



# Dublin Trout Anglers' Association

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## Annual Report for the year 2024

### DTAA Secretary Report 2024

Welcome to the DTAA annual report for 2024. Published later than usual this year, but this means we are even closer to getting the rods out again.

Following some back-and-forth queries, DTAA entered a new lease with the ESB for fishing at Poulaphouca Reservoir. One notable clarification is the extent of the Reservoir is now better defined on the lease and includes all parts of the Reservoir the ESB are in control of, including the section of the Upper Liffey from the Reservoir to Little Bridge, Ballyward. Other conditions are similar to the previous lease, e.g. members need to carry their DTAA membership cards when fishing, not to hold any special events without first obtaining permission from ESB, any boats used on the reservoir are subject to a separate licence, DTAA must maintain its insurance policies when using the reservoir, reasonable steps are to be taken to prevent the spread of any aquatic invasive species, conditions relating to good housekeeping at all times, DTAA payment of annual licence fee, no anglers to approach closer to the dam than the start of the narrow headrace, an approximate distance of 200m. DTAA worked closely with Kilbride Anglers in finalising the new lease and in particular big thank you to Kilbride Secretary, Eamonn Kelly. The fishing is shared between the two clubs where each club has a separate lease from ESB.

Leixlip Reservoir had been included in our previous ESB lease, but to my knowledge it has been several decades since a DTAA member has fished for trout there. It has effectively become a coarse fishery and appears to be operated as 'free fishing', with no controls in place requiring membership or permits for access. There is virtually no opportunity to fly fish in Leixlip and particularly where coarse anglers occupy the limited number of spaces there. The ESB have said they could look into offering a new lease for DTAA, if we wish, but unless there are calls from the membership to reestablish a lease here, the additional licence fee that would be involved does not seem an appropriate use of membership funds.

Many of you will be aware by now that the Insurers for our ITFFA 'Marine Insurance policy' included a new requirement this year which limits the engine size

covered under the policy to 20hp. This is unlikely to impact many of our DTAA members but will affect some anglers who fish on the larger western lakes. It is very unfortunate that there was not some prior warning for anglers who had invested in larger engines in recent years.

In recent years many of you will be aware of the decline in trout numbers in the DTAA Liffey fisheries, and in the Liffey in general. As reported previously in our annual report it is not at all clear what the reason for this is. Many thanks to Clane Trout and Salmon Anglers Association (CTSAA), there has been some work done this year to try understand some of the issues that are going on and to try establishing measures that might try improving the situation. I was delighted when Fintan Cullen, Hon Treasurer of CTSAA agreed to provide us with an update on the progress and allow us include it in this annual report. I am looking forward to reading it in completing this report. Thanks again to CTSAA in leading this excellent work with IFI, and DTAA remain available to offer any assistance we can.

I was disappointed I could not attend the DTAA Family Day at Laois Angling Centre on 2nd September '24 this year. By all accounts a good day was had by all, and I know investing in our youth is important to all our members. I would encourage all members who have young children or might know friends with chil-

dren who would be interested in a great family day out, to check out the next DTAA event, you won't be disappointed. A big thank you to DTAA Treasurer, Declan Mc Kibben for organizing this year's event.

Well done to Tom Smyth and Tom Hipwell for continuing the DTAA 'WhatsApp' Fly Tying Group again this year. Great chat group for sharing information on fly patterns and materials and if you are lucky enough you can get a nice key ring to display your fly. Anyone interested in joining, contact a committee member to get added to the group.

Well done to DTAA angler John O'Neill who fished on the Irish team at the home international on Lough Ennell this year. Well done also to DTAA lady anglers Edel Decies and Almha Mc Donnell who fished on the Irish Ladies team in Wales in May '24.

