Room No. ....9..... Nº 2140

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Telephone No. 141

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.....19 43 May 24

Brought forward - £									4	84
Room & Breakfast		4	40							
Board or Incl. Terms										
Apartments										
Room Service							VAT			48
Morning Tea										
Baths										
Breakfast										
Luncheon										
Afternoon Tea										
High Tea										
Dinner/Supper										
Tea & Coffee										
Beers, Wines, etc.										
Cigars & Cigarettes										
Laundry/Dry Cleaning										
Telephone & Telegrams										
Newspapers										
Garage										
Sundries										
SUB TOTAL										
Service Charge			44							
Carried forward - £		4	84					£	5	32

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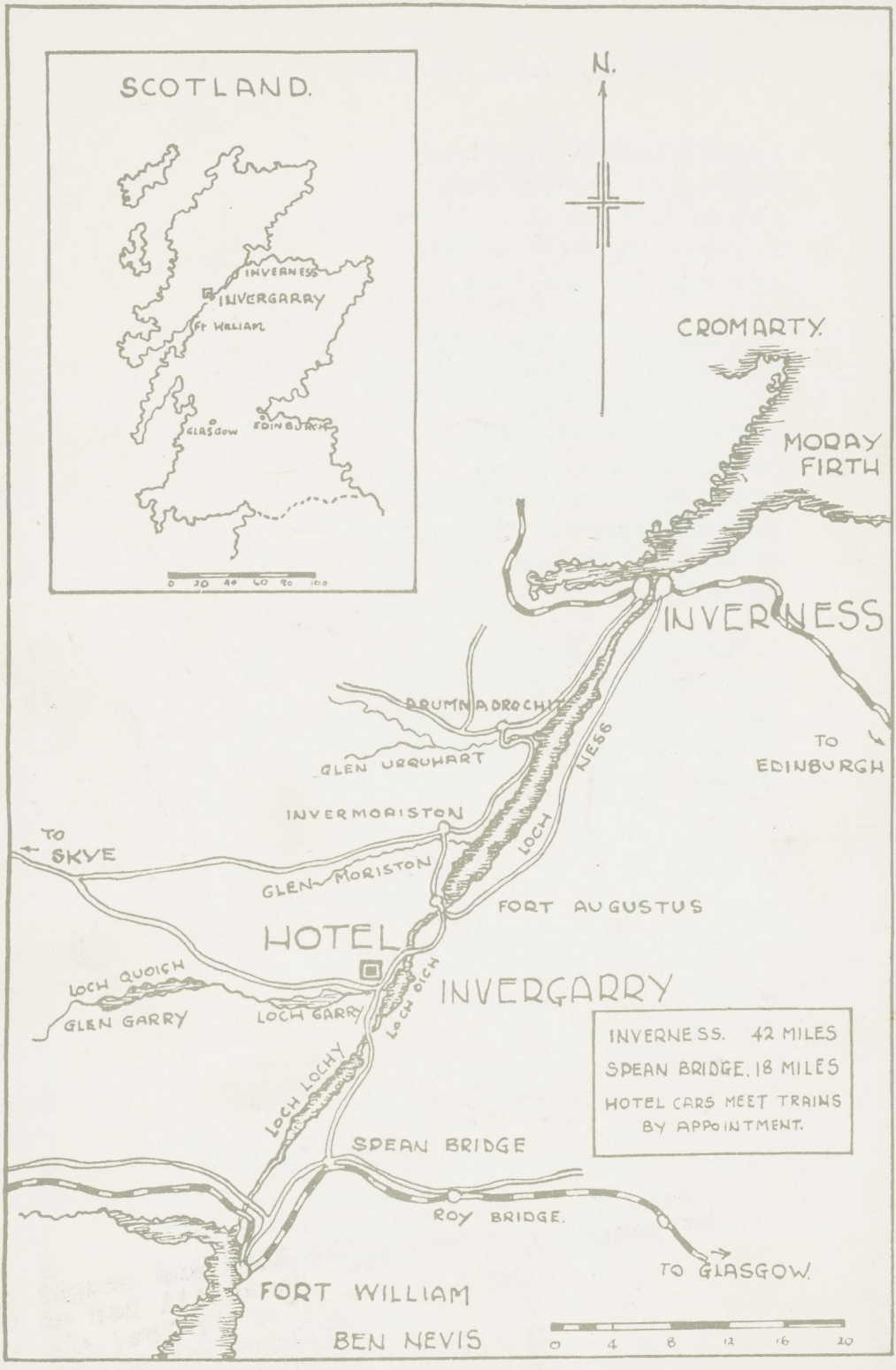
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2 @ £5.30 FB+PB

3 nights

TELEPHONE:	ROOM NO.	NAME	DATE	RATE
VISITORS: GRANTOWN 10			24.5.73	£31.80 FB
OFFICE: GRANTOWN 97	53	Mrs. Nemes Mr. Nemes	NO. OF PERSONS	2

EXPLANATION OF CODE:

B – COFFEES ETC.
C – CIGARETTES
D – DINNER
E – EARLY TEA
G – GARAGE
L – LUNCHEON
R – ROOM SERVICE
T – TEA
V – LAUNDRY

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6		6			-	31.80 TRMS
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10		10			-	00.25 WINE
11		11				
12		12	24 MY 73	232	-	22.32 BL
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14		14			-	22.32 A
15		15			-	01.28 C.BAR
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13769 Rec'd the sum of £24 93 Cheque

Date 27/5/73

From M. Mrs Nemes

For CRAIGLYNNE HOTEL GRANTOWN ON SPEY

Signed S. Telfer WITH THANKS

ROOM NO.	EARLY TEAS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

RATE

CHARGE:

SIGNATURE:

HAVE YOU LEFT YOUR KEY?

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RATE

CHARGE:

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May 73.	18th.		19th.		20th									
	£	p	£	p	£	p	£	p	£	p	£	p	£	p
BROUGHT FORWARD			9	50	19	90								
Apartments incl. breakfast	9	50	9	50	9	50								
Morning Coffee														
Luncheons														
Afternoon Teas/Coffee etc.														
Dinners														
Bar														
Wines and Spirits				88										
Laundry														
Garage														
Telephones				02										
Newspapers														
Sundries														
CARRY FORWARD	9	50	19	90	29	40								

PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF V.A.T.

SUB TOTAL	29	40
SERVICE CHARGE	2	94
TOTAL	32	34

£ 32.34
9 79 - Deposit.
22 55 TOTAL.

W. & Co. Ltd. 2M/10/72

ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSE

TYPE _____ DATE _____

TOTAL NO. OF PERSONS _____ (HOSTS _____ BUSINESS _____ OTHER _____)

NAME AND TITLE COMPANY BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

BUSINESS REASON _____

NATURE OF BUSINESS DISCUSSION _____

IF DISCUSSION IS BEFORE OR AFTER, STATE DATE & DURATION _____

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TYPE _____ DATE _____

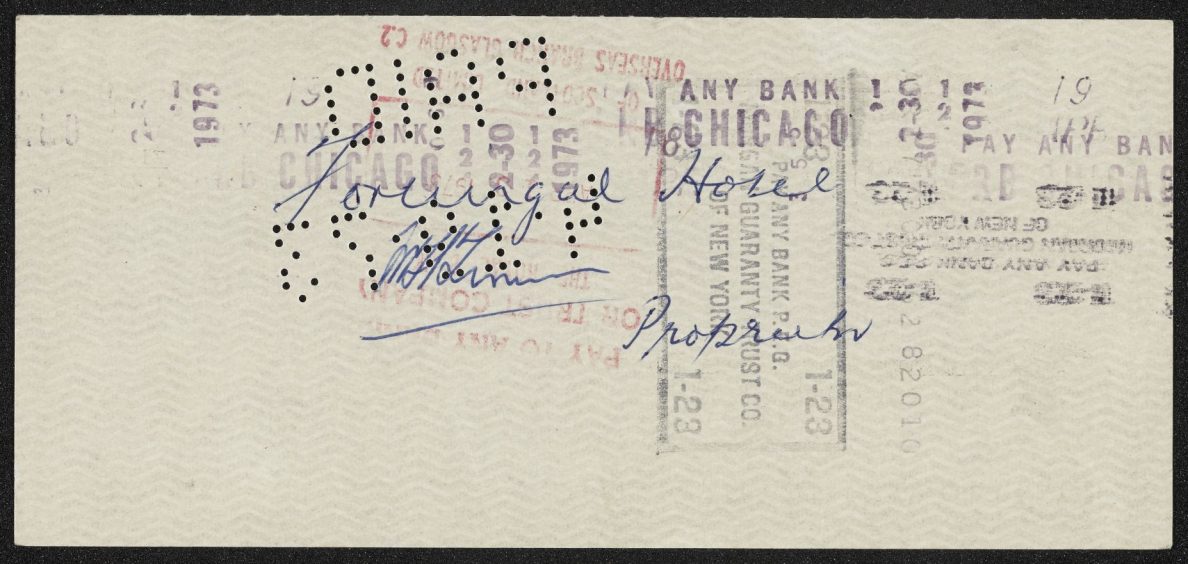
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BUSINESS PURPOSE OF THIS PORTION OF TRIP _____

ALLOCATION

BUSINESS _____ PERSONAL _____ REIMBURSED _____

ALWAYS OBTAIN ITEMIZED BILL FOR LODGINGS IF MORE THAN ONE EXPENDITURE IS INCLUDED


Portugal Hotel
Proprietor

Telephones:
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INVERGARRY HOTEL
INVERNESS-SHIRE

Sylvester Nemes, Esq.,
Cartridge Films Organisation,
10824 Hendricks,
Crown Point,
Indiana 46307.

