



# Dublin Trout Anglers' Association

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## Annual Report for the year 2025

### DTAA Secretary Report 2025

Welcome to the DTAA Annual Report for the 2025 season. After all the AGMs were over and off-season preparations done, we were delighted to take delivery of the new DTAA boat from Gareth Foley at Lough Lene on the opening day on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The committee took the opportunity to go away from the previous key padlock system to upgrade the locking arrangements to combination locks where you get the code from one of the boat managers when you book the boat. DTAA boat no 4 was a little late getting back on the water while some excellent repair work was done where the bow timbers had become compromised. The committee are planning to continue the repair work in replacing some of the damaged floorboards in the older boats where needed. The recovery of the boats to storage was a little delayed this year because we were not sure if the Equestrian Centre were taking boats this winter. There was a 'plan B' which would have involved a bit more back and forth with the trailers, but luckily all was resolved and the boats got sorted in their normal spot in the Equestrian Centre.

The upkeep of the boats together with the winter storage all comes at a cost to the club. As outlined later in the report, for 2026 the committee have decided to introduce a 'boat membership' option for members who want to use the DTAA boats during the season. So, when you are renewing your membership, please tick the box if you would like to use the DTAA boats during the year. This will help fund the increasing costs of upkeep and maintenance of the boats. It is thought that a once off payment at the start of the year is easier to manage for all concerned compared with a charge per use of a boat which was a previous arrangement for the club.

You may recall in 2024 our NARA Insurance Public Liability Marine Cover introduced a limit to members engine size of 20hp engines. It may not impact too many DTAA members but at the start of 2025 we were informed that this limit has now increased to 30hp.

The committee upgraded our DTAA club pins this year and now have a fresh stock of new pins. If members would like to get some of the new pins, or DTAA ties just select what



Fresh stock of DTAA pins available

you would like when renewing your membership and the committee will get them to you.

There has been no further developments in improving the access arrangements to the Liffey at Straffan, but it is still something that the committee are working to resolve. We acknowledge the hard work Clane Trout and Salmon Angling Association (CTSAA) have been doing working with Inland Fisheries Ireland on



Committee members Cathal, John, Fran, Alan and Gerry launching the new DTAA boat March '25

## Secretary's Report (cont.)



Mick Byrne with a nice Lough Owel brownie, Ian Rowand Trophy Competition

look after the boat bookings and Jim also deals with the Bohernabreena access. Former presidents, Gerry Heaslip and HLM John Harrington always available to help out wherever needed. Clive Mills is on the competition subcommittee and organises our trophies and replicas. Brian Conway was coopted to the committee during 2025 and is being proposed to be elected to the committee at the upcoming AGM. Particular congratulations this year to our former president and committee member Gerry Heaslip, after a tough year for Gerry, he went on to win the 1st Place at the ITFFA Leinster Qualifiers, Lough Lene in August and then together with partner

the Liffey at Clane. We are delighted that Fintan Cullen, Hon. Treasurer CTSAA has provided us with an update that is included in this report. More work is planned in 2026, involving both clubs where work parties may need to be arranged, so please volunteer when the time comes if you are in a position to do so.

I was lucky enough to win the toss's from being joint 2<sup>nd</sup> sub, to be promoted to join the ITFFA 2025 Autumn international team in Menteith, Scotland. It was extra special to find out the news from Athlone, while on the lake shore at Lough Owel on the morning of the Pasker Cup with so many DTAA members present. More on Menteith later in this report where myself and fellow first cap, and DTAA Chairman, HLM Gary Coakley give an account from our experience in Scotland.

I was delighted to fish the 2025 ITFFA Leinster Rivers Qualifier in June '25 which was held on Tullow Club waters on the River Slaney.

The draw at the start of the day is critical in terms of where you fish and who you are competing against for the day which was fished over 3 very different beats. I would encourage more members to get involved in this river competition, it's a great experience and great way to be introduced to new waters.

I take this opportunity to let members know about our hardworking DTAA committee. HLM Gary Coakley is our experienced committee chairman. Fran Nugent has been our President for the last 2 years and is being proposed for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Alan Doherty is our Vice President and Membership Secretary where numbers remain strong. Declan McKibben keeps our finances on the 'straight and narrow' as Hon Treasurer and has also organised our juvenile family days. Competitions Secretary Fantastic is Tom Hipwell organising great turn-outs in our DTAA competitions. Jim Guiney together with John O'Neill



Gerry and Willie take the 2025 Chairmans Pairs, Lough Lene

in crime, Willy Scully went on to win the Lough Lene Chairmans pairs in October.