I was lucky enough to get to fish the national final on Lough Lein, Killarney in May this year. 'Killarney Lein' can be very tough lake to get a measurable fish and a venue I had only fished twice before. We had good conditions for wet fly for the event and enjoyable few days even if the majority of the fish were below the measure. I fished one practice day with DTAA angler Dave Canning and unfortunately, we had engine trouble with the hired boat we had and had to take



**2024 Leinster Champion, DTAA's Brian Conway, winning the Corcoran Cup with his fine 10lb Brown Trout, Lough Owel, 21st April '24.**

## Secretary's Report (cont.)



**Full finned Lough Owel wild brownie, 2024 Leinster Championship.**

turns rowing halfway across the lake to get to shore. We had to call the boat hire guy for a tow home the rest of the way! For the 2nd practice day I fished with Tom Hipwell and we managed to get a couple of wet patterns to work, I was finding a small Jungle Bunny pattern working best. Unfortunately, the same patterns did not work as well on the competition day, but I was still happy weighing in two measurable fish and an outside chance on the subs bench. Well done to Lein veteran, Gary Coakley (HLM), and international veteran John O'Neill who did make the Irish Team on the day. Also well done to Fran Nugent who qualified from the interprovincial.

I was honored to be asked by ITFFA Leinster Chairman, Brendan Murray to step in as acting captain of the Leinster team for the Inter-provincial Lake Championships Saturday August 17th Lough Lene Collinstown. Having stepped in for the role I would encourage all anglers given the opportunity to take on these roles to accept, embrace and enjoy the experience. The team worked hard for the event, sharing good knowledge, I was banking on dry's for the day but a few anglers who found an area on the day where the wets were working delivered the bigger bags, well done Ulster.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our Competitions Secretary Tom Hipwell for the huge amount of work and enthusiasm he brings to the role. The weather again forced some difficult decisions to be made, I don't think we have had two years in a row like when it came to competitions being impacted by the weather. Safety first is always the right decision.

Many thanks to Gerry Heaslip, committee member and former DTAA president for all his hard work again this year. As we all know Gerry does a huge amount of work to ensure the smooth running of the club, much of which is in the back-

ground and behind the scenes in all areas. Thanks to Gerry, DTAA are replacing one of our club boats with a new Gareth Foley boat which is due to arrive in March '25 for the coming season. As always members are asked to tie up all club boats securely after use. Boats need to be tied up securely so that they are kept safe regardless of what weather conditions or water levels are anticipated in the following days. We wish Gerry a speedy recovery from his medical issues at the moment.

Big thank you to all who helped in launching and recovering the boats at the end of the season. Word of warning for next trip, check wheel bearings on trailers used and be careful maneuvering the boat trailer on uneven ground which is probably very hard on the wheel bearings. Let's just say, 'all's well that ends well' but we had an interesting day switching one of the boats from one trailer to another on a bad bend in the road between Lough Lene and the boat storage yard. Big thank you to Gerry Heaslip, Alan Doherty, Tom Hipwell, John O'Neill and Jim Guiney for the assistance launching and recovering the boats this year.

Well done also to Alan Doherty in taking over the role as membership secretary, seamless transition taking over from

former membership secretary Justin Clarke who is spending more time on his new adventures in Portugal.

Also, a word of thanks to DTAA Committee chairman, HLM Gary Coakley for his chairmanship and advice he gives to all committee members during the year. We all wish Gary best of luck with the Irish International team in 2025.

For members who would like vehicle access to Bohernabreena you are asked to phone Jim Guiney, on 085 2707343 before 23rd February 2025 so there is time to have details registered with the Dublin City Council representative. Members are probably aware there were some issues with the gate in the last few days of the 2024 season, but we understand that all should be in order and back to normal for March '25.

Finally, I invite all members to our **AGM in Lucan Spa Hotel on Friday 31st January 2025**. Well done Donal Raftery for winning the raffle for free membership for two years in a row, 'Donal will you give someone else a chance this year.'

On behalf of the committee, I wish all members a safe and happy new year and a successful season for 2025.

Tight lines,

*Cathal, Secretary DTAA*



**A nice Lough Cullin brownie on the Friday before the 2024 Dublin Bowl, boatman Jim Keeshan a regular visitor to Cullin to start the Crossmolina weekend.**

## Another Cap with the Irish Team— DTAA's John O'Neill reports from Home International , Lough Ennell 24th May 2024

After a hard days fishing on Lough Conn, I managed to catch two nice trout which qualified me to fish my first home international fly fishing competition on Lough Ennell.