17th January, 1972.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 11th January and for your kind enquiry.

As requested we have pleasure in sending you herewith our brochure and tariff card from which you will see particulars of the hotel and our charges.

Our charges for salmon fishing on the River Garry are 45 guineas per rod per week for April and May, 20 guineas per rod for the first week in June and 10 guineas per rod from the second week in June for the remainder of the season. The Garry is 4½ miles long and we have the exclusive fishing on both banks. There are 24 salmon pools, all of which are easily fished although thigh waders are of advantage when fishing some of the pools. It is fly fishing only, except at the river mouth where spinning is permitted at certain heights of water and a boat on Loch Oich is included with each rod. The cost of a ghillie would be in addition to the foregoing.

We very much regret being unable to offer you a rod from the 16th to the 22nd April but could, however, do so either between 5th and 16th April or from the 14th May. The Garry being essentially a spring and early summer river may we suggest that May would be the better date for fly fishing.

If there is any other information you would like we should be very pleased to write you more fully and we look forward to hearing from you again and hope we shall have the pleasure of a visit from you.

Yours faithfully,

Mary B. Hunt

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Telephone THURSO 3134

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The Hon. J. A. Sinclair
The Hon. P. J. Sinclair
SECRETARY: P. J. W. Blackwood

14t October 1981

S Nemes Esq
N W Ayer ABH International
One Illinois Centre
111 East Wacker Drive
CHICAGO
Illinois 60601

Dear Mr Nemes

THURSO RIVER 1982

I am now making up my bookings for next autumn and enclose the Particulars of the Thurso River together with Hotel brochure.

I could offer you one rod for the week August 30th to September 4th with accommodation at the Ulbster Arms Hotel from August 29th 1982.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

P W Blackwood

Secretary

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A wonderful opportunity for both beginners and advanced anglers

By arrangement with the Strathspey Estates we are hoping to reserve private salmon fishing on the renowned Castle Grant water. A limited number of rods will be allowed daily, on this water, for which there will be an additional charge. Actual costs may vary, dependent on the beat available, but are expected to be roughly £9 per day per rod. The shared-service of a ghillie are included in this rental and there have been some notable catches from the water available.

It is expected that no more than six rods will be allowed access to a private beat during any one day. Would those course members who would like to have access to an exclusive beat please indicate the selected week and mark the day or days with an X.

Course commencing 1975

- Monday ☐
- Tuesday ☐
- Wednesday ☐
- Thursday ☐
- Friday ☐
- Saturday ☐

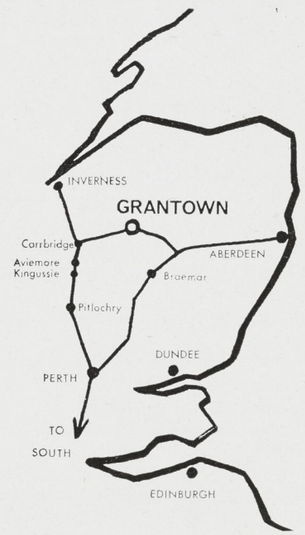
No guarantees will be made as to availability; if the demand exceeds supply access will be given in strict rotation from the date of bookings received. Instructors will not normally be available on any private beat, except during late afternoons.

Signed .....

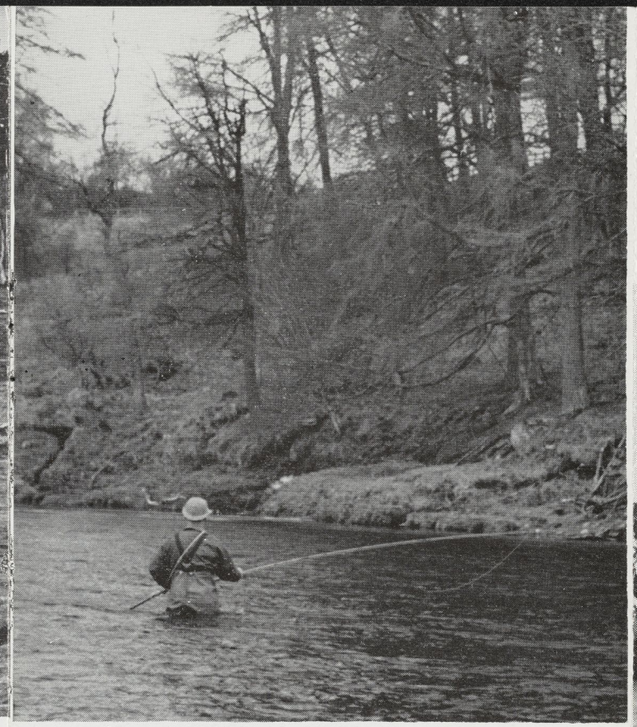
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Casting practice below the New Spey Bridge at Grantown



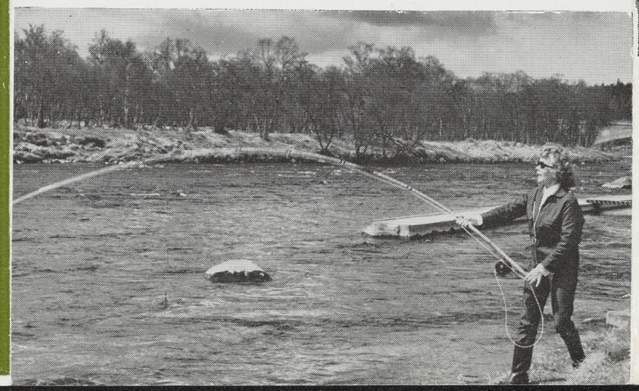
Telephone: Grantown on Spey 2706



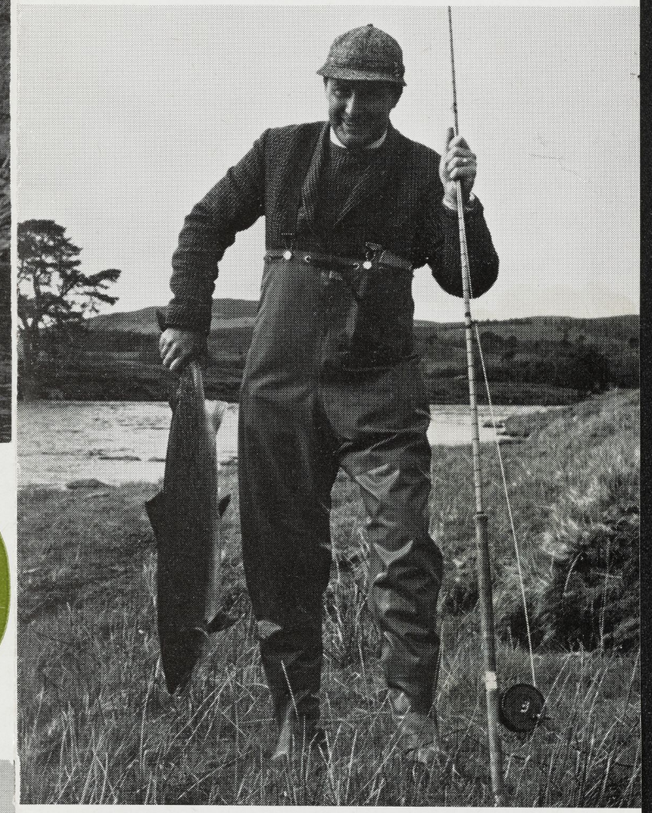
Salmon fishing below the Old Spey Bridge at Grantown

PALACE HOTEL
Grantown on Spey

Lady angler practising salmon-fly casting at Grantown on Spey



TREAT YOURSELF TO A HIGHLAND FISHING HOLIDAY IN 1975



Arthur Oglesby with a 16 lb. salmon taken from the Spey at Grantown

PERMITS, FULL ACCOMMODATION and EXPERT TUITION AT AN ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE OF ONLY

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'Palace' angling weeks have gained international repute. From the moment you arrive you enjoy service, food and accommodation of a very high standard in a delightful setting and in the company of enthusiasts who share your own pleasure in salmon and trout fishing. The 'Palace' Hotel is beautifully appointed, with a lovely garden and lock-up garages.

Free access to one of Scotland's mightiest salmon rivers

By arrangement with Strathspey Angling Association, a seven mile stretch of river Spey is yours to fish the whole week long at no extra cost. Offered primarily to encourage beginners from towns and cities to sample the pleasures of angling, these courses are equally attractive to competent anglers who wish to polish up their casting techniques and learn more tactics of the game from experts.

Expert tuition in all aspects of salmon and trout fishing

Whether you have never fished in your life before, or whether you are already a competent game angler, you will receive expert tuition to suit your particular level of skill.
Arthur Oglesby, the well-known writer and television commentator on salmon and trout fishing will be in charge of tuition. He is a master of the Capt. T. L. Edwards casting methods, which he has practised and demonstrated throughout the last fourteen years in Britain, Europe, America and Africa.
Assisting him will be Spey expert George Mortimer and other well-known anglers.

Lectures, film shows and demonstrations

In the evenings you can relax in the hotel's comfortable public rooms, or enjoy lectures and film shows, on all aspects of game fishing and demonstrations of many angling skills, such as choice and use of tackle, knot tying, etc.

Numbers limited to only 24 per week

The special one-week courses are run by the Palace Hotel in co-operation with the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation. Owing to their great popularity and the fact that numbers are limited to only 24 per week, we have increased the number of courses from five to six which will commence with cocktails on the Sunday evening. This allows six full days on the river, so that pupils can be given all the attention and instruction they require.
Dinner will be served at 7-15 p.m. on the first day.
Travellers by train will be met at Aviemore by taxi if hotel is advised.

ALL FOR ONLY

£56.00

INCLUDING FISHING PERMIT
PLUS V.A.T.

