

A scenic sunset over a beach. The sky is filled with soft, orange and pink clouds. In the foreground, several fishing rods are mounted on a blue tripod stand. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the water and the beach. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

SFSA Member Newsletter

December 2021

Christmas Message from the President



Well we have made it to the end of 2021, who would have thought that Covid -19 would still be impacting our lives nearly two years after that first lockdown and we are all in the process of getting our third jab.

The Federation has been busy over the last twelve months fighting on your behalf to get us all out fishing again in line with the Government guidelines and fitting in as many matches as possible, once we got the all clear. We have managed to complete the qualifiers for the teams and are competing next year in every section, boat, juniors, youths, ladies and senior mens.

When I first joined the executive there were over 30 board members at every meeting, we had a full time admin person and received an annual grant from SportScotland. The last meeting held we had 5 people round the table, we have not received any funding at all for years and have not had anyone looking after admin since Ian Napier retired. Not a complaint just a pointer that the World is changing and we have to adapt with it.

You will have heard me talking for years about the development of Angling Scotland, this year has seen a lot of progress made to move this forward to a membership organisation picking up a lot of the development and governance we simply do not have the capacity now to handle. SFSA will still continue but we will be a 3rd of Angling Scotland as well.

The board of Angling Scotland are planning to host an online seminar, 'A combined Future for Angling' on January 22. The format is for invited participants and panel members from the 3 governing bodies (SFSA, Coarse and game angling) to outline the proposals and take questions so that as many people as possible can understand what we are trying to do. Its being streamed live to give as many anglers as possible the opportunity to listen in and raise questions. We will publish the time, date and joining link nearer the time, but I would encourage as many people as possible to take the time to join us so that you get a good understanding of where we are, where we are hoping to go and why. Something has to change and this gives us a great platform to develop our sport and do our bit to protect the seas.

I want to finish by wishing you all the very best for the new year, tight lines and I'll see you on the beach.

Mike

Conservations and The Environment



Clyde Marine Planning Partnership- We have continued our active involvement in this group, attending meetings and making representations to further the interest of Sea Anglers.

BFT- Thanks to everyone who filled out the BFT survey this year, we haven't got the final report from the consultant but your feedback has being most valuable. Unfortunately with a late season this year and bad weather the boats targeting BFT from the Western Isles only had one hook up and no taggings. Hopefully next year is more productive.

Public Access- I am sure we are all aware of the recent trend for more and more shore angling venues being closed off on "H&S" grounds and we have being liaising with our local clubs and members to see how we as a federation can help. We don't have the financial backing of someone like the Angling Trust but hopefully in 2022 we can engage effectively with government agencies to highlight the vital resource that our piers and harbours are to allow safe outdoor recreational space especially for anglers who require easy to access locations.

Marine Scotland- We have continued to engage with Marine Scotland on relative matters and in particular the economic impact assessments from angling they continue to monitor. Through our involvement in Angling Scotland we have been able to have an effective voice on important issues such as COVID lockdown rules etc.

Opportunity & Equality



2021 was yet another difficult year due to the pandemic, effectively stifling any attempts to run any coaching events. The Exec in conjunction with our partners at Angling Scotland and ADBOS have discussed various options for getting on with some coaching events in 2022 and getting more coaches trained / re-trained on the assumption that we will be sufficiently through the pandemic to allow effective planning and commitment.

We are hoping to have a few events which can cover shore / boat and general introduction to angling. Watch this space for more info on 2022 but if anyone has any ideas they would like to suggest or help they can offer in this area then please do get in touch with me at Alasdair.campbell101@gmail.com.



Competitions

Species Hunt



Scottish
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SFSA SPECIES

HUNT 2021

£5 Entry fee to members of
the federation or affiliated club

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100% of money goes to nominated charity



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Mike Kyle is in the lead going into the final days with a very impressive 47 species. 52 species have been registered this year with 3 that weren't caught in 2020, Smelt, Herring and Dover Sole.

Species Caught

2 spot Goby, 3 Bearded Rockling, 5 Bearded Rockling, Ballan Wrasse, Bass, Black Goby, Bull Huss, Butterfish, Coalfish, Cod, Common Eel, Common Goby, Corkwing Wrasse, Cuckoo Wrasse, Dab, Dogfish, Dover Sole, Dragonet, Flounder, Golden Grey Mullet, Goldsinny Wrasse, Grey Gurnard, Haddock, Herring, Launce, Leopard Spotted Goby, Lesser Sandeel, Ling, Long Spined Sea Scorpion, Mackerel, Painted Goby, Plaice, Pollack, Poor Cod, Pouting, Rock Goby, Rockcook Wrasse, Sand Goby, Shanny, Blenny, Shore Rockling, Short Spined Sea Scorpion, Skate, Smelt, Smoothhound, Spurdog, Thornback Ray, Tope, Tub Gurnard, Turbot, Viviparous Blenny, Whiting, Yarrels Blenny.

With another great entry this year, we will be able to make another significant contribution to the Erskine Veterans charity. Thanks everybody for participating, please do send in any photos you have of you with your fish and stay safe.

Domestic Shore Competitions



It was great to see competitions returning in 2021 and thanks to all the organisers who battled with the COVID guidance and to all the competitors who came along.