Lough Ennell is a beautiful lake and one of my favourites. The trout in Ennell are difficult to catch, one fish every second or third visit would be the normal return.

There are times, during the buzzer, may-fly and sedge hatches when it can fish exceptionally well and three or four fish catches would not be uncommon. Beautiful fish averaging three pounds with some to five pounds in weight.

The competition was scheduled for Friday 24th May 2024. Our team captain Seamus O'Loughlin liaised with our team member Daniel Sweeney gathered vital information from their Mullingar friends - hotspots, flies and all the local knowledge we needed for the final day.

After many meetings, practice days and hundreds of flies tied, competition week arrived which would consist of four practice days and final competition on Friday 24th May.

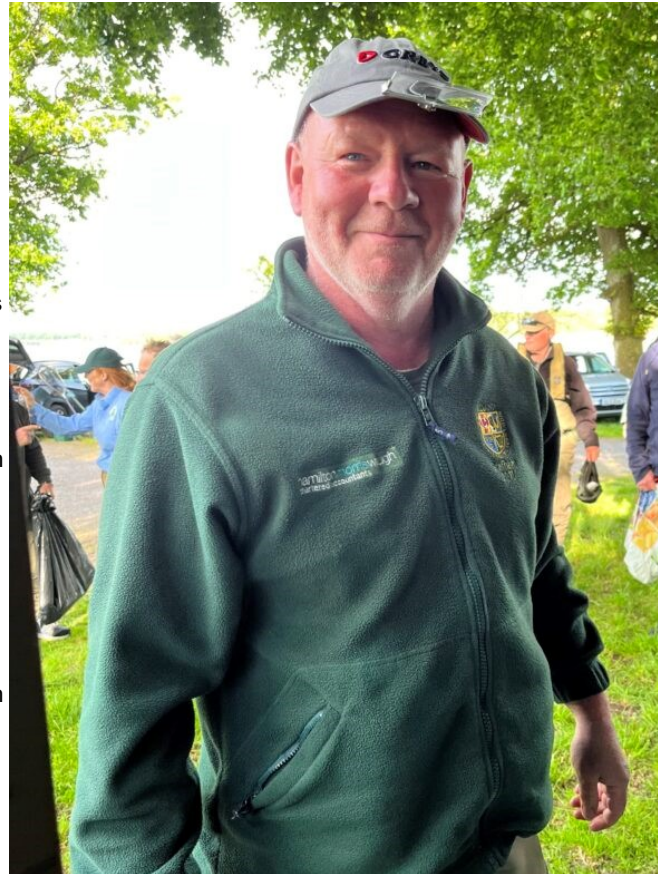
Our practice days were tough, with some of our team managing a fish or two. Andrew Boyd had five fish in a few hours on buzzers.

Competition day arrived, draw was done for boat partners and I was drawn with an English angler, Ian Gaskell.

Ian was a true gentleman and we both fished hard and exchanged fishing stories and flies for future adventures but alas although we managed a small fish each and I lost a keeper early in the day, we had no fish to weigh in at the final bell.

The final results were Scotland first with thirteen fish, Ireland second with eight fish, Wales third with four fish and England fourth with three fish.

Our team captain Seamus O'Loughlin won the Brown Bowl (best basket) with Martin McCafferty of Scotland both having two fish with a total length of



**John O'Neill another cap at Home International, Lough Ennell, May 2024**



**John has qualified again for the 2025 Irish Team with fellow DTAA HLM Gary Coakley, in the 2024 National Final in Lough Lein Killarney**

93.5cm. Well done to both anglers.

The highlight of my fishing season is always our club competitions. The craic and friendships that have built over the years are more important to me than the fish which are a bonus.

Handshakes, flies, vast fishing knowledge and funny stories are exchanged and maybe catch a fish or two if lucky.

It's great to see the new faces and I would encourage any members, young or old, experienced or new to flyfishing to participate.

Cheers and Tight lines for 2025.