What others say

Thanks to your courses at Grantown I think I have come on *a bit* in trout casting and fishing. Anyway, I managed to land a 4 lb. Rainbow last week which for me is a big fish! I feel, therefore, that I might possibly next year progress to your Salmon casting lessons.
B.M.D., London W.1.

Thank you for a wonderful course. I enjoyed myself beyond all expectations.
Compliments on your handling of people and your supreme patience.
J.U., Wolverhampton.

As a pair of novices, my wife and I would like to thank you for the expert tuition, the first class food and the excellent accommodation. We caught a lot of trout and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.
M.G., Harrogate.

Although Richard and I saw you before we had to leave on Sunday morning, we don't feel we were really able to express properly our appreciation of the course as a whole and of your patient instruction in particular. To be initiated into the gentle art of game fishing by a man of your international reputation was a great privilege. We feel that the whole course was a triumph of organisation and reflects great credit on you and your fellow instructors.
We sincerely hope that when we return to the Palace next May, we shall find all the same faces waiting to greet us.
P.C.H., East Molesey.

COURSE 1	**COMMENCES**	**APR. 13**
COURSE 2	**COMMENCES**	**APR. 20**
COURSE 3	**COMMENCES**	**APR. 27**
COURSE 4	**COMMENCES**	**MAY 4**
COURSE 5	**COMMENCES**	**MAY 11**
COURSE 6	**COMMENCES**	**MAY 18**

PALACE HOTEL
Grantown on Spey

Telephone: Grantown on Spey 2706

Equipment

If you wish to do both salmon and trout fishing you will need salmon and trout rods with suitable reels, waders, etc. A list of suitable tackle will be issued on request. If you have no equipment of your own HARDY BROS. LTD. of Alnwick operate a rod hire scheme and this tackle may be hired or bought locally through Mr. G. Mortimer, High Street, Grantown on Spey. Telephone 2684. Tackle may also be bought from Angus Stuart, High Street, Grantown.
Please let us know if you intend to hire equipment.

Other attractions

Private beats may be hired by arrangement with the hotel on the famous Castle Grant and Tulchan beats of the Spey (see over)
Boats are available for trout fishing in Lochindorb and Loch Garten.
There is excellent pike fishing from Lochs in the area. Grantown is an ideal centre for bird watching. The famous ospreys are in the vicinity.
A good 18 hole golf course is adjacent to the Hotel.
Winter sports holidays, with tuition, are run from the Palace Hotel from Christmas to the end of April.
Roe-deer stalking may be available by arrangement with the Estate Office, as may rainbow and brown trout fishing in Avielochan, Loch Vaa, Loch Dallas and Loch McLeod.

NUMBERS LIMITED! COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION NOW

Please reserve accommodation for me for one week, at £56·00 which includes accommodation, all meals and fishing permit.

Name *Mr./Mrs./Miss* .....

Address .....

.....

State course in order of preference, 1975

Commencing days:

13 April	20 April	27 April	4 May	11 May	18 May

Do you wish to share a room with your friend or friends? Yes/No

Do you wish to hire equipment? Yes/No

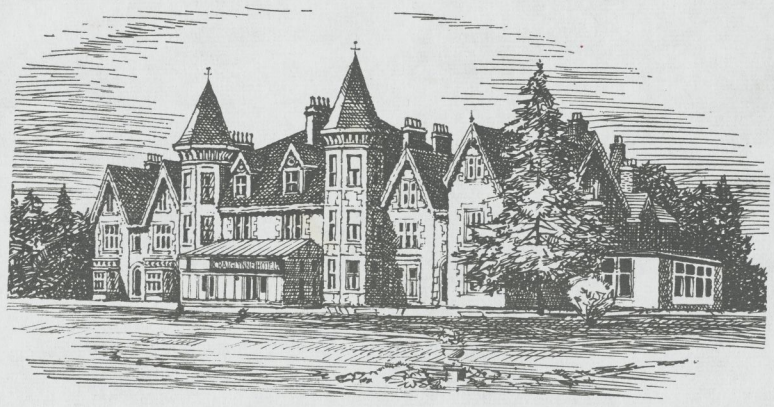
Do you wish to have a day, or days, on a private beat? (see overleaf)

I agree that neither the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation nor the Palace Hotel are under any liability whatsoever in respect of any personal loss or injury which I may sustain and I agree to conform with any safety regulations which the staff may make.

Signature .....

Date .....

(If applicant is under 21, a parent or guardian should sign). When complete, the Application Form should be sent direct to the Palace Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey, with a deposit of £5·00 (see over).



Please note our NEW Telephone No.

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CRAIGLYNNE HOTEL *Grantown-on-Spey Morayshire*

PH26 3JX

Telephone 97

RSM/AB/ON

20th April 1973

Mrs. S. Nemes,
10824 Hendrich Place,
Crown Point,
Indiana, 46307

Dear Mrs. Nemes,

I thank you for your letter of the 16th April, and have much pleasure in enclosing a Brochure and Tariff, giving details of the hotel and the facilities provided, together with leaflets which give information on the Fishing available on the River Spey.

I regret that the hotel is fully booked for period in which you have requested. However I am able to offer you two twin bedded rooms one with private bathroom from 21st. May for 5 nights at the rate of £5.00per person daily for twin without bath and £5,60 per person daily for twin with bath for Lunch, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, V.A.T. and Service Charge is included.

I hope this information will be of interst to you and you will decide to make a firm reservation with us.

Yours sincerely,

R.S. McNaughton, M.H.C.I.
Manager.

22324

No 61. 22 May 1993

Received from Mrs Smith two
hundred pounds for Sale the sum of
one thousand Weem Hotel water of the
River Tay on Tuesday 22/5/93.

£2 ——

PAYMENT
22 MAY
WITH THANKS
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Day Permit

This Permit must be produced on request and returned to the Head Watcher, Mr. Stewart Cumming, Innerwick on expiry

Not Transferable

Permit No. 0634

INNERWICK FISHING CLUB

Mr Reines

is hereby granted permission to fish the Club Waters on 2nd for the 1972 Season from 1st April to 30th September 1973 This Permit is issued on the clear understanding that the holder must comply with all the Rules of the Club. A return of all fish caught is to be made to the Head Watcher on attached form.

RENTON, FINLAYSON & CO.
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Estates Office,
Aberfeldy, Perthshire.

No dogs allowed

Salmon Fishing prohibited on Sundays

RETURN of CATCH

Date	Salmon		Rainbow Trout		Brown Trout	
	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.

2.40
2
4.80

6.60
2.40
26400
1320
158400

Day Permit

This Permit must be produced on request and returned to the Head Watcher, Mr. Stewart Cumming, Innerwick on expiry

Not Transferable

Permit No. 0633

INNERWICK FISHING CLUB

..... Mr. Kinmer .....

is hereby granted permission to fish the Club Waters on ..21/21.....

for the 1972 Season from 1st April to 30th September 1972. This Permit is issued on the clear understanding that the holder must comply with all the Rules of the Club. A return of all fish caught is to be made to the Head Watcher on attached form.

RENTON, FINLAYSON & CO.
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Estates Office,
Aberfeldy, Perthshire.

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RETURN of CATCH

Date	Salmon		Rainbow Trout		Brown Trout	
	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.

Room No. 6 MAY 1923

M NEMES

FORTINGALL HOTEL

FORTINGALL, By ABERFELDY, PERTHSHIRE

TELEPHONE: KENMORE 367

TELEGRAMS: HOTEL, FORTINGALL

	21		22		23		24							
	£	p.	£	p.	£	p.	£	p.	£	p.	£	p.	£	p.
Brought forward			3	60	13	57	19	25						
Room and Breakfast ...			5	20	5	20	5	20						
Lunch														
Dinner	3	40												
Private Bathroom ...														
Private Sitting Room ...														
Morning Tea														
Morning Coffee ...														
Afternoon Tea														
Evening Tea														
Coffees		20												
Packed Lunch						48								
Wines														
Spirits, etc.			2	24										
Ales and Minerals ...														
Cigarettes and Cigars ...														
Telephone				03										
Newspapers														
Garage														
FISHING			2	50										
Carried Forward	3	60	13	57	19	25	24	45						
V.A.T.							VAT INC							
TOTAL							LESS 9 91							
							£ 14 54							

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041-770 7666

Please reply to AC/MA

May 2nd 1973

Dear Mrs Nemes,

Many thanks for your letter of April 18th 1973, and I confirm the reservation of an Audi automatic to be delivered to Prestwick Airport on the 18th May 1973 at approximately 08.00 hrs. ex Gaelic American Group charter. I am in receipt of your deposit of 26 dollars. Please find enclosed current brochure.

Yours sincerely,

Reservations Manager.

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF VISITORS

The Spey has for centuries been regarded as one of the most famous salmon rivers, but it is not perhaps fully realised that it is also an excellent trout stream.

A difficult river to fish, it requires a degree of artistry which is seldom seen elsewhere, and methods used on Tweed or Tay would fail miserably on this noble river, but there are times in the Spring when complete beginners may have outstanding success with salmon which average about 12 lbs., but may go as high as 40 lbs.

Best months for salmon are May and June, in the middle reaches, but March and April can be very good for those who prefer to spin. July, August and September can on occasions, depending on water conditions, produce good sport also.

Seatrout usually arrive in numbers in May and although the long mild June evenings provide the best sport, July can also be excellent. In August the river is usually over-fished and seatrout are shy and difficult to catch. Our seatrout average 2 - 3 lbs.

Trout take well throughout the season and a really good rise on the Spey has to be seen to be believed. Although plentiful, they are sometimes difficult to catch and for really good ones of 4 - 5 lbs. dry fly on very fine cast is recommended. Spinning for trout is not considered a sporting method.