A day for members diaries, all are welcome to the **2026 DTAA AGM at Lucan Spa Hotel on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January.** Catch up with familiar faces and make plans for memorable fishing outings in 2026.

*Tight Lines Cathal McDonnell*



Some members enjoying the hospitality at the Lucan Spa Hotel after the January 2025 DTAA AGM

## Joe does the double as Mayo win the Dublin Bowl at Crossmolina weekend



**Joe lands a lovely brownie on his way to winning on both days on the Crossmolina Weekend**

Fishing was tough on Lough Conn at the May Bank Holiday weekend friendly competition with the Lough Conn and Cullin anglers. A harsh northerly, north-easterly wind and bright sun plagued us both days, with the first hour on Saturday 3rd May offering the best conditions and results over the two days.

Esteemed Irish international and Mayo local Joe Ferguson knocked it out of the park, taking top spot both days and winning the Pratt Cup on Sunday and



**Conn fishing is hard work at the best of times**

getting Mayo through to victory and the bragging rights of the coveted Dublin Bowl on Saturday. In addition, Joe took home the Ronnie Miley Trophy for best angler across both days, fishing with upcoming junior angler Cian Ferguson on Sunday.

There was plenty of fly life and it was heartening to see the Mayfly up in good numbers. Overall the east of the lake and particularly Cloghans and Brackwanshagh performed well on Saturday and Sunday, with the Fir Tree shore, Gallagher's and the Middle of Mayo offering up keepers on Sunday. Fish were also caught in Tolan's but it was Cloghans that worked for Joe Ferguson on both days. The most successful flies were French Partridge yellow and green mayflies, and also the boobie mayfly, a firm favourite of many anglers, not least Fran Nugent and John O'Neill.

On Saturday, the Dubs recorded

27 fish for 19 anglers while the wily Mayo men brought in 30 fish over 28cm, with all fish returned to fight another day. 24 of those 57 fish were over 13 inches, which was better than how things went on the Sunday with just 10 fish returned from 9 anglers. Mayo anglers represented 7 of those 9 with Gerry Heaslip (who had fish on both days) and Tony McGrattan sparing the Dubs total annihilation. Donal Raftery was the top DTAA rod on Saturday while Tony McGrattan was top DTAA angler for Sunday. Nice to see some new faces there too from DTAA: Niall O Hearcain, Pat Foley and Stephen Mulholland

This friendly fishing event is going now for more than 55 years with host Padraig Traynor and DTAA Chairman Gary Coakley being there from the start as their fathers founded it. Glad to see that it is thriving, thanks to the huge contribution of Orla Walsh, Padraig and Gary and others who put the time in to ensure that we all have a lovely weekend of fishing. To the Mayo anglers who give up their weekend to boat the



**Great catch up between DTAA and Conn & Cullin Anglers**

Dubs around the lake, putting up with their tall stories, a massive thank you. We say it's about the fishing, but really it's about sharing the experience of fishing, talking about it, making up stories and of course deepening our knowledge and expertise. If there is one word to capture the Crossmolina weekend it's Friendship. Thanks to the Conn and Cullin anglers for being our friends.

*Declan McKibben (Treasurer)*

## DTAA New Caps recall Autumn International, Lake of Menteith, Scotland September 2025

DTAA were proud to have 5 members representing Ireland on ITFFA International teams in 2025. Fran Nugent, John O'Neill and Hubert Smith were on the Spring International Team in Rutland, England, while new caps HLM Gary Coakley and Cathal Mc Donnell were on the Autumn International in Lake of Menteith, Scotland.

Here Cathal and Gary share their experience on match day.

It was up before the alarm clock on match day like most of the days during the weeks practice. Final check on the tackle bag and spare casts in the hotel room before heading over to the shop for the 'ham and cheese' bap packed lunch and then back to the hotel for breakfast in time for the departure time for the team coach. The half hour coach trip to the lake was well versed during the weeks practice days, giving us time to remember things forgotten the previous days and think about the hours ahead. "Plan every practice day like it was competition day" was the advice from experienced international Fran Nugent.

