

National River Fly Fishing Championships 2014

The 2014 River Championships took place on the River Clyde on a 12.5 mile stretch, approx 30 miles south of Glasgow; all four Home Nations were present, with the Royal Navy returning to the event after a 3 year absence.

The lack of rain in Scotland did have a detrimental effect on the river, but although it was down approximately a foot from normal levels there were still plenty of fish to be seen, catching them just proved a little trickier than normal.

Those that stuck to fishing dries flies were rewarded well, though a well-placed nymph in the deep pools could produce a quality trout or grayling of 30cm plus.

The first day was bright with occasional cloud cover, with anglers recording 34 fish to the net, the second day was cloudier affair with a cold easterly, making upstream fishing difficult, even fishing a dry fly was confined to across the water and down rather than up.

However the competitors fished away through the day endeavouring to adhere to team tactics and as the heavens opened to allow the long awaited rain to fall another 31 fish had to succumbed to the skill of the anglers involved.

Results

Scotland 24 fish.....for 1542 fish points for 62 place points.

Royal Navy 19 fish for 1079 fish points for 93 place points

N. Ireland 11 fish for 560 fish points for 105 place points

Wales 6 fish for 344 fish points for 119 place points

England 6 fish for 309 fish points for 119 place points.

Top Rod

Alan Hill (Police Scotland) 13 fish for 891 fish points 4 place points

Pete Scholes (Royal Navy) 12 fish for 713 fish points 5 place points

Bob Robertson (Police Scotland) 5 fish for 278 fish points 13 place points.

Best Brown Trout caught by Alan Hill at 38 cm

Best Grayling 2 fish caught by both Pete Scholes & John Greep (Police Scotland) at 49 cm.

65 fish caught.....many more little tiddlers returned...43 browns, 22 grayling.

Thanks Calum.