Grantown-on-Spey is, without doubt, the main centre for anglers due to the fame it has gained by offering fishing at extremely reasonable cost on the Association water. Situated about 50 miles from the sea, it is in the centre of a really beautiful touring area, only half a mile from the Association water and within easy reach of private beats (usually fully booked at prices from £50 to £250 per week). Enquiries about these beats should be made to the Seafield Estate, whose offices are in the Square, Grantown-on-Spey.

No day tickets are issued for the Association water but even overnight residence qualifies one for a weekly salmon ticket for £2 + V.A.T. Trout fishing costs adults £1 per week, and children 25p. per season also plus V.A.T. You may keep your catch, but fish from this water may not be sold. Only fly fishing is permitted on most of this water when the river is below normal summer level, and prawn or shrimp may not be used at any time. Apart from these restrictions the rules are simple and a rule card and map of the water will be supplied with your ticket. It is not necessary to book fishing in advance, but hotel accommodation may be difficult at peak periods, even although there are about a dozen excellent licensed hotels, dozens of guest houses and Bed and Breakfast rooms as well as a really excellent caravan and camping site conveniently situated.

The Association water consists of 7 miles on both banks of the Spey, and approximately 12 miles on both banks of the River Dulnain, its main tributary. Other streams and lochs in the area are available for trout fishing.

Everything you are likely to require is available in the local tackle shops and we would advise you to purchase your supplies on arrival rather than stock up with tackle recommended by a tackle dealer who may never have visited the Spey or in fact, have any practical experience at all.

You will find on the Spey a very friendly atmosphere, so it only remains for us to wish you a very happy holiday.

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A N G U S S T U A R T
Tackle Dealer
Grantown-on-Spey - Scotland.

THE FISHING



Of course, nobody can guarantee ideal conditions for salmon fishing all the time, but great opportunities do exist. Uig Lodge owns exclusive fishing rights for salmon on the River Fhorsa - Loch Slacsavat system. This is one of the finest such fisheries on the Isle of Lewis. In the past the fishery has been fished only on an occasional basis, but has always been subjected to full keeper control.

Salmon first run in mid-June and there are further major runs in each of the three succeeding months, with some fresh fish entering right up until the season closes on 15th October.

Netting rights are owned but not exercised. There are two first class boats on Loch Slacsavat, where there are many excellent salmon lies. The River Fhorsa is a short river of great character containing a number of good holding pools. At Uig it is possible to catch salmon on the tide and even in the sea on the fly, regardless of the state of the river, and this offers tremendous sport in June, July, August and early September.

There is available brown trout fishing on over 50 lochs as well as extensive free trout fishing elsewhere on Lewis. Some lochs contain trout of a good average size whilst others contain vast quantities of small trout ideal for the beginner. There should be no trouble in obtaining good baskets.



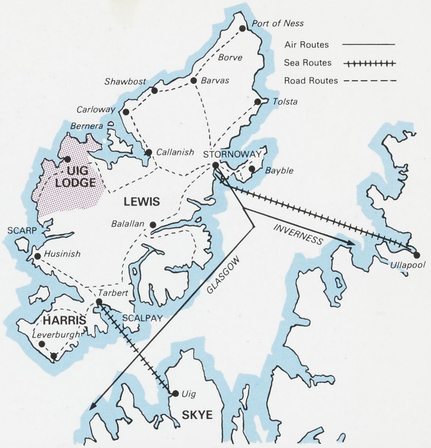
In addition, the Lodge is often able to offer good fishing for sea trout and salmon on the neighbouring Red River and Loch Raonasgail.

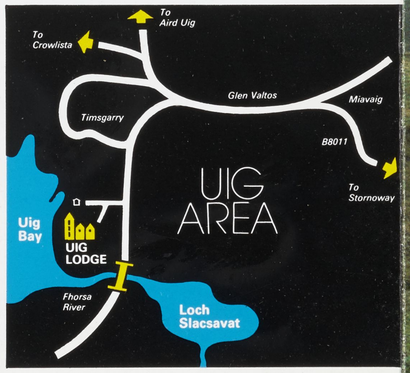
Ghillies can usually be provided by arrangement.





HOW TO FIND US





PLACES OF INTEREST

Lews Castle, Stornoway
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Standing Stones, Callanish
Whalebone Arch, Bragar
Folk Museum, Shawbost
Butt of Lewis
Garry Beach, North Tolsta
Bosta Beach, Great Bernera
Beehive Houses, Kinlochresort
Traigh na Berie, Beach at Valtos
Mangersta Rocks, Uig
Tigh Aig An Oir, Art Gallery, Great Bernera
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Isle of Scalpay
Amhuinnsuidhe Castle
St. Clement's Church, Rodel

. . . . plus many other attractive scenes and beaches.



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Uig Lodge

Country House Hotel

Isle of Lewis



Uig Lodge, Uig, By Stornoway, Isle of Lewis. PA86 9ET. Tel: Timsgarry (085-05) 286.

FROM THE SHORT DRIVE TO UIG LODGE "we gazed upon a scene which surely has few equals in all Britain for sheer breathtaking loveliness. On the left in awe-inspiring grandeur stood a semi-circle of grey rugged mountains. Below, cool blue lochs lay shimmering in the sunlight.

The Lodge, a white house surmounted by a tower, stands on a flower-decked grassy eminence above the most beautiful bay it has ever been my privilege to see; indeed, I could imagine no scene of greater beauty than that which lay before us. Miles of sheen white sand extended far out into the west, where rippled the tide as it flowed from the Atlantic Ocean. A river wound its way from the lochs and half circled the bay ere it reached the sea. Green headlands stretched craggy arms of black rock to left and right at the outlet of the bay, guarding this gem of beauty from the full fury of the Atlantic storms.

But what I found so over whelmingly impressive was the spiritual quality of the place, which extended even to the Lodge itself. It was something I had never before felt or seen - a timelessness and healing peace, a dreaming beauty over all which seemed not of this earth."

(Reproduced from
"Twenty Years of Hebridean Memories"
by Emily MacDonald,
with the kind permission of her sister-in-law,
Mrs Carol MacDonald, Gisla Lodge.)







UIG LODGE HOTEL

Uig Lodge Hotel was formerly a hunting and shooting lodge built by Sir James Matheson over 100 years ago and later presented by the former owner of the Isle of Lewis, Lord Leverhulme, as a wedding gift to his niece, Emily MacDonald. The Lodge, along with the Keeper's Cottage, stands in 200 acres of its own grounds and surely constitutes one of the most attractive and unique architectural styles to be found in the Highlands.

At Uig Lodge we offer our guests a service that is all too rarely found in the modern world - with our emphasis on the personal touch. We care that our guests enjoy a high standard of comfort, service and good, plentiful food in a friendly and pleasant atmosphere of warmth and informality, very much akin to that of a country house. In the bustle and haste of the world in which we live it is very pleasant to find that the charm and spiritual quality, which Emily MacDonald found in Uig Lodge so many years ago, has been retained and even enhanced by the careful and yet extensive programme of modernisation and redecoration which has been carried out.

Our standards of accommodation conform to the "highest" requirements of the Scottish Tourist Board, with central heating in the lounge and dining rooms and controlled heating, teas-mades and wash hand basins in all bedrooms. Some bedrooms have private bathrooms and toilets and all enjoy breathtaking views. We consider it essential to provide ample space for guests to dry their clothes, weigh their fish, and store their tackle. We have a licence for the benefit of residents and we are pleased to welcome well behaved pets.



FOR THE NON FISHER

Although the Lodge caters largely for salmon and trout fishermen, there are a wealth of attractions, too numerous to mention in detail, for ornithologists, artists, botanists, geologists, hikers and all those who merely love a holiday of peace and tranquillity amongst superb surroundings. The Uig Hills offer some of the very finest climbing in the Hebrides. Golden Eagles, peregrine falcons, Great Northern Divers, buzzards and many other interesting and rare land and sea birds can be seen on Lewis, especially during the spring and autumn migrations. For the fortunate, there is also the chance of espying an otter.

The whole area offers a wonderful natural playground with magnificent beaches. A sand yacht is available for hire on Uig Sands.

Contrary to popular belief, it does not rain all the time!



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Your ref.

26 January 1981.

S. Nemes Esq,
N.W. Ayer ABH International,
One Illisnois Centre,
111 East Wacker Drive,
Chicago,
Illinois.

Dear Mr Nemes,

We thank you for your letter of 21 January 1981.

Unfortunately all the fishings we have at the moment are all booked up for the period you require.

Yours sincerely,

Milne Home Ballantyne

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SECRETARY: P. J. W. Blackwood

25th January 1982

Sylvester Nemes Esq
NW Ayeer Incorporated
One Illinois Center
111 East Wacker Drive
Chicago IL60601
USA

Dear Mr Nemes

THURSO RIVER 1982

I refer to your letter of October 23rd 1981 and acknowledge receipt of your cheques in settlement of your outstanding balance.

Having completed my regular bookings for September I regret that I do not have anything available after the first week of September. I would be grateful if you would therefore confirm your acceptance of my offer of one rod for the week August 30th to September 4th with accommodation for you and Mrs Nemes at the Ulbster Arms Hotel from August 29th 1982.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

P.J.W. Blackwood

Secretary

Resident Manager R C Davis M.H.C.I.M.A

Uig Lodge – *Isle of Lewis*



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Telephone Timsgarry (085-05) 286 Registered No 40873 Scotland

Tariff, 1979

We serve a full Scottish breakfast (or Continental breakfast) and a five course dinner plus coffee.

Rooms Available.