Gary recalls on the final practice day while fishing in International Bay after the wind began to pick up, he looked around and there were only 2 boats left in the lumpy waves, both Irish boats. Gary was with Irish captain Colin Cahill in one boat and they had 3 fish each. Fellow new cap, David Duffy was in the other Irish boat and had a great day with 8 fish. Afterwards we compared conditions to a good day out on the West of Ireland lakes.

The forecast for match day was for a very similar day to the final practice day, a wild, wet and windy all day. The weather on the earlier practice days was much more settled and



**Fran Nugent, Hubert Smyth and John O'Neill at the 2025 Spring International Team in Rutland**

different wind direction, so we knew not to overly rely on locations and methods where we had come across fish earlier in the week.

Cathal was drawn with a Welsh angler Jason Hockenhull, who was an absolute gentleman on the day. Drifts were agreed between both anglers so as to put both rods on a drift that was decided to be the best chance of fish to the boat. The plan was to follow the marks described by Gary and David from the previous day. Short trip out, engine cut, rod up and first cast was a half cast just getting fly line out and 2nd pull, 'fish on!' The fish was quickly landed with a cheer from

Cathal that he was not going to blank his first international, great start. Cathal's, Welsh partner said "that was not a cast, that was a lob". That fish was followed by a 2nd fish later on the same drift. The drift was repeated for the first half of the day and averaged a fish per hour for Cathal with 4 fish landed by lunchtime and 1 fish for his Welsh partner who had also dropped 2 fish. The plan was to keep going on the same drift, it was producing fish. Good things come to an end, and contrary to forecast the wind died down and it actually turned calm for the last two hours. Cathal recalls he persevered with a method and location that worked earlier in the day and regrets not changing tactics sooner after the conditions changed, no more fish to the boat after the good first half.

Gary's partner was experienced English angler Tony Baldwin "who was a pleasure to share a boat with". In the short discussion before the off "we both agreed the Algal Bloom was still a significant factor in low visibility and as a result very tough fishing. We agreed to start in International Bay as did others. After an hour I got a nice fish (big relief on first cap) and lost another, Tony had a similar result. After 2 more fishless hours we decided on a move to the Malling Shore. A few hours of hard fishing resulted in no other fish". "We made our way back to home bay for the last hour and a half. Straightaway I lost a fish and then got another fish, Tony missed one.



**Cathal and HLM Gary, new caps at Lake of Menteith, International, Sept 2025**

As time was moving on, I suggested a drift at Sheer Point and finished back in International Bay. Tony got a fish at Sheer Point of 5 and a half pounds, the day's biggest overall and then a brown in the last 10 minutes in International Bay.

I had no other fish. All too soon the day was over, and we returned to Boathouse Shore"

In the finish, Ireland finished in 3rd place overall, but there was not much between the teams, with Scotland on 44 fish, England 42 fish, Ireland 38 fish and Wales 31 fish. Cathal and Gary finished 3rd and 5th respectively on a very experienced Irish Team and as new caps felt they kept the DTAA International flag flying high.

Gary and Cathal were honoured to fish with a fantastic team of experienced Irish anglers, there was great comradery and information sharing during the week. Team Captain Colin Cahill and Team Manager Kieran Casey could not have had us better prepared. The effort these guys put in is 'second to none' with team meetings commencing many months before and team meetings every night on competition week. All information was shared enthusiastically to help all anglers compete as a Team.

Appetite well wetted for hopefully another shot at international fish in the years to come.

*Cathal & HLM Gary, DTAA*

## Membership Report

DTAA membership has remained steady again this year, and overall engagement across the club continues to be strong. More than 90% of members are now using Stripe for their payments, which has made a huge difference in keeping things simple and efficient, and we want to thank everyone for making the switch.

We've also seen a small but very welcome increase in juvenile members joining through club members. It's encouraging to see young anglers getting involved, and we'd love to see that continue as they represent the future of the sport.

Our process for issuing membership has been modernised this year, which means members should receive their cards more quickly. The majority of you already renew ahead of the season, and we appreciate that continued support. As always, an active membership is required to fish our waters, so early renewal is a great help to the club.

