to a busy schedule.

I had some successful winter fishing at Gormantown, and looked forward to getting out on the lakes. Early season was very windy and I spent a few days on Lene and Owel with some success. At this time of the season, I found that wet flies were successful, in particular small olives and simple black flies. I fished the Leinster qualifier with Colin Cahill, an excellent angler. On a wild day on Owel, and we both did very well with 12 fish in the boat between us. We both qualified for the Leinster team (a first for me).

As we moved into May, I had the pleasure of fishing with some of my close friends on Lene and Ennell, the latter being a lake that I've been trying to work out for some time. Lene was very productive and Ennell started bearing some fruit, although it is always a challenge. Days which stood out were a day on Lene with Tom Hipwell (many fish caught), a number of days with Padraic Hamrock and fishing the LM Byrne cup with Edel Deceis where we both got very good fish.

Crossmolina, as always, was a highlight of the year, and although we landed fish over the two days, that elusive 'big-one' was not to be found.

After May, Padraic, Mark McAllister and I had some excellent fishing days on Lene and mainly with dry flies and emergers which, when the conditions were right, resulted in some excellent hauls. I also had a memorable day on Lene with Rudolf Britz (a new member) where the fish kept us waiting until late in the afternoon, and then we couldn't stop reeling them in. It was great to spend a day on the water with a fellow South African and to see Rudolf land his first Irish lake trout on dry flies.

In the later part of the season, I spent some time on Sheelin practicing for the Interprovincial. The practice days were long and tough and frustrating for my boat partners and myself. Thanks to Peter, Padraic and Terry for the help and advice on these days.

On the day of the competition, I managed to land one fish (and had a half-a-dozen fish interested, but not taking), and was happy to be on a winning Leinster team. Paul Delaney from DTAA was more successful and placed well enough to make the Irish team (a habit of his in recent years) – well done Paul!

And so ended another year of fishing. Since then, I have managed to fit in a number of

successful days of out-of-season fishing at Gormanstown but am looking forward to March when things will open up again.

Thanks to all my fishing companions of the past year, I look forward to meeting up with you again for some memorable days.

Tight lines all for the new season

Justin Clarke



Treasurer's Report 2019

Due to prudent financial management in 2022 the association returned a small surplus of Eur240 once we allow for unredeemed DTAA competition prize vouchers monies collected in 2022 to augment the annual budgetary provision which supports DTAA anglers competing internationally for Ireland (almost €800 in total). This follows a 2021 surplus of €483

2022, however, was quite a different year compared to 2021. With the Covid

restrictions lifted before the season started, we had a return to "normal" activities and this is reflected in the accounts. Total income was up from €9,530 in 2021 to €16,865 in 2022. Member subscriptions increased by 22% in value (you will recall that we had reduced the renewal fee for members in 2021 and this returned to the usual €60 in 2022). Receipts from competition activity was in excess of €6000 in 2022 compared to zero in 2021! Needless to say, competi-

tion costs and expenses (including the 50th anniversary Crossmolina weekend) exceeded that amount but came in within budget expectations. The financial statements will soon be audited by the external auditors and I look forward to giving a more comprehensive report at the AGM later this month.

Declan McKibben (Treasurer)

Christmas Competition

The Christmas fun competition was held this year at Anamoe fisheries. A big thank you to Brian who had tea and coffee waiting for us on arrival. The weather was extremely mild on the day. At the end of the day 's fishing, Cathal McDonnell came in first place, Gerry Heaslip second and Dermot Flynn (who is always well placed in the Xmas competition), third. Tom Smith & Justin Clarke shared the biggest fish prize

Gerry Heaslip



Conn & Cullin Anglers Win The Dublin Bowl

After a two year break due to Covid-19, the annual competition resumed between DTAA and our friends in Lough Conn & Cullin Anglers over the May Bank holiday weekend. It was great to see our Crossmolina friends after a forced absence of two years.

This year's competition was also significant because it marked the 50th anniversary of the competition and the competitors were especially keen to take the honours on such a special anniversary of the competition.

Dublin having won the last trophy in 2019 were not fortunate enough to retain it this time and Conn & Cullin had a relatively easy win with Padraig Traynor being the best angler on the Saturday with seven fish giving him a resounding first-place on the day. Donal Raftery was the best placed DTAA angler, coming in in third place.

The weather on the Saturday was windy, but clear. As in the past few years, large fish were difficult to catch and overall the returns were down on previous years.

The two groups of anglers fished for the Pratt Cup on the Sunday, with Stephen Brown of Conn & Cullin coming out top. Conditions were good, with a moderate wind and cloud cover. Despite this, few fish were caught which measured.