Twin-bedded	3
Twin-bedded with bath	2
Double-bedded	2
Double-bedded with bath	1
Single	1
Family (3 single beds)	1

Daily Terms - Per Person:

Bed and Breakfast (May, June, October)	£8.30
Bed and Breakfast (July, August, September)	£9.65
Private W.C. and Bathroom	£1.35
Picnic Lunch	£1.69

9.65

Weekly Terms - Per Person:

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast (May, June, October)	£96.92
Dinner, Bed and Breakfast (July, August, September)	£106.37

All rates are fully inclusive of V.A.T. at 8%, but could alter if the rate of V.A.T. changes. There is no service charge.

Gratuities are at the discretion of guests.

A higher rate per person may be charged in the event of a twin or double-bedded room being let as a single.

Children are welcome. Comfortable collapsible beds can be provided for children in parent's room if required. For this only a small accommodation charge and also a catering charge will apply.

Special terms are available for block bookings.

Period November - April — please apply for terms.

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FISHING WATERS.

1978 Season

Uig Lodge did not open as an hotel until late July and very little serious fishing was undertaken until then. 1978 was very much a learning year and undoubtably many opportunities for catching salmon were missed early in the season.

Weather conditions were unfavourably variable, ranging from total drought early-on to torrential rain, gale force winds and exceptionally high river levels as the season progressed.

After a modest run of fish in June (on the spring tide) there was a tremendous run of fish in July, followed by very big runs in August and September. Fresh fish were still being caught in October. Despite an enormous stock of salmon, there were spells when fish were hard to tempt and others when they were almost easy to catch. For some reason a very high percentage of fish hooked were lost. The final number of salmon and grilse landed was 101, all on the fly (as is the rule here).

Keepering

Two highly experienced and first class keepers are employed as well as two river watchers. Their over-riding responsibility is to ensure that the fish have a free passage and this therefore involves them in working principally at night. Ghillies can often be arranged and are an advantage, especially on the loch.

Tackle

For the most part a fairly strong single handed rod is adequate. In general flies should be on the small size (10 - 6). A dropper was often very effective and successful flies included shrimp fly and muddler minnow, though this is a matter of personal preference. In some cases fish cannot be followed and therefore it is advised that nylon strength be fairly strong. A modest selection of tackle is available in the hotel for sale or hire.

Allocation of Rods and Tariff for 1979

Loch Slacsavat and River Fhorsa: 6 rods are available for booking in advance on the basis of one rod per letting bedroom (in the hotel) for periods of not less than one week. Persons taking pre-let rods will have first option on Loch Raonasgail and Red River. Rods available July, August, September, October at £77.76 per rod per week, inclusive of VAT at 8% and use of boats. A few rods also available in June at £64.80 per rod per week, inclusive of VAT.

Loch Raonasgail and Red River: (also Fhorsa-Slacsavat when available) 3 rods on a daily rota basis. Rods from £8.64 to £12.96 per rod per day (inclusive of VAT).

Loch Langavat: Excellent salmon and brown trout and some sea trout. In addition to our own waters it is very likely that we will also be able to offer rods (both bank and boat with ghillie and outboard) on this superb and attractive loch at the head of the famous Grimersta system.

Loch Suainaval: (reputed to hold "salmo-ferox"). A boat should be available for trolling at £2.37 per day.

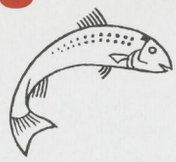
Ghillies: £5 to £6 per day.

All brown trout fishing is free.

All fish caught belong to the captor. The Hotel is pleased to deep freeze guests' fish and to arrange to have them smoked.

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10th January 1979,

Mr. Sylvester Nemes,
Apt 2518, 400 E. Randolph,
Chicago, I11 60601.
USA.

Dear Mr. Nemes,

Thank you very much for your letter of 28th December last. The west coast of the Isle of Lewis where we are situated is one of the most beautiful and least known parts of Scotland.

I am pleased to enclose herewith our brochure, together with tariff, fishing details and details of painting holidays (of interest to your wife?).

All our fishing is strictly fly only, both for salmon and trout and we endeavour to run the Fishery in a very sporting manner. In fact, nearly all of our salmon fishing is carried out with very light tackle - single handed rods, light lines and small flies - which is, I think, often better adapted to the American school of fishing than the British who so often pursue salmon with huge double- handed salmon rods.

Our salmon are not very big and the majority are grilse - the average weight being approximately 6 lb. I have fished extensively throughout Britain and in my opinion there is no more attractive or sporting fish than the Hebridean salmon. There has never been any trace of the salmon disease (U.D.N.) which is so prevalent in parts of Scotland.

With regard to catching salmon and grilse in the sea, this is another case where we broke the myth that Atlantic Salmon will not take a fly (or indeed any other lure) in salt water. The fish are mainly caught on the tide rip as they drop back with the tide, but some are taken casting from the beach at a shoal of salmon in the surf.

I also enclose for your interest our detailed catch returns for the 1978 season. Please note that the Hotel did not open until mid-summer and that consequently many, many chances of catching salmon earlier were not taken. Also, it took us time to get to know the water and this also affected the catches. The "Bruton Stream" incidentally is the tidal part of our Fishery. We had a huge run of salmon in 1978 but a very poor run of sea trout (as was the case in the Western Isles and North-West Scotland in general). No meaningful records are available before 1978, as the water was very privately owned by a family who permitted no access and only occasionally fished themselves.

Our salmon start to run from about mid-June but the best months are July, August and September. The season closes on 16th October and this period can also be good. During the 1978 season we were blighted by far too high water levels in September and October and this definitely had an adverse effect

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at that time. In fact the last six salmon of the season were all fresh out of the sea.

We found the best sizes of rod to be from about 8½ ft. to 10½ ft., though the longer sizes facilitate the effective fishing of the dropper (very deadly here on occasions, especially the muddler minnow). Sizes of fly - singles from 10 to 6, tube flies of ¾" to 1¼", though sometimes bigger. Nylon not less than 9 lb breaking strain is recommended as the fish are sometimes hard to follow.

I am becoming very heavily booked for much of the 1979 season and right now the only dates I still have free for salmon fishing are as shown in the attached sheet.

I would be very surprised if you will find the Fhorsa River and Loch Slacsavat in Calderwoods' writings, as the waters had always been very strictly private and, indeed many of the best small fisheries in the remote west are missed out. I imagine that the famous Grimersta is the only Hebridean water he mentions.

I trust that the above makes sense to you. We would love to see you, together with your wife and your friends. We had an American gentleman stay with us last August, who had a very enjoyable week and was sorry that he had not brought his wife with him. We can assure you of a very warm welcome to Uig, but would ask you to make a reservation as quickly as possible if you do wish to come. If it is of any help I may be contacted via Telex at the following number:

37657

(c/o W.H. Davis & Sons Ltd., Langwith Junction, Mansfield, Notts.)

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me again as I would be delighted to oblige.

With best wishes for 1979.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Davis

Richard Davis.

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Advanced bookings may be made by telephone.

Daily and Weekly permits should be obtained from, and payments made to Hotel Reception, BEFORE FISHING, or the beat may be re-let. After fishing, please give details of all catches, including NIL returns, to the Hotel.

TWO rods per beat, one to fish trout and one for salmon (if possible) except beats 4, 5 and 12 which have one rod.

The ends of the beats are clearly marked with white posts, and three of the beats have fishing huts. Fishers are requested to remain only on their allocated beat(s), as indicated on the map issued. Failure to comply with this rule will result in cancellation and withdrawal of the Hotel Fishing Permit.

Fishing must be carried out in a sportsmanlike manner. The use of Prawns, Worms, Live Bait, Bubble Float, etc. IS NOT PERMITTED.

Spinning for Salmon is prohibited when the water is below 2'0" on the marker BOAT BRIDGE; below that level fly fishing only. All RED SALMON, particularly in September and October, must be returned to the river.

Trout Fishing by fly only. All Trout under 8" must be returned to the water immediately. Trout bag is limited to six per day.

1996 SALMON FISHING SEASON: from **11th MARCH** until **31st OCTOBER**
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	per rod, per day - Salmon/Trout	**£25.00**
	per rod, per week	**£130.00**

Gillies' services may be available by prior arrangement at a cost of £20.00 per day.