*John O'Neill*

*DTAA*

## Dublin takes the 'Bowl' in a close run contest and the Pratt Cup goes to PJ, Crossmolina, May 2024



**Declan setting out**

As dawn broke over the serene waters of Lough Conn, the gentle hum of nature was accompanied by the eager chatter and unwavering optimism of anglers from across Ireland. The weekend of May 4th and 5th marked the continuation of an angling tradition that has been a highlight in the calendars of fishing enthusiasts for over fifty years: the friendly fishing competition between Dublin Trout Anglers and Lough Conn and Cullin Anglers. Despite the optimism and good conditions on Day 1, it was a couple of days tough fishing on Lough Conn. The best of the fishing was on the first day with a consistent light wind and some fly activity offering the assembled anglers many chances.

The competition kicked off on Saturday 4th with 36 anglers vying for the prestigious Dublin Bowl. Most anglers measured (and released) fish that counted and it was a close run thing but the Dublin team concluded the day with a significant lead, outpacing their Mayo rivals by over 40 cm in total length of fish caught.

Top place went to Noel Shiels fishing for Mayo, followed by our Captain (and Ireland International) Dave Canning, and Cathal McDonnell in 3rd (DTAA Secretary but fishing for the Mayo side on Saturday). Fran Nugent was in 4th place

and then Donal Raftery in 5th. Noel and Dave made the long trip to Cullin and it paid off with 9 fish that measured and many over 13".



**Fran's fish from the Saturday**

Fran's fish was caught in Cloghan's on a tiny dry fly and measured 46cm (one of Dave Canning's fish was also 46cm)

Sunday was more of a day for admiring the scenery or catching up on much needed sleep. Flat calm like a mirror was how the lake presented as we set off at 11am. It stayed like this for an hour or so and then a soft south westerly breeze caused a promising ripple on the more exposed areas. But the wind would drop and pick up again like it didn't really know what it was doing. There was very little fly life to be seen, the odd mayfly, occasional olive, some sedges even and some buzzer in Cloghan's (more on that shortly). After lunch the wind came around more easterly and then north easterly and the temperature dropped. It seemed that more coarse fish were caught than trout! Castlehill Bay was a write off altogether. Only 10 anglers returned fish.

PJ O'Driscoll and Chris Meadows were



**Pdraig presenting Dublin Captain, Dave presented with the Dublin Bowl**

fishing in Cloghan's and clearly cracked the code. Chris didn't boat any fish over 13" but PJ had 2 and it was the buzzer imitations and method that worked for him. This got PJ into top position followed by Paul Delaney with two fish. PJ



**PJ wins the 2024 Pratt Cup**

is no stranger to such achievements regularly taking 1st place in DTAA competitions (there were two last year as I recall) and some astounding fish.

Third place went to Joe Ferguson with one fish who fished Cullin with his son Cian who also boated a keeper and deservedly won a special junior competitor prize:



**Noel Shiels wins the 2024 Ronnie Miley Trophy**

The coveted Ronnie Miley trophy went to Noel Shiels who was the most successful angler from both teams over the two days. Noel was 1st Saturday and 4th



**Conn & Cullin and DTAA Anglers taking a well earned break**

place Sunday, earning him 17 points.

DTAA members Niall O Hearcain and Pat Foley were also fishing Conn on the Sunday as part of a fishing tour they were doing at the time. Niall and Pat managed to boat at least three keepers in Bog Bay which all came to size 12 Wulff. Niall shared this magnificent picture of one of their fish (49cm; an outstanding fish)

In addition to the fishing, the Crossmolina weekend is about friendship and the craic, a chance to reconnect with old pals and make new friends. Huge thanks to Orla and Padraig for organising the weekend and for hosting us so generously. Big thanks too to our Conn and Cullin friends who boated us for the weekend.

*Declan McKibben, Treasurer,  
DTAA*



**Niall's 49cm Bog Bay fish  
Caught on the Sunday**

## River Liffey, Clane Update

In last year's annual report Fran Nugent commented on the deterioration in the angling on the river Liffey in Clane. Fran's words and his sentiments echoed exactly my own. Prolific hatches and plentiful good quality trout were something we could once rely on here and indeed took for granted.