Looking ahead to 2026, membership costs have remained unchanged since 2017, but with the club continuing to invest in the purchase and upkeep of boats on Lough Owel and Lene, we will be introducing a new "Boat Membership" option. This optional €20 add-on will be available through Stripe and will be required for anyone wishing to use club boats during the 2026 season.



**Gerry and Alan ready for kick off for Ian Rowan Trophy, Lough Owel, 5th July 2025**

*Alan Doherty Membership Secretary*

## River Liffey, Clane Update

2025 has been another challenging year on the river Liffey at Clane. Profuse weed growth continues to be an issue, leaving the river almost unfishable in many places. Hatches of fly are sparse and rising trout are hard to find. However, as anglers perhaps we have a natural pre-disposition for optimism and there may be cause for cautious optimism about the future of the river.

The area that IFI cleared of weed and silt in 2024 (Paddy's strand) has shown some encouraging signs of recovery. Improved fly hatches and rising trout could be observed here throughout the season. IFI electro-fished the stretch during the summer and detected better numbers of fish here than during the 2021 electro-fishing survey. CTSAA have been kick-sampling at a site at the top of this section for a number of years, and our score this year was much improved on the previous couple of years. We're hoping the cleaner river-bed will provide redds



for fish over the closed season. IFI intend to continue to monitor this area and have indicated that they may carry out some more work upstream of Paddy's strand at Dunne's island.

The weed survey commissioned by the club and funded by the IFI Salmon Conservation Fund has been completed and there are some recommendations for weed management, flow-enhancement and

habitat restoration contained in its conclusions. CTSAA along with DTAA will be meeting with IFI very soon to discuss these issues. Hopefully we will have more positive news to share after this.

*Fintan Cullen*

*Hon. Treasurer CTSAA*

## DTAA Family Fun Day 24th August 2025



DTAA members and friends enjoyed a day out on Sunday 24th August at Laois Angling Centre.

14 youngsters turned out on the day with most either catching or hooking a fish, using fly fishing as well as bait fishing techniques.

The team at Laois Angling had recently stocked the lakes and so there were fish showing here and there, with both fly and bait equally successful.

Thanks to Laois Angling for hosting us and making every effort to ensure

that our participants had a chance of a fish.

Being the last weekend before school starts meant that it was quite busy which was great to see, so much interest in angling, with several family groups present, and people of





all ages taking part and enjoying this excellent pastime.

Thanks also to Declan, Fran, Cathal for organising and helping out and to Evie for volunteering on the day and in advance preparing the lunches and prizes. Big thanks to John Harrington for coming along on the day to lend his support, advice and wisdom to the budding anglers. Thanks also to Mary



Harkin in Rory's who was very generous with her support for the prizes.

Finally, thanks to Inland Fisheries Ireland for their support for this event.

If anyone would like to participate in the Juvenile Angling event in 2026 please contact DTAA Treasurer Declan McKibben

*Declan McKibben (Treasurer)*





**Elvery Cup, Lough Lene, 26th July 2025, 'left hand side'**



**After the weigh-in, Ryder Cup, Bohernabreena, 9th September 2025**



**Chris and Richie at the Ian Rowan Trophy, Lough Owel, 5th July 2025**



**After the weigh-in, Pasker Cup, Lough Owel, 6th April 2025**



**Elvery Cup, Lough Lene, 26th July 2025, 'right hand side'**



**DTAA Ladies International Anglers Rebecca, Almha and Edel with Tommy Fagan at the Ladies home International Lough Lene , May 2025**