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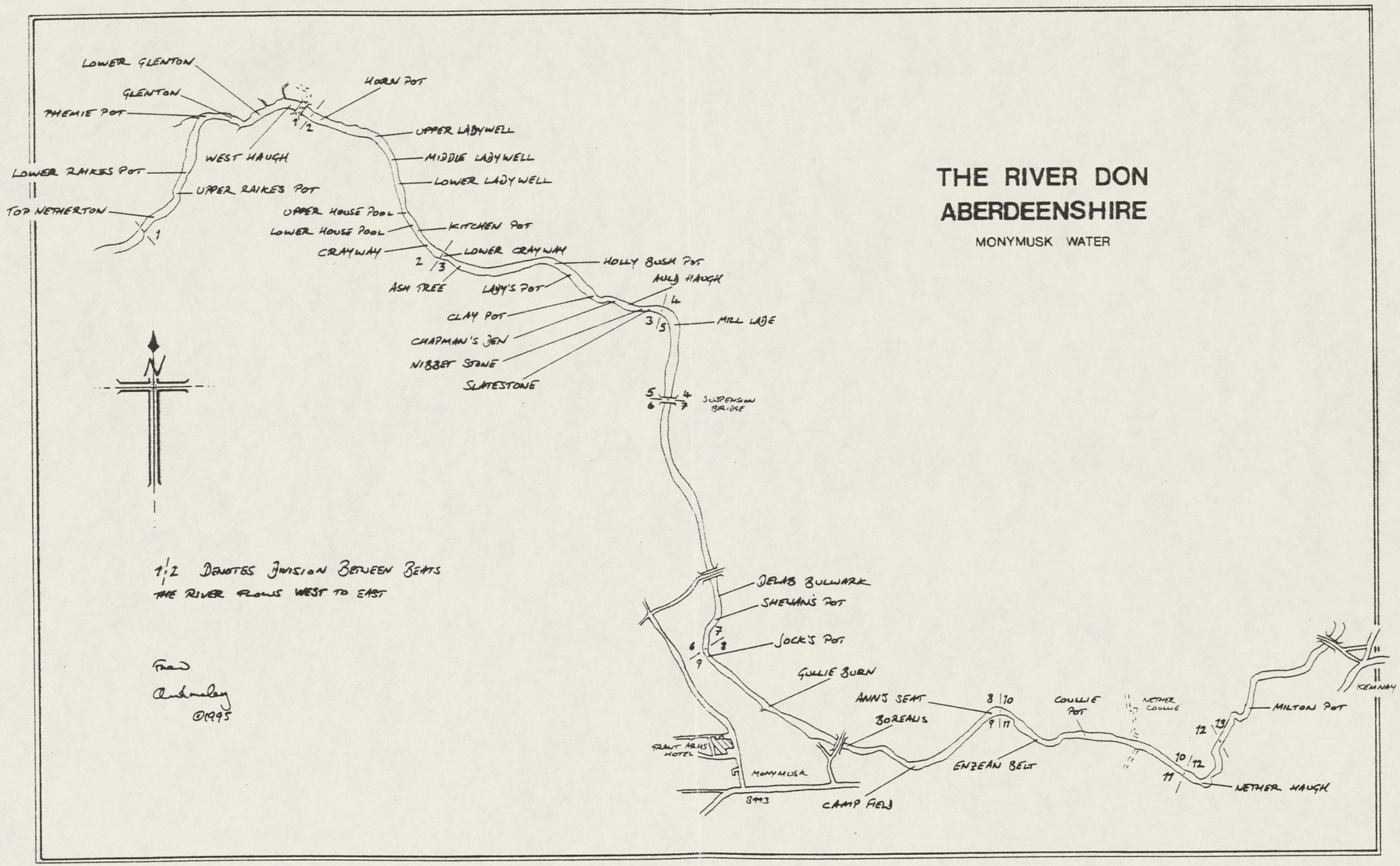
	Per Night (ex. Dinner)	7 Day Rate (inc. Dinner)
SINGLE ROOM (without bath)	£35.00	£330.00
DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM - 1 person (without bath)	£38.00	£352.00
DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM - 1 person (with bath)	£43.00	£390.00
DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM - 2 persons (without bath)	£57.00	£567.00
DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM - 2 persons (with bath)	£62.00	£606.00
Extra Person - i.e. Child sharing	£12.00	£143.00

All prices include room, full breakfast and VAT

7 Day Rate includes 4 course Dinner Menu

Deposit cheques should be made payable to the

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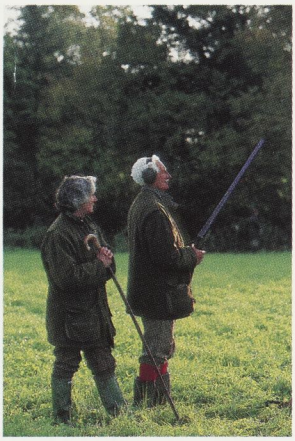


George, Duke of Gordon

Sandston, as it was originally known was built as a family home for the Dukes of Gordon, then refurbished and extended with stone from the ruins of Huntly Castle in 1769 and renamed Huntly Lodge. It was sold from the large estate in 1924, the Army used it during World War II and in 1946 it was sold once more and became

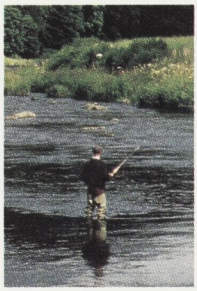
THE CASTLE HOTEL.





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We specialise in informal walked-up shooting for wild pheasant, partridge, ducks, woodcock, snipe, hares, rabbits and pigeon. Also duck flighting and hawking for fur and feather.
Please contact us for further details.



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Single £38.00
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All our bedrooms are of a good traditional country house hotel standard with en-suite facilities, colour television, telephone, hospitality tray and hair dryer.

Tariff valid from April 1996 until further notice. All prices are inclusive of VAT.

Anglers will progress down a river pool at a reasonable rate, and no angler shall cut in front of another at any pool.

Trout fishers should avoid fishing over known salmon lies.

Fly fishing only on Loch Archie.

Before departure, please furnish full particulars in writing to the Club's Head Watcher, of each fish caught. If the Watcher is not at home a note giving all such particulars should be left for him at Innerwick Lodge. If no fish are taken a nil report must be made.

No fish should be returned to the loch.

A charge of 50p per rainbow trout shall be levied in respect of each fish taken in excess of 2 per day or 15 per month by any member or guest of a member. Limits from the loch - 6 fish per day or 30 fish per month.

December 13, 1974

Mr. Arthur Oglesby
4 Barker Lane
York, England

Dear Mr. Oglesby:

I got your name from Mr. Jack Thorndike, who said you might have a good stock of color transparencies ;of the Spey and other Scottish salmon rivers.

I have been getting Trout and Salmon magazine here for the last four years and I have seen some of these cover shots you have made. I ;have been impressed by them.

The whole pupose of this letter is to ask you to send some of these to Mr. Don Zahner, editor of Fly Fisherman Magazine, for possible use in an article on Scottish salmon fishing, which I wrote, and which is to be used in the February, 75 issue. The story is based on six days of fishing during the end of May, 1973. I fished beside the Spey, the Tay, Tummel and Lyon, so if you have any color shots of these rivers, you might send them too. My fishing on the Spey was at Grantown, on the association water, The Pine Trees Hotel beat on the Tummel, the Weem Hotel water on the Tay and Inverwick club water on the Lyon. I don't know how this can help, but I took a four pound grilse on a size 10 Canadian patterened fly on the Grantown association water.

Please send color photos you might think suitable to Mr. Don Zahner, Fly Fisherman Magazine Inc., Manchester, Vt. 05254. All transparencies will be returned to you with the usual payment made for the ones that are used.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvester Nemes
dn/Sn

December 13, 1974

Mr. David A. Gowans
Woodlea, Nethtonmore
Inverness-Shire
Scotland

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I got your name from Mr. Jack Thornidke, who said you might have a good stock of color transparencies of Scottish salmon rivers.

The whole pupose of this letter is to ask you to send some of these to Mr. Don Zahner, editor of Fly Fisherman Magazine, for possible use in an article on Scottish salmon fishing, which I wrote, and which is to be used in the February, 75 issue. The story is based on six days of fishing during the end of May, 1973. I fished beside the Spey, the Tay, Tummel and Lyon, so if you have any ;color shots of these rivers, you might send them too. My fishing on the Spey was at Grantown, on the association water, the Pine Trees Hotel Beat on the Tummel, the Weem hotel water on the Tay and Iverwick club water on the Lyon. I don't know how this can help, but I took a four pound grilse on a size ten Canadian patterned fly on the Grantown association water.

Please send color photos you might think suitable to Mr. Don Zahner, Fly Fisherman Magazine Inc., Manchester, Vt. 05254. All trnasparencies will be returned to you with the usual payment made for the ones that are used.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvester Nemes
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think suitable to Mr. Don Zahner, Fly Fisherman Magazine Inc. Manchester, Vt. 05254. All transparencies will be returned to ;you, and I'm sure a payment would be made to the author or photographer for the use of the picture or pictures used.

Please feel free to take up any related correspondence with Mr. Zahner.

Also, to save postage, I have included a check and the subscription renewal form for another year of your fine magazine. Please pass this on to your circulation department for me.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvester Nemes

January 14, 1975

Mr. Don Zahner
Editor
Fly Fisherman Magazine
Manchester, Vt 05254

Dear Don:

Enclosed are six transparencies from Arthur Oglesby, who, besides Mr. Gowans, I wrote to for transparencies of the Scottish rivers.

I don't think too much of them, perhaps the batch you have from Mr. Gowans is better.

I presented FFM material to Leo Burnett (Marlboro) in Chicago, as well as to top advertising personel at IH. If you get any advertising from them, please send me the commission.

Regarding the Soft Hackled Fly book, I have had a stroke of bad luck. Macmillan had a 200 man house cleaning in NY, including the senior editor, Walton Green, who left the premises with my manuscript and all photography in October. When I called in December to find out what was happening, nobody knew where it was. I asked a lawyer friend of mine to check into it and things started happening very soon. They retrieved the manuscript and photos from Green, and have sent it to Winchester, where it is at the present time. They have some kind of working arrangement with this firm, but I have the feeling they are just stalling and that neither firm will publish the book. My lawyer thinks I have good reason to sue even though I never had a contract, based on Green's phone conversations with me, the length of time (over one year) they had the book, and the embarrasment I will suffer, if it is not published, telling everyone I know that Macmillan was going to publish it.

What is your feeling about this?

Sincerely yours,

Sylvester Nemes

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9th December, 1974.

AIR MAIL

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
10824 Hendricks
Crown Point
Indiana 46307
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Nemes,

Thank you for your letter of December 2, but I must tell you straight away that I cannot provide colour transparencies of the Scottish rivers you mention. For your information, all my cover pictures have been taken from transparencies which are not my copyright, and therefore not retained by me.