The IFI electro-fishing survey of 2021 highlighted the reduced numbers of trout and the profusion of weed growth along the Clane stretch.

Clane Trout and Salmon Anglers began kick-sampling in 2019. The results of our kick-sampling surveys are available on the CTSA website and they tell the tale of a river in trouble. We are finding a smaller range of sensitive invertebrate species and smaller numbers of those we do find. We have also seen a deterioration in the trout and invertebrate habitat due to the deposition of silt on the river-bed. Nutrient enrichment has fueled weed growth. The profuse weed slows the flow and traps silt which in turn facilitates even

more weed. There are fewer clean, gravel areas suitable for redds.

In November 2023 Clane Anglers received approval for funding under IFI's Salmon Conservation Fund for a survey of the weed problem and a management plan. This work was completed in 2024 by I.D. Environmental Consultants working with Alan Sullivan of Rivus. At the time of writing we are awaiting the draft report but having had discussions with the survey team we have an idea of what will be contained in the final report.

Negative impacts are coming from a number of potential sources. How the ESB manages releases from Poulaphuca, nutrients from agriculture and possibly from golf-courses, Osberstown WWTP, and run off from construction works in the catchment. The unfortunate fact is that none of these factors are likely to change in the short term. An annual programme of managed weed cutting to enhance flow and prevent build-up of silt is most likely the

best way to maintain the river until the root causes are addressed. Much of the weed we are seeing is pond-weed, adapted to live in slow moving or still water and should not be seen in a healthy river.

In September of this year IFI did some work at Paddy's Strand in Clane. They removed weed and cleaned the riverbed and this area will be monitored to see if it is re-populated by trout. It's clear that much more of this type of work needs to be done. Whether IFI will agree to undertake it, or whether angling clubs, working with other interested groups will have to seek further grant funding to get it done remains to be seen. To end on a positive note, it's important to say that the trout are still present albeit in small numbers. They need to be given every chance to increase and multiply.

*Fintan Cullen  
Hon. Treasurer, CTSA*



**IFI Contractor working in Paddy's Strand, September 2024**

## DTAA Family Fun Day 2nd September 2024



to hook a fish with many of our younger competitors using the bubble and fly with the others preferring a fly rod, and some catching fish this way for the first time!



The weather was perfect, plenty of fish, boundless enthusiasm and joy ensured that the 15 children and young people (and their grown ups) had a great day out on Sunday, 2nd September 2024. We gathered at the Laois Angling Centre at 11am, fished for a couple of hours, followed by lunch and, most importantly, the prize giving, wrapping up by 3pm.

The competitors ranged in age from twins Sam and Jack who are just 3 years old up to 17 years.

Barbless flies were the preferred method

The competitors were: Sam and Jack, Innes, sisters Caragh and Leah; Evie; siblings Fardeen, Fabiana and Farhad; sisters Kieva and Robyn and, finally, brothers Evan, Rhys, Ross and Caelan. IFI's Myles Kelly was on hand to offer advice, coaching and support to all our

anglers, demonstrating correct fish handling, catch and release, while minimising impact on the fish. We are grateful to Myles for being there and to IFI for providing snoods and line snips which went into the goodie bags for each competitor.

Thanks also is due to Dave McBride of Southside Angling who helped us with the prizes. And to Enda and John of Laois Angling Centre who were gracious





hosts and have a great facility there in Co. Laois, well stocked and managed, and which helped ensure that everyone connected with fish on the day.

Thanks also to Nessa and Evie who helped on the day and put the goody bags and lunches together for the event.

*Declan McKibben (Treasurer)*

## Two DTAA Anglers Represented Ireland at the Ladies international, Llyn Brenig 23rd May 2024

DTAA's Almha Mc Donnell and Edel Decies competed for Ireland at the Ladies International in Llyn Brenig, Wales in May 24. Almha sent us a note about her day.

"It was an overcast cloudy day good conditions for fishing.

We had instructions of to stay around the cages and the sailing club where possible. These areas proved most successful during our practice days. I hadn't been up the Brenig arm at all before competition day.