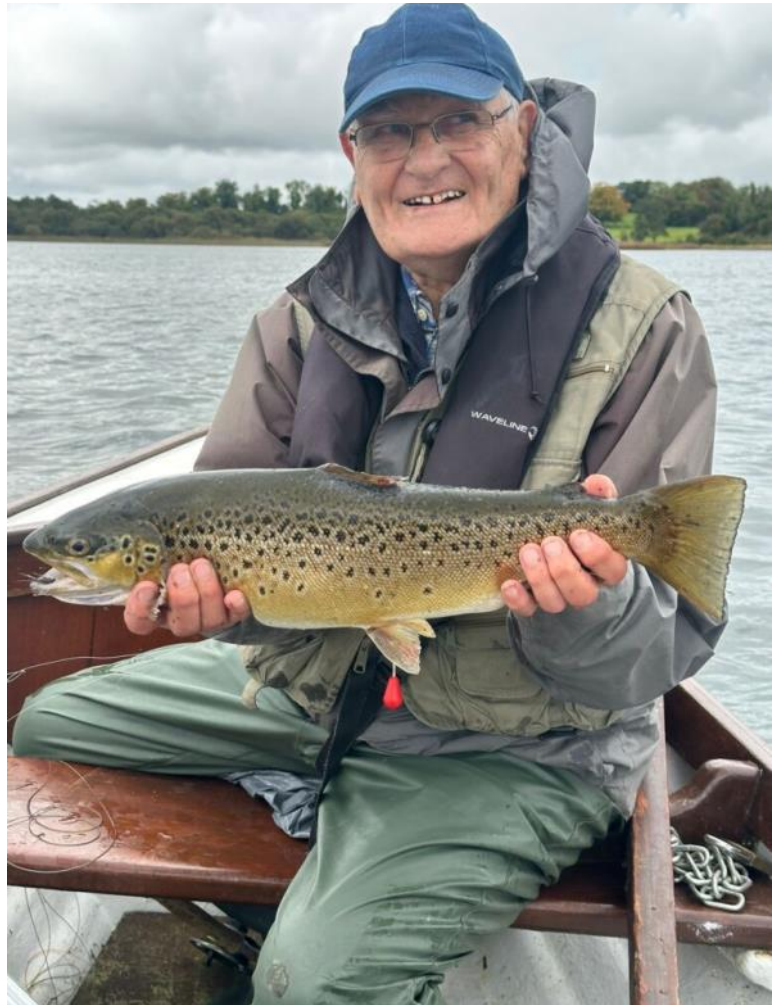
**A welcome lunch break, Elvery Cup, Lough Lene, 26th July 2025**



**Getting ready for 'kick off', Bohernabreena, Ryder Cup, 9th September 2025**



**Competition Secretary Tom Hipwell presents Matt Clarke with the Special Weight Prize at the Pasker Cup, Lough Owel, 6th April 2025**



**Dermot Flynn another great end to the season, winning Mc Carran Cup for the 2nd year in a row, Lough Owel, 3rd October 2025**



**PJ doesn't only do Trout, surprise catch on the fly at the Mc Carran Cup, Lough Owel, 3rd October 2025**



**' a liquid lunch' Lough Lene style, in the rain, LM Byrne Cup, 14th June 2025**

## DTAA Boat Booking

DTAA have four club boats available to our members, 3 boats on Lough Owel and 1 boat on Lough Lene. DTAA's newest boat is in Lough Lene and the other 3 are in Lough Owel.

To book a club boat for your day's Fishing please call or text 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. Please advise fishing partner names at the time of booking or on the day of use to the boat managers, who will advise lock combination at first time of booking.
- 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 and change lock combinations to zero's.
- Leave the boat clean and tidy and take all your litter home.

Please exercise care on the water and make sure you look at the weather forecast before setting out.



*John O'Neill & Jim Guiney, DTAA Boat Managers*



**HLM Gary Coakley receiving his international team blazer from DTAA President Fran Nugent**



**DTAA end of season dinner in Greville Arms Hotel, Mullingar after McCarron Cup, October '25**



**Lovely wild brownie for David Canning on lower lake, Bohernabreena, Ryder Cup, 9th September 2025**

## Bohernabreena Vehicle Access

Members wishing to access Bohernabreena by car during 2026 should contact Jim Guiney: 085 2707343 and provide the following information before 28 February 2026. Please forward the following information by text or What's App message.

1. Name
2. Car registration
3. Membership number if known

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

*Jim Guiney*

## Competition Review 2025

Another great year for our 7 DTAA competitions. Overall, we had great turnouts to all our competitions with amazing spirit and camaraderie. We had 6 different winners this year and we had the 'Angler of the Year' decided at the 2<sup>nd</sup> last competition of the year, the Ryder Cup. There was the potential of a tie in the points at the final Mc Carron cup competition where the 'Angler of the Year' would have been decided from the greatest number of first places in DTAA competitions, followed by the number of 2<sup>nd</sup> placings and 3<sup>rd</sup> and so on. In the end there was no tie and Cathal Mc Donnell took the honours this year with 46 points with Tom Hipwell in 2<sup>nd</sup> with 40 points.