All I can suggest is that, if time allows, you could approach two very good angling photographers who might be able to supply you with one or two transparencies of the rivers you mention, providing they are told more or less what you are seeking. One photographer I know who does hold considerable stocks of fishing transparencies is Mr. David A. Gowans, of Woodlea, Newtonmore, Inverness-shire, Scotland, and another good friend of mine who does have colour transparencies of the Spey is Mr. Arthur Oglesby, 4 Barker Lane, York, England. I would suggest that the editor of Fly Fisherman Magazine approaches one or both of these men.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Thorndike

Jack Thorndike
Editor

January 9, 1975

Mr. David Gowans
Woodlea, Newtonmore
Inverness-shire
Scotland

Dear Mr. Gowans:

We have just received your remarkable series of transparencies as requested by Sylvester Nemes. Mr. Nemes is guilty of the same crime that many of us part-time anglers are--amortizing our fishing hours and not taking sufficient pictures for later use. Mr. Nemes is a commercial advertising photographer, but he insisted on wasting his time fishing for salmon instead of photographing them during his recent trip to Scotland.

We will make a selection and then return the "rejects" (but I'd like to keep them all). It may be the case that I'll be able to use several of your pictures in connection with other articles.

I"d like to know more about the scope of your activities--do you do angling photography in other sections of the United Kingdom? I am now looking for a scenic color photo of the Frome in England to illustrate a Haig-Brown article. If you do have other pictures of other sections of Scotland, Ireland or England, I'd like to have a chance to see some of them.

We will probably schedule Mr. Neme's article for our May or June issue, so we should be able to make a final selection in the next month. Thank you so much for your cooperation, and again, thank you for sending the beautiful transparencies.

Sincerely,

Donald D. Zahner
Editor and Publisher

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cc to: Sylvester Nemes

SPINNING ON THE SPEY

What's so special about our wooden Devons? Until now we have been reluctant to put it in writing because we did not particularly wish to make our years of experience and study available to our competitors. Now, however, we find it impossible to take time to explain to every customer exactly how these should be fished - or why, and there are now so many types of wooden Devons on the market, being fished in so many different ways, that the advantages of the original ANGUS STUART SPEY DEVON have, perhaps, been forgotten.

The advantages of spinning in the early months cannot be denied as far as results go, and spinning with a wooden Devon in a river with as much life and character as the Spey can be ab enjoyable and rewarding experience far removed from the usual "barrel organ grinding" as practised elsewhere.

Many anglers stop off at Grantown to buy these special Devons which get results all over the country, especially in fast streams, because they have been evolved for these special fishing conditions.

From Grantown downstream the Spey is a fast river and many of the most productive lies are in streamy water with plenty of boulder cover. To fish a heavy Devon at the end of a trace (or a wooden one which has had a lead wire wound round the mount) is not only expensive in terms of tackle lost, but defeats the whole object of the wooden Devon technique. This is based on a semi-buoyant bait hanging and fluttering in the current above the salmon lie.

Examine your Angus Stuart wooden Devon and you will find that the fins are small, strong and mounted well down the flank of the bait. Small fins mean slow revolving and this is essential if the bait is to fan slowly round in the stream rather than spinning like a propeller, which often irritates a fish causing it to move to another lie. Being set well back, the fins tend to keep the Devon on an even keel.

To fish a wooden Devon properly a 1½ in. spiral lead should be mounted on the trace about a yard above the bait. A rod of 8 or 9 ft. is recommended so that after the cast is made at an angle of 60° with his own bank the angler can then use the length of his rod to mend the line as in fly fishing. The wooden Devon is then fished round very slowly rather like a salmon fly with only the barest minimum retrieval of line to keep the angler in touch with the bait. It is less likely to snag than traditional minnows because, fished in this way, it is the lead which bumps the bottom first - not the hooks - and of course the small strong fins are less likely to become wedged between stones.

If this method fails the length of the rod can be used to hang the bait over the lie for as long as possible from almost directly upstream, allowing the weight of the lead to take the bait down to the correct depth. By raising the rod tip and turning the reel handle a couple of times the bait is then caused to pick up speed and rise away from the fish in a most attractive manner which quite often causes the salmon to take. Try these recommended methods and you will find that spinning for salmon becomes much less boring.

Add to these advantages the price and quality of the ANGUS STUART SPEY DEVON and the guarantee that we will immediately replace it if the fins come out or if the paint peels off, and you will realise that your money has been well spent.

We also stock ordinary and large bore wooden Devons which can be weighted, but we do not recommend these although some people prefer them.

Wooden Devon Shells 15p. Special mount to suit 7p.

Our special Salmon Flies, the ANGUS STUART KILLER and ANGUS STUART'S FANCY, as described in "Fifty Popular Flies and How to Tie Them", Vol. 3, by Tom Stewart, are also well known and reasonably priced.

THURSO FISHERIES LIMITED

PARTICULARS OF THURSO RIVER - CAITHNESS

ANGLING: The Season opens on 11th January and closes on 5th October.

Two rods fish on each stretch. Fishing is by fair fly only and no bait fishing or spinning is permitted. Fishing is from both banks and waders are not necessary.

Present Catches Over the Whole River:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	TOTAL
1972	-	1	7	57	48	73	150	403	452	71	1,262
1973	-	-	18	69	126	102	137	345	216	101	1,114
1974	1	-	13	9	22	50	173	272	459	212	1,211
1975	1	3	6	114	100	33	16	28	405	125	831
1976	-	7	11	39	27	7	5	2	110	28	236
1977	1	6	25	48	66	26	100	144	226	110	752
1978	-	2	31	85	52	16	118	46	218	35	603
1979	1	2	39	72	80	28	232	346	256	45	1,101
1980	-	6	45	50	19	23	137	207	364	38	889
1981	-	14	36	74	59	159	242	232			

BOOKINGS: Should be made with:

The Secretary,
Thurso Fisheries Limited
Thurso East,
Thurso
Caithness KW14 8HP

ACCOMMODATION: This is included in the price quoted, but does not include Private Sitting Room or Garage, which should be booked direct with the hotel when confirming your accommodation requirements at:

The Ulbster Arms Hotel
Halkirk, Caithness Telephone: Halkirk 206 or 641

GHILLIES: If the Services of a ghillie are required, at least one months written notice should be given to:
The River Superintendent, Thurso Fisheries Limited, Bishop Adams House, Braal, Halkirk, Caithness. Telephone: Halkirk 591.

CANCELLATION OF BOOKING: At least two months written notice should be given otherwise charges will be payable in full.

1982 SEASON CHARGES

Week Number	Week Begining	Charge Per Rod Including Accommodation
1	January 11th	£144
2	" 18th	£144
3	" 25th	£144
4	February 1st	£144
5	" 8th	£144
6	" 15th	£144
7	" 22nd	£150
8	March 1st	£150
9	" 8th	£168
10	" 15th	£168
11	" 22nd	£168
12	" 29th	£174
13	April 5th	£180
14	" 12th	£180
15	" 19th	£221
16	" 26th	£221
17	May 3rd	£221
18	" 10th	£221
19	" 17th	£221
20	" 24th	£215
21	" 31st	£174
22	June 7th	£174
23	" 14th	£174
24	" 21st	£174
25	" 28th	£174
26	July 5th	£174
27	" 12th	£174
28	" 19th	£227
29	" 26th	£227
30	August 2nd	£227
31	" 9th	£227
32	" 16th	£245
33	" 23rd	£245
34	" 30th	£245
35	Sept. 6th	£255
36	" 13th	£255
37	" 20th	£255
38	" 27th	£255

VALUE ADDED TAX

Please note that the above charges do not include Value Added Tax which is applicable at the Standard Rate.

SERVICE CHARGE

No Service charge is made but it is customary to offer tips to ghillies and hotel staff.

CANCELLATION OF BOOKING

At least two months written notice must be given otherwise charges will be payable in full.

ULBSTER ARMS HOTEL

HALKIRK, CAITHNESS Telephone Halkirk (Code 0847 83) 206 or 641

TARIFF

En pension terms quoted include apartments, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

No reduction is made for meals not taken and all sporting charges are inclusive of apartments, breakfast, packed lunch and dinner. No rebates can be offered if a full week's sport or accommodation is not used.

BED and BREAKFAST	from £9.50 per night
Private Sitting Room	£6.00 per night

EN PENSION: Low Season—11th January to 17th April, 30th May to 17th July.

Low Season	£120.00 per week
High Season	£155.00 per week

INCLUSIVE SPORTING TERMS

SALMON FISHING
from £144.00 to £255.00 per week

TROUT FISHING (including boat)

Low Season	£130.00 per week
High Season	£175.00 per week
WINTER SHOOTING	£225.00 per week
HIND STALKING	£225.00 per week

Salmon fishing charges include the right to keep fish caught. Shooting and stalking charges reserve the game shot to the hotel. Cancellation of a confirmed booking cannot be accepted on less than two months' notice for fishing bookings or three months in the case of shooting or stalking bookings.

Transport to the hill or river is not provided but car hire arrangements can be made for guests coming by rail or air if notice is given when the booking is made.

The above prices do not include V.A.T. which is applicable at the standard rate. No service charge is made but it is customary to offer tips to keepers and ghillies as well as hotel staff.

The above terms are those ruling at 1st January 1982 and the management reserves the right to revise any of the prices quoted from time to time.

BOOKING FORM

(BLOCK CAPITALS, PLEASE)

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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POST CODE .....

TELEPHONE NO. .....

FISHING

No. of Rods SALMON ☐

No. of Rods TROUT ☐

GHILLIE — Yes or No ☐

HIND STALKING AND WINTER SHOOTING

No. of Guns or Rifles ☐

No. of Hired Shotguns ☐

No. of Hired Rifles ☐

ACCOMMODATION

No. of Rooms TWIN ☐

DOUBLE ☐

SINGLE ☐

PRIVATE SITTING ROOM ☐

GARAGE ☐

DATE OF

ARRIVAL ..... DEPARTURE .....