I was partnered with an experienced Scottish angler, Jane Wright, lovely lady and former Brown Bowl winner. Jane had first captaincy. Our first two hours of her captaincy we went up to the Brenig arm! Surprisingly I had two fish and my partner then had 1. When it came to my captaincy, I brought us back to the sailing club (20mins the other end of the lake). We both had pulls, Jane had a fish and I had 2 more. It came to Jane's captaincy

again. She brought us back the whole way up to the arm again. There wasn't a single boat up this end of the lake. Jane had another 2 fish, and then I had another again. For my 2nd captaincy, I brought us back to the cages and we saw a few more boats at this point. I had another 2 fish here and we finished out the competition from here and no more fish were caught in our boat.

At the finish, I had 7 and my partner had 4. Julie Gerry amazingly had 12 fish and won top Irish rod, Brown Bowl for top overall rod and heaviest fish, amazing achievement for Julie.

Unfortunately, one of our teammates, Rebecca (Dundalk Angler) broke her rod and her fast glass line in the first cast as it got stuck in the engine. There was a different story to tell in each boat, and a great days fishing by all. England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland was the ranking with

England catching 85 fish, Wales 73, Ireland 70 and Scotland 65."

*Almha Mc Donnell, DTAA*



**Edel Decies (DTAA), Julie Gerry and her trophies and Almha Mc Donnell (DTAA)**



**Pasker Cup, Lough Owel, 13th April '24**



**Mc Carron, Lough Owel, 28th September '24**



**Anna Livia Trophy, Bohernabreena, 17th April '24**



**Eoin and Gerry drawn for Special Weight prize at Elvery Cup**



**LM Byrne Cup, Lough Lene, 15th June '24**





**John Harrington (HLM) selecting his cast during Elvery Cup 27th July '24**



**Gary Coakley (HLM) 9th place finish in National Final in Killarney secures his place in the 2025 Irish Team.**



**Windy conditions, National Final Lough Lein, Killarney May '24.**



**Chris Meadows and Donal Raftery join forces at Conn & Cullin's Whit weekend competition, June '24**



**Brian Conway presented with the Corcoran Cup by ITFFA Leinster Chairperson Julie Gerry**



**Fran Nugent, 3rd Place in ITFFA Leinster Qualifier for the National final, Lough Lene 31st August '24**

## Competition Review 2024

We'll they say there are few sure things in life and we'll remember 2024 as the year of "lets schedule a competition and a storm will rage in!!". Overall, we had great turnouts to all our competitions with the usual amazing spirit and camaraderie. We had 7 different winners this year, which hasn't happened for a long time and shows how competitive they are.

Once again, we had the 'Angler of the Year' decided at the final competition of the year, the McCarron Cup. Dave Canning took the honours this year for the first time with 32 points with Alan Doherty in second 25 points and Gary Coakley in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 23 points. Amazing fishing Dave, congratulations and well done, great to see a new name on the trophy.

We had a great year in terms of participation for the ITFFA qualifiers with 15 anglers entering the Corcoran Cup and 12 entering the National Qualifiers. A

huge congratulations to Brian Conway on winning the Corcoran cup and the heaviest fish trophy also with an amazing fish of 10lb 2ozs. Brian was joined by 5 other DTAA anglers for the national final on Lough Lein in Killarney. Congratulations to Gary Coakley and John O'Neill for qualifying for the 2025 National Team. Nice one Gary on your first cap, "your face said it all at the weigh in".

Congratulations also to Fran Nugent who came third in the ITFFA Leinster qualifier for the National Final on Lough Lene, Collinstown. Fran is joined by Gerry Heaslip, Brian Conway, Gary Coakley, Tom Hipwell, and Dave Canning who all qualified to fish the national final on Melvin next year.

Fran had further success in the Inter-provincial Lough Lene, Collinstown where he qualified to join Gary and John in the 2025 National Teams.

The Leinster Shield was fished on Lough Owel and is a competition that is for all club Committees. Our team captained by Declan McKibben and joined by Fran Nugent, Cathal McDonnell and Tom Hipwell.