This is Cathal's 2<sup>nd</sup> time to win the David Ring Cup. The competition has been running since 1985 with Fran Nugent winning 7 times, Gerry Heaslip 4 wins, with Gary Coakley and Paul Dunne on 3 wins each.

Unfortunately, we did not have a Junior Angler of the year in 2025. It was great to see 14 junior anglers at the DTAA family day in Laois Angling Centre and hopefully some of them will keep it up and join us at our club competitions.

We had another great year in terms of participation for the ITFFA qualifiers with 15 anglers entering the Corcoran Cup on Lough Owel in April '25 and 11 entering the Leinster National Qualifier on Lough Lene, Collinstown in Aug '25. DTAA also had 2 entries in the

ITFFA Leinster Rivers qualifier on the Slaney in Tullow in June 25.

A huge congratulations to Gerry Heaslip on winning first place at the Leinster National Qualifier on Lough Lene in August '25 for the entries to the 2026 National Final. Gerry followed up this win by joining forces with fellow DTAA member Willie Scully and won the 2025 Chairmans Pairs competition also in Lough Lene in Oct '25.

Congratulations to Declan Mc Gibben who qualified as 2<sup>nd</sup> sub for the 2026 ITFFA International Team from the Interprovincial held at Lough Lein in Killarney in September '25, good luck Declan that you get the call for next year. Declan was joined on the 2025 Leinster team at the Interprovincial event in Killarney by Fran Nugent, Gary Coakley and Alan Doherty.

Congratulations to new caps HLM Gary Coakley and Cathal Mc Donnell who fished on the ITFFA Autumn International Team in Lake of Menteith, Scotland. Well done also to DTAA's International veterans Fran Nugent, John O'Neill and Hubert Smith who fished on the ITFFA Spring Irish Team in Rutland Water, England.

DTAA anglers Rebecca McGinn, Almha Mc Donnell and Edel Decies were on the Irish Ladies International Team that fished in the home International on Lough Lene, Collinstown in May 2025 with Ireland finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place,

As mentioned above Gerry Heaslip

won the Leinster Qualifier and will fish in the National Final in Lough Conn in 2026. Gerry will be joined by fellow DTAA anglers, Declan Mc Kibben, Fran Nugent, Brian Conway and Alan Doherty who also qualified.

This year's National final was held on Lough Melvin in June '25 where DTAA was represented by Tom Hipwell, Gerry Heaslip, Fran Nugent, HLM Gary Coakley, David Canning and Brian Conway, unfortunately no qualifiers.

DTAA finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Leinster Shield on Lough Owel in June '25. Gerry Heaslip captained the DTAA team joined by Alan Doherty, Jonathan O Keeffe and Willie Scully.

Fran Nugent and Cathal Mc Donnell fished the ITFFA Leinster Rivers qualifier on the Slaney in Tullow in June 25.

DTAA entered two teams supporting the ITFFA Fundraiser event on Lough Lene in August but unfortunately DTAA anglers did not fish on the day due to the exceptionally hot weather conditions.

And I leave the best to last. The competitions committee of myself Tom, Gerry, Alan, Declan and Clive, thanks so much for all the help and amazing effort this year. I think everyone will agree we had an amazing year and the craic again was mighty.

*Tom Hipwell ,*

*Competitions Secretary*



**DTAA Treasurer Declan McKibben, fishing on the Leinster Team at the Inter provincial Competition on beautiful Lough Lein in Killarney Saturday 27th September 2025. When the results were in, Declan qualified as 2<sup>nd</sup> sub for the 2026 Irish team, fingers crossed that Declan will get the call.**