Competition Winners

Riverside Drive (June)- Gareth Gardiner

SFSA OPEN Lunan Bay (July)- David Neil

East Fife Open (July)- Kevin Lewis

SFSA Indv. Members (August)- Alan Combe

Clyde & West Open (September)- Kevin Lewis

SFSA Erskine Open (September)- Brian Maxwell

Scottish open Flounder Champs (October)- Stevie Burns

Ian Reid Open Day (November)- Jim Keith

2021 League Results

1st Place- Kevin Lewis

2nd Place- Alan Combe

3rd Place- David Neil



International Shore Competitions



A big well done to the following who have qualified to represent Scotland at the 2022 Home Nations (Shore) competition on Chesil Beach.

Team Scotland

David Neil - Captain

Mike Kyle

Barry McEwan - New Cap

Christopher Empson - New Cap

Nuno Santos - New Cap

Reserve - David Cooper - New Cap



International Shore Competitions



Men's International Team Fish Off's 2022

These are the qualifying requirements and details for the 2022 fish off's, please note the closing date for entries is the 31st of January.

Eligibility

To be eligible to enter the fish offs you must comply with one of the following and have been a member of the Federation for 12 months prior to your application.(therefore in the 2nd consecutive year of membership).

- Have finished in the top 25 of the Individual Members League.
- Be able to demonstrate acceptable results in open pegged matches from 1st January 2021 to 31 December 2021.
- Be a selected international angler who has fished at any level for Scotland.

The criteria for gaining entry through results in open pegged matches is ;

(a) A minimum of 3 open pegged matches is required. (Club competitions do not count).

(b) There must be a minimum of 30 anglers and you must have been placed in the top 20% i.e 30 entries/top 6 finish.

Payment – Payment is for entry into the fish-off process, once the entry date is passed, bait will be ordered for the event and no refund will be paid. Not attending the fish-off matches will mean you forfeit the bait that would have been supplied.

Matches;

1. Granton 20th feb hw 17.00
2. Arbroath beaches 7th may lw 12.30
3. Arbroath beaches 8th may lw 13.30
4. Ardgour 11th sept lw.13.30
5. Greenock 16th oct hw 17.00
6. Prestwick 22nd oct lw 16.30

Additional Information

The top 12 qualifiers from the fish offs will form the teams to represent Scotland at the home nations and the World shore vents.

In the event of a tie on points the ranking will be determined firstly by the total fish/card points from the 4 matches counting towards the angler's final points tally, secondly number of zone wins achieved in the matches, thirdly by the number of second place finishes, fourthly by the number of third place finishes etc. The first 5 in each event will be the team with the 6th qualifier as reserve. If, for whatever reason, the two teams plus reserves cannot be filled by the top 12 qualifiers then the selection process will continue in the order of the final positions ie from 13th place downwards. One of the 5 selected anglers for each team will be appointed captain.

All entrants will have to sign the code of conduct and anti-doping policy before start of fish offs. Entry fee is £60. Contact Mike Kyle, Chris Horn or David Neil for information. Please note that you have to have joined the Federation for 2022.

Domestic Boat Competitions

This year we finally did manage to get a couple of competitions fished in a weekend at Scrabster and many thanks go to the Leachkin Club for organising a great event again.

Scottish Open Light Line Championships (July)-
Winner **Peter Redshaw**

North of Scotland Sea Angling Championships
(July)- Winner **Scott Gibson**

We had hoped to run a competition in November from Loch Etive but for the first time in my experience we were weathered off (of all years for it to happen).

We hope to return to a full match calendar next year which we hope to announce in January with some tweaks to the usual format to make the best of the resources we have in Scotland.

In addition we will be able to confirm the Home Nations Boat Teams and the qualifying criteria for the 2023 Home Nations in Scotland.



Individual Memberships



Thankyou to everyone who took out a membership in 2021. We have had a significant upturn in membership over the last couple of years and it really does help us to support our ongoing activities.

Annual subscription to the Federation falls due for renewal on the 1st January 2022. The annual subscription remains at £20 for senior members, £22 for families and £2 for juniors.

Benefits of Membership

- Ensure your voice is heard.
- Support our work to promote, grow and protect the sport of Sea angling in Scotland.
- Members enjoy PI insurance cover in case an accident happens.
- Opportunity to be involved in a pathway to international selection - juniors, youths, ladies or seniors.
- Access to sea angling coaches and potential for further education via UKCC qualifications giving opportunities to coach.
- Individuals members leagues and ability to qualify for Scottish teams.

The easiest way to for the Federation to accept your membership is by visiting the website, filling out the form and paying via paypal. www.sfsa.info

You can also download the membership and post a cheque.

Direct Bank Transfers can also be made to;
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Sort Code 83-19-04
Account number 00754966.

Please remember to include your name and reference to membership if paying this way and please drop an email to sfsasecretary@googlemail.com to confirm.

Club Memberships



Thankyou to all the clubs who took out a membership in 2022, this has also increased significantly over the last couple of years and we hope we can build upon this moving forward.

Annual subscription to the Federation falls due for renewal on the 1st January 2022 and remains at £50.

Benefits of Membership

- PI insurance for the office bearers.
- Involvement in the Federations child protection and safeguarding processes and procedures.
- Support our work to promote, grow and protect the sport of Sea angling in Scotland.
- Access to sea angling coaches and potential for further education via UKCC qualifications giving opportunities to coach.
- Access to COVID-19 compliance trained officers.

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