DTAA entered a team in the ITFFA Fundraiser in August and the team was – Gerry Heaslip , Alan Doherty , Gary Coakley and Fran Nugent.

And I leave the best to last. My competitions committee of Gerry, Alan, Declan and Clive, thanks so much for all your help and amazing effort this year. A special call out to Gerry who's tireless work on managing the boats last year was legendary. I think everyone will agree we had an amazing year and the craic was mighty.

*Tom Hipwell ,  
Competitions Secretary*



**Presentation by Brian Coghlan, (Research Officer with the IFI National Barriers Programme) at the DTAA Jan. 24 AGM**



**Dishing out the sun cream at the Ian Rowan Trophy, Lough Owel, 6th July 24.**



**Tom Smyth sharing his expert tips at the DTAA Fly Tying Day February '24.**



**Sean Goulding and Noel Ross (HLM) at the Jan 24 AGM**



**DTAA Boat Launch, March 24, Cathal Mc Donnell, Gerry Heaslip, Alan Doherty and John O'Neill.**

## Tent Wings for Sedges



**John's prepared tent wings drying on fabric tights secured in crochet band.**

A system to help in making tent wings for sedges

1. Prepare the feather, removing the fluff and clipping to size leaving a short section of stem.
2. Place in a heavy book to flatten the curved feather for a day or two, I also use elastic bands to keep it tight.
3. Using a crochet band, I fit a piece of tights and firm it tight.
4. Apply a light varnish or similar glue just to the edges of the band, not touching the frame.
5. Apply feathers inside to the glue using the stem and giving the feather a slight pull forward to close the fibres. Leave set for a day or two.
6. Using a sharp scissors cut the

feathers out, the mesh helps keep the feathers firm.

When using, pinch the feather making the tent and apply to the hook, use the stem to pull forward the tent into a compact shape, then trim the stem and finish the fly.

The feather I used is a cock pheasant's neck feather. Most of the game birds have similar shaped feathers.

Tight lines in 2025

*John Harrington, FLM, DTAA*



**DTAA end of season meal in Greville Arms Hotel after McCarron Cup, September '24**

## DTAA Boat Booking

DTAA have four club boats available to our members, 3 boats on Lough Owel and 1 boat on Lough Lene. DTAA have a new boat arriving in March '25 which will replace the previous Lough Lene boat, which will be moved to Lough Owel.

To book a club boat for your day's Fishing please call John O'Neill on 0876316987 or Jim Guiney on 085 2707343.

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, John O'Neill or Jim Guiney 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.

*John O'Neill*

## Bohernabreena Vehicle Access

Members wishing to access Bohernabreena by car during 2024 should contact Jim Guiney: 085 2707343 and provide their car registration details before 28 February 2024.

Places are limited, so please only request access if you intend using this fishery.

Unfortunately to gate was damaged at the end of 2024, but should be in good working order for 2025.

*Jim Guiney*

## Christmas Outing 2024—Cancelled

The DTAA Christmas Outing 2024 was scheduled to take place in Annamoe Trout Fishery, Co. Wicklow.

Unfortunately the event had to be postponed initially and then cancelled due to bad weather on both scheduled dates.