Padraig Traynor was the best placed angler overall on the two days and was presented

with the Ronnie Miley trophy.

The Conn & Cullin Anglers presented a beautifully crafted stool with an inlay of Lough Conn to Gary Coakely to mark his long participation in the event over the past 50 years. Gary had been present on the first competition weekend. On accepting this magnificent gift, Gary thanked our hosts, paid tribute to all those who have taken part over the years, and remembered those who are sadly no longer with us.

As always, we thank our friends in Conn & Cullin for such generous hospitality—although we aim to reclaim the Dublin Bowl in 2023 (be warned!)

Justin Clarke



In Memorium

The Committee and Members wish to extend their sympathies to the families of those members, past members and friends of the Association that may have passed away during the last year.

In particular our thoughts go out to the family and friends of Bobby Woods a long-time member of DTAA who had great success in Club and International Competitions, to the family of Jack Doolan (who passed away in 2021 and was a great friend of DTAA) and also to the family of Maureen Monaghan, mother of Michael Monaghan.



**Chris Meadows
Pasker Cup 2022**



**Fran Nugent
LM Byrne Cup 2022**



**Gerry Heaslip
Elvery Cup 2022**



**Fran Nugent
Anna Livia Trophy 2022**



**Gerry Heaslip
Ryder Cup 2022**



**Fran Nugent
Mc Carron Cup 2022**

Competition Review 2022

It was great to be back after 2 years out and our club competitions didn't disappoint with over 100 members attending our 6 club competitions. We had several new members along this year who all enjoyed themselves and managed to win prizes. This is great to see and any new member who would like to get more involved in the club should try attend these competitions as they are great fun and a great way to get to know the members.

This year the Angler of the year went down to the final competition of the year which provided extra excitement on the day. Interestingly 3 anglers shared the 6 winning trophies between them. It was also great to see a new winner of juvenile angler of the year in JP Johnson

DTAA were very successful this year across all the different categories in ITFFA and ladies competitions. Congratulations to DTAA junior member, John Farrington, who represented Ireland in the Lough Lene in July and brought home a well-deserved gold medal. John has been a consistent juvenile angler for the past few years, and he has been a great junior representative of the DTAA.

Another great achievement was by Almha McDonnell, who was the youngest ever captain of the Irish Ladies Team in their international in Lake of Menteth. She also qualified for the ladies team next year and has represented DTAA so well.

Congratulations to Eoin Dunne who fished the Spring International on Lough Melvin and was part of Darren

Maguire's Gold winning team. Congratulation to all the team and management on an amazing result.

Paul Delaney represented DTAA on Lynn Trawsfyndd in September, his first Irish Cap. The result didn't go our way however Paul managed 5 fish.

In the National Qualifier on Lough Conn we had an amazing result for DTAA with 3 anglers: David Canning, John O'Neill, Fran Nugent all qualifying on a tough day with only 22 fish caught,

In the National Inter Pro Final on Lough Sheelin we had the Leinster Team taking Gold and Paul Dealney qualifying for his second cap and Justin Clarke finishing 2nd Sub,

Next year will be a huge and monumental year for DTAA with 4 anglers fishing on the Spring International, David Canning, John O'Neill, Fran Nugent and Paul Delaney. With Fran Nugent given the very huge honour of captaining the side. Good luck Fran and the Irish team as they prepare for the match in May.

Congratulations to Gerry Heaslip, Fran Nugent and Cathal McDonnell who all qualified to fish the National Final on Lough Ennell in May 2023.

Thanks to my subcommittee of Gerry Heaslip, Declan McKibben and Clive Mills.

Hope to see you all again in our 2023 competitions.



2023 Irish Team Qualifiers, Dave Canning, Fran Nugent (Capt), John O'Neill. Paul Delaney qualified in September



Juvenile Angler of the Year: JP Johnson

COMPETITION RESULTS 2022

Pasker Cup, Lough Owel, 9th April 2022

Place	Name	No.	(lbs.)
1st	Chris Meadows	2	3.745
2nd	Tom Hipwell	1	3.42
3rd	John O'Neill	2	3.39

L.M. Byrne Cup, Lough Lene, 28th May 2022 (Heaviest Fish)

1st	Fran Nugent	1	5.80
2nd	Justin Clarke	1	5.625
3rd	Declan McKibben	1	4.735

Elvery Cup, Lough Lene, 7th July 2022 (Heaviest Fish)