**PJ O Driscoll  
Pasker Cup Winner 2025**



**Donal Raftery, LM Byrne Cup  
Winner 2025**



**Cathal Mc Donnell, Anna Livia  
Trophy Winner 2025**



**Donal Monahan, Ian Rowland  
Trophy Winner 2025**



**Hubert Smith,  
Elvery Cup Winner 2025**



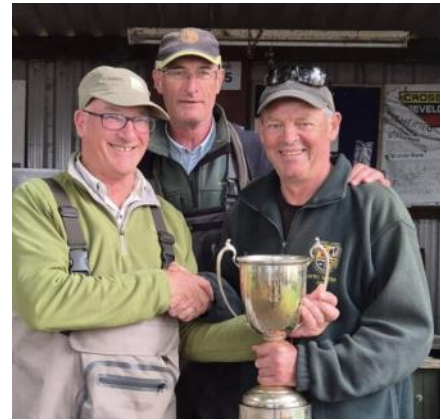
**Cathal Mc Donnell  
Ryder Cup Winner 2025**



**Dermot Flynn, McCarron Cup  
Winner 2025**



**Joe Ferguson, Conn and Cullin  
Anglers takes to Ronnie Miley Cup  
2025**



**Gerry Heaslip, 1st Place at the  
ITFFA Leinster Qualifiers, Lough  
Lene, 16th August 2025**



**2024 DTAA Angler of the Year,  
David Canning at Jan '25 AGM**



**DTAA Willie Scully and Gerry  
Heaslip win the 2025 Chairmans  
Pairs, Lough Lene**



**2024 Heaviest Fish, Dermot  
Flynn at the Jan '25 AGM.**

## Competition Results 2025

Position	Angler	No. Fish	Weight (lbs)
<b>Pasker Cup 5th April 2025 Lough Owel</b>			
1	PJ O'Driscoll	2	4.38
2	Tom Hipwell	2	3.82
3	Chris Meadows	2	3.5
<b>Anna Livia Trophy 27th April 2025 Bohernabreena</b>			
1	Cathal Mc Donnell	4	4.1
2	Jim Keeshan	3	3.96
3	Paul Delaney	2	3.745
<b>LM Byrne Cup 14th June 2025 Lough Lene</b>			
1	Donal Raftery	1	4.26
2	Gary Coakley	1	3.655
3	Hubert Smith	1	3.355
<b>Ian Rowand trophy 5th July 2025 Lough Owel</b>			
1	Donal Monahan	2	6.895
2	PJ O'Driscoll	2	4.95
3	Cathal Mc Donnell	2	4.455
<b>Elvery Cup 26th July 2025 Lough Lene</b>			
1	Hubert Smith	1	3.085
2	Cathal McDonnell	1	2.81
3	Tom Hipwell	1	2.315
<b>Ryder Cup 6th September 2025 Bohernabreena</b>			
1	Cathal McDonnell	1	1.525
2	Dave Canning	2	1.09
3	Fran Nugent	3	1.075
<b>McCarron Cup 27th September 2025 Lough Owel</b>			
1	Dermot Flynn	2	6.995
2	Tom Hipwell	2	2.36
3	Chris Meadows	1	2.24

## Angler Of The Year 2025—Standings

Position	Name	Points
1	Cathal McDonnell	46
2	Tom Hipwell	40
3	Chris Meadows	26
4	PJ O'Driscoll	24
5	Dave Canning	24
6	Jim Keeshan	21
7	Hubert Smith	18
8	Alan Doherty	17
9	Gerry Heaslip	13
10	Gary Coakley	12

### 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 46 Points; **Angler of the year: Cathal McDonnell**

**Martin Donohoe Trophy** (presented by Tara Mines). Awarded to the member catching the heaviest trout in Association fly fishing competitions. Winner: **Dermot Flynn 4.46lbs.** in the McCarron Cup Competition.

The **Ronnie Miley Trophy** was awarded to **Joe Ferguson, Conn and Cullin Anglers** who was the best overall angler on the Crossmolina weekend May '25

**Bob Allen Cup:** (Juvenile Angler Cup) N/A 2025

**Gary Coakley, Cathal McDonnell, Fran Nugent, John O'Neill and Hubert Smith** fished with the Irish Team at the 2025 ITFFA Internationals.

**Edel Decies, Almha Mc Donnell and Rebecca Moffitt** fished on the Irish Ladies team at the 2025 ILFFA International on Lough Lene, Ireland.

### 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.

### 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 Brendan Murray for his assistance for our boat requirements on Lough Owel.

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

Mr Jim Doolan who assists us in storing our boats for the winter.

Kilbride Anglers Club for assisting in boat sharing for competitions.

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