*Tom Hipwell*



**Eoin Dunne,  
Pasker Cup Winner 2024**



**Jonathan O'Keefe,  
LM Byrne Cup Winner 2024**



**Gary Coakley (HLM), Anna Livia  
Trophy Winner 2024**



**Declan Mc Kibben, Ian Rowland  
Trophy Winner 2024**



**Dave Canning  
Elvery Cup Winner 2024**



**Alan Doherty  
Ryder Cup Winner 2024**



**Dermot Flynn, McCarron Cup  
Winner 2024**



**Paul Delaney presented with  
the 2023 Ronnie Miley Trophy**



**PJ O'Driscoll presented with  
Pratt Cup 2024, Lough Conn**



**2023 DTAA Angler of the Year,  
Gerry Heaslip at Jan '24 AGM**



**Juvenile Angler of the Year 2023:  
JP Johnson at the Jan '23 AGM.**



**2023 Heaviest Fish, John O  
Neill at the Jan '23 AGM.**

## Competition Results 2024

Position	Angler	No. Fish	Weight (lbs)
<b>Pasker Cup 13th April 2024 Lough Owel</b>			
1	Eoin Dunne	2	5.875
2	Cathal McDonnell	2	5.22
3	Hubert Smith	2	4.8
<b>Anna Livia Trophy 27th April 2024 Bohernabreena</b>			
1	Gary Coakley	2	5.24
2	Gerry Heaslip	2	4.455
3	Alan Doherty	2	3.82
<b>LM Byrne Cup 15th June 2024 Lough Lene</b>			
1	Jonathan O'Keeffe	1	3.7
2	Gerry Heaslip	1	3.59
3	Eoin Dunne	1	3.37
<b>Ian Rowand trophy 6th July 2023 Lough Owel</b>			
1	Declan McKibben	2	6.025
2	James Doyle	2	5.755
3	Dave Canning	2	5.59
<b>Elvery Cup 27th August 2024 Lough Lene</b>			
1	Dave Canning	1	3.19
2	Kevin Connolly	1	3.17
3	Gary Coakley	1	3.105
<b>Ryder Cup 27th August 2023 Bohernabreena</b>			
1	Alan Doherty	2	2.805
2	Fran Nugent	2	2.305
3	Dave Canning	1	TBC
<b>McCarron Cup 28th September 2024 Lough Owel</b>			
1	Dermot Flynn	2	8.16
2	Willie Scully	2	5.7
3	Donal Monahan	2	5.56

## Angler Of The Year 2024—Standings

Position	Name	Points
1	Dave Canning	32
2	Alan Doherty	27
3	Gary Coakley	25
4	Eoin Dunne	22
5	Fran Nugent	20
6	Cathal Mc Donnell	19
7	Hubert Smith	18
8	Gerry Heaslip	18
9	Declan McKibben	17
10	Brian Conway	14

### 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.

Where non-DTAA members are accompanying members on a DTAA boat the DTAA member must notify the boat manager (John O' Neill or Jim Guiney ) when booking the boat so that the non member becomes a member for the day. Alternatively Day Membership is obtainable on the DTAA 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.

### 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.

**Dave Ring Cup:** awarded to the member scoring the most aggregate points in Association fly-fishing competitions. This year with 32 Points; **Angler of the year: Dave Canning**

**Martin Donohoe Trophy** (presented by Tara Mines). Awarded to the member catching the heaviest trout in Association fly fishing competitions. Winner: **Dermot Flynn 5.59lbs.** in the McCarron Cup Competition.

The **Ronnie Miley Trophy** was awarded to **Noel Shields (C&C)** who was the best overall angler on the Crossmolina weekend.

**Bob Allen Cup:** (Juvenile Angler Cup) N/A 2024

**John O'Neill** fished with the Irish Team at the 2024 ITFFA Home International.

**Almha Mc Donnell and Edel Decies** fished on the Irish Ladies team at the 2024 ILFFA International in Wales.

## Membership Report

Our DTAA membership has stayed steady over recent years, and we were delighted to welcome several new members in 2024. A big welcome to everyone who has joined us! We encourage all our members to spread the word about DTAA and invite others to get involved—there's always room for more anglers in our club.

We use email as our primary way of keeping in touch, so it's important to make sure we have your up-to-date email address. If your contact details have changed, please let the membership secretary know so we can stay connected.

This year, we started using Stripe for competition payments, and it's been a great success—easy to use, secure, and reliable. In 2025 we'll also be moving away from the Teamer app and switching to Stripe for all subscription and fee payments. It's a simple and hassle-free way to pay, and we're confident you'll find it convenient too.

Thank you for being part of DTAA and for your contribution in 2024. Tight lines for the season ahead.

*Alan Doherty Membership Secretary*

## 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 week-end trip to Lough Conn and Juvenile Outing.

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.

DTAA wishes to offer condolences to family members of all deceased members over the last year.



**Lifting the boats, Cathal Mc Donnell, Alan Doherty and Jim Guiney, Oct '24**