1st	Gerry Heaslip	1	3.2
2nd	Tom Hipwell	1	3.13
3rd	John O'Neill	1	3.07

Anna Livia Trophy, Bohernabreena, 20 Aug 2022

1st	Fran Nugent	4	3.675
2nd	John O'Neill	2	3.405
3rd	Gerry Heaslip	2	2.585

Ryder Cup, Bohernabreena, 4th September 2022

1st	Gerry Heaslip	3	3.095
2nd	Tom Hipwell	3	2.545
3rd	John O'Neill	1	2.165

McCarron Cup, Trout Lough Owel, 24th September 2019

1st	Fran Nugent	2	5.11
2nd	Eoin Dunne	2	4.72
3rd	Tom Hipwell	2	4.06

Ronnie Miley Trophy: Padraic Traynor

Table of Aggregate Points Scored (Top 10 anglers)

Place	Name	Points
1st	Tom Hipwell	47
2nd	Fran Nugent	37
3rd	John O'Neill	36
4th	Gerry Heaslip	35
5th	Gary Coakley	31
6th	P J O Driscoll	22
7th	Chris Meadows	19
8th	Justin Clarke	9
	Eoin Dunne	9
10th	Declan McKibben	8

Notice to Members

Please note that juvenile members must be accompanied by an adult member when fishing on Association waters or in an event, organised by the Association. The accompanying adult, if not a permanent member, must have a day permit for the day in question. This is an insurance requirement and must be obeyed.

Non DTAA members accompanying members on a DTAA boat also will need to apply for Day Membership, which is obtainable by sending a text to Justin Clarke or John O'Neill (Details on our website).

Members should return their Membership Renewal Form with payment of their annual sub as soon as they can. This will help us to compile the statement of fish caught and make the necessary return to the IFI in good time. Thank you,

Membership Secretary

Care On The River

Be aware that water levels in the Liffey can rise rapidly due to water release from the ESB works at Poulaphouca, data is available on-line and please check before venturing out on the water. Water can take between 11 to 15 hours to reach our waters.

Dave Ring Cup: awarded to the member scoring the most aggregate points in Association fly-fishing competitions. This year with 47 Points; **Angler of the year: Tom Hipwell**

Martin Donohoe Trophy (presented by Tara Mines). Awarded to the member catching the heaviest trout in Association fly fishing competitions. Winner: **Fran Nugent 5.8lbs.** in the LM Byrne Cup Competition.

The Ronnie Miley trophy was awarded to **Padraic Traynor (Conn & Cullin)** who was the best overall angler on the Crossmolina weekend.

Bob Allen Cup: Awarded to the juvenile based on competition results and general commitment to the club. **JP Johnson**

John Farrington represented Ireland in its gold-winning Youth Team on Lough Lene

Well done to **Eoin Dunne** who fished for the Irish team in 2019 at the Spring international and Paul Delaney in the Autumn internationals.

Almha McDonnell fished for the Irish ladies team in England this year as captain, Almha has also qualified for next year.

Paul Delaney and Justin Clarke qualified to fish for Leinster in 2022

Also well done to **Dave Canning, Fran Nugent & John O'Neill and Paul Delaney** who all qualified to fish in 2023 internationals. Fran was nominated as captain.

Membership Report

DTAA membership has remained constant over the pandemic years and we welcomed a fair number of new members over the years. We welcome all new members to DTAA. However membership numbers remain historically low, please encourage interested people to join.

We would appeal to all members to become active in DTAA activities and to contribute to the health of the association. This is one way to ensure that your subscription gives value for money.

Please inform the membership secretary of any changes to your contact details so we can remain in contact.

Furthermore, we are continuing moving increasingly to email as our primary means of communication, both for cost and efficiency reasons. Please make sure that we have your email address.

Thank you, *Membership Secretary*

Bohernabreena Access

Members wishing to access Bohernabreena by car during 2020 should contact Gerry Heaslip: 086 225 3126 and provide their car registration details before 25 February 2020. Places are limited, so please only request access if you intend using this fishery.

APPRECIATION

The committee wish to express the gratitude of the Association to the following:

Mr Dan O'Brien, our Waterkeeper in Clane.

Rory's and Southside Angling for their generous donation of prizes for our weekend trip to Lough Conn and Juvenile Outing.

Craul's Shop, Manor Kilbride, and Charles Camping, Blessington for selling our day permits for the Liffey fisheries.

All the Landowners, who facilitate us in getting to the river bank.

The Managers and Staff of IFI, for their help and advice during the year.

Mr Michael Doolan who look after our boat requirements on Lough Owel.

Mr Tommy Fagan, who looks after our boat on Lough Lene.

The Many Members who contributed generously to the Association's Fishery Development Fund.

Release Fish Safely

DTAA asks its members to take great care when releasing fish. Please revive your fish in a net in the water before releasing it. Always wet your hands before handling a live fish. Ensure that the fish is fine before releasing it. Please do not remove fish unnecessarily.