RODS AVAILABLE. (Pre-let)

Week commencing:-	1	2	3	4	5	6
2nd June						
9th June						
16th June						
23rd June						
30th June						
7th July	X					
14th July	X	X	X			
21st July	X	X				
28th July	X	X	X	½	X	
4th August	X	X	X	X	X	
11th August	X	X	X	X		
18th August	X	X	X	X	X	X
25th August	X	X	X	X	X	X
1st September	X	X	X	X	X	½
8th September	X	X	X	X	X	½
15th September	X	X	X	½	X	X
22nd September	X	X	X	X	X	X
29th September						
6th October						
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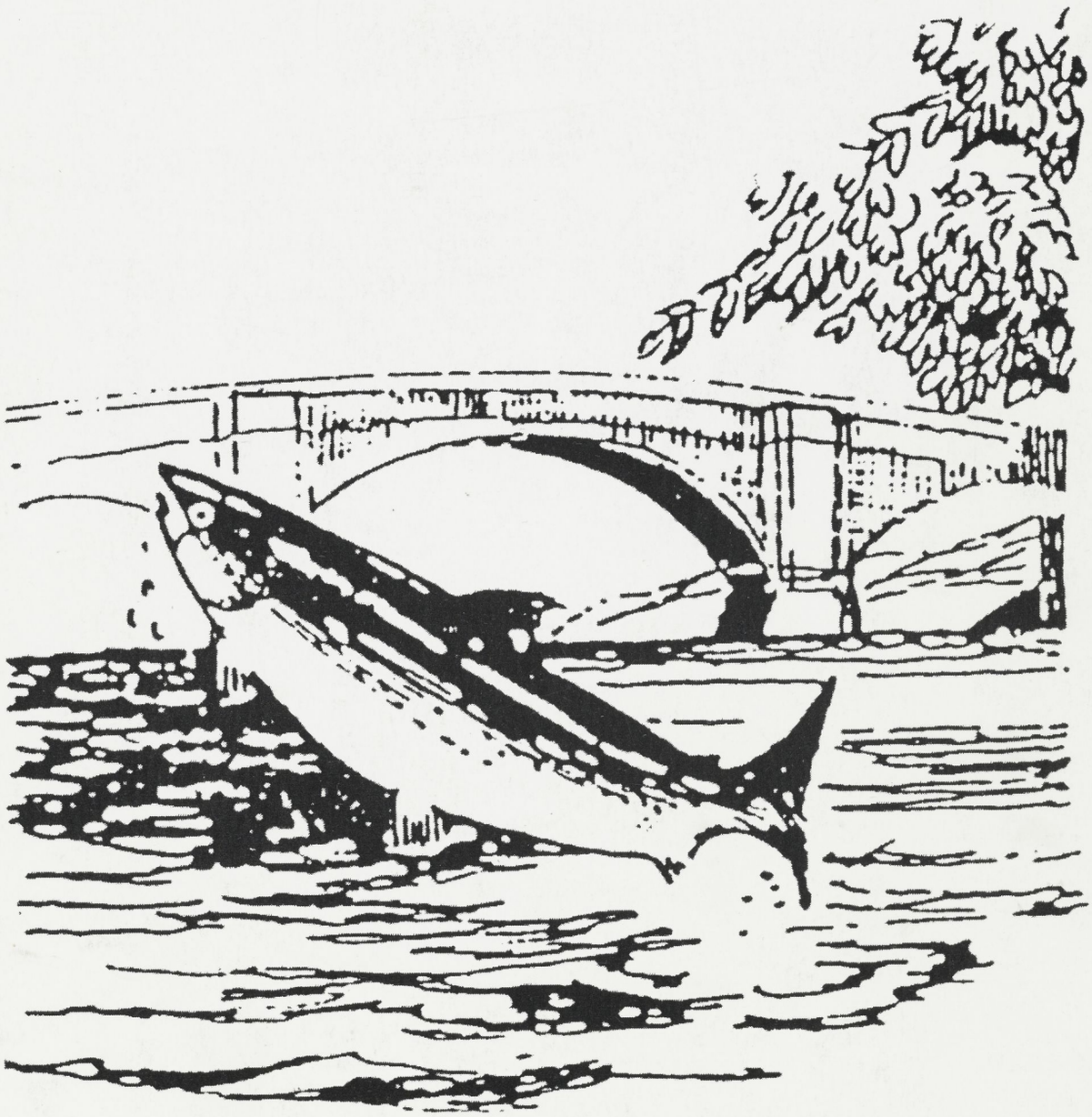
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DATE	VENUE	SALMON	SEA TROUT
20th July	Bruton Stream	5 lb	
	" "	3½ lb	
	Ciste Pool	5 lb	
21st July	" "	5 lb	
	Bruton Stream	4 lb	2¼ lb
22nd July	" "	7 lb	
	Ciste Pool	5 lb	
	" "	7¾ lb	
25th July	" "	5½ lb	
	" "	7½ lb	
	Gorge Pool	5½ lb	
	" "	6½ lb	
	" "	7 lb	
	Loch Raonasgail		1½ lb
	" "		1½ lb
	" "		1½ lb
26th July	Ciste Pool	7½ lb	
	" "	4½ lb	
	Gorge Pool	6½ lb	
	" "	6¾ lb	
27th July	Loch Slacsavat	5½ lb	
	" "	6 lb	
	" "	11 lb	
28th July	" "	5½ lb	
29th July	Gorge Pool	6 lb	
31st July	" "	5¾ lb	
9th August	Bruton Stream	4½ lb	
	" "	5 lb	
	" "	5½ lb	
10th August	" "	4¾ lb	
	" "	9½ lb	
	" "	4¾ lb	
	" "	5½ lb	
	Loch Raohasgail	5½ lb	1½ lb
	" "		1 lb
	" "		1½ lb
12th August	Bruton Stream	7½ lb	
	" "	6 lb	
	" "	5½ lb	
14th August	" "	4 lb	
15th August	Loch Raonasgail		2 lb
16th August	Loch Slacsavat	7¾ lb	
17th August	" "	7½ lb	
	Bruton Stream	6 lb	1¼ lb
18th August	" "	5½ lb	
	Ciste Pool	5½ lb	
19th August	Loch Slacsavat	5½ lb	
	" "	7½ lb	
21st August	" "	6½ lb	
22nd August	Loch Raonasgail	4 lb	2¾ lb
23rd August	Bruton Stream	5½ lb	
	" "	6½ lb	

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DATE	VENUE	SALMON	SEA TROUT
24th August	Bruton Stream	7¼ lb	
	Sea Pool	6¾ lb	1¼ lb
25th August	" "	6¼ lb	
26th August	" "		1½ lb
28th August	Ciste Pool	4¾ lb	
	Loch Slacsavat	6 lb	
	" "	4 lb	
29th August	Loch Raonasgail	8½ lb	1½ lb
	" "		1¼ lb
30th August	" "		1½ lb
31st August	Loch Slacsavat	5¼ lb	
1st September	Bruton Stream	6½ lb	
2nd September	Loch Slacsavat	4½ lb	
	" "	8½ lb	
4th September	Bruton Stream	5½ lb	
	" "	4½ lb	
	" "	6 lb	
5th September	" "	5¼ lb	
6th September	Loch Raonasgail	4 lb	
8thSeptember	Canal Pool	3½ lb	
	Dam Pool	7 lb	
12th September	Red River	5½ lb	
13th September	Corner Pool	5 lb	
	Loch Slacsavat	6¾ lb	
	" "	5 lb	
	" "	6¼ lb	
	" "	5 lb	
14th September	" "	7 lb	
	" "	6 lb	
	" "	4½ lb	
15th September	" "	7 lb	
	" "	6¾ lb	
	" "	7 lb	
	" "	5 lb	
	Red River	5½ lb	
18th September	Loch Raonasgail	6½ lb	2½ lb
	" "	4½ lb	1 lb
	Loch Slacsavat	4½ lb	1½ lb
	Corner Pool	4¼ lb	
19th September	Loch Slacsavat	9¾ lb	
	" "	5¼ lb	
20th September	" "	9½ lb	
	Loch Raonasgail		2¼ lb
	" "		1 lb
21st September	Canal Pool	5 lb	
23rd September	Loch Slacsavat	6¼ lb	
25th September	" "	5 lb	
26th September	" "	5¾ lb	
	" "	5 lb	
	Sea Pool	6 lb	
	Canal Pool	5 lb	
	Corner Pool	5 lb	
28th September	Loch Slacsavat	6 lb	
29th September	" "	5 lb	
5th October	" "	4½ lb	
6th October	" "	6 lb	
	" "	5¾ lb	
	" "	9½ lb	
	Canal Pool	4¾ lb	
	" "	9¼ lb	

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01. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Beauly Angling Club.

This Novice's Handbook has been produced as part of a project called "The Beauly Angling Club River Management Plan". The Plan has been part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund under the Inverness and Nairn Leader II Programme.

Part of that Management Plan aims to encourage, coach and educate, principally the younger members of our Angling Club; although all age groups are of course welcome. Rather than simply run a couple of annual indoor coaching and information evenings followed by practical coaching on the river, it was decided that a Novice's Handbook would provide a useful reference source that would significantly reduce the number of loose handouts required for our coaching evenings. It would also be useful to many of the visiting anglers to our area.

The other catalyst was the presence of two SANA (Scottish Anglers National Association) approved angling instructors for both Trout and Salmon on the BAC Committee. They carry full public liability insurance to cover all eventualities. SANA work very hard on behalf of all game anglers in Scotland, so please support them in any way you can; their information leaflet is contained within the Handbook. BAC is one of its Member Clubs and our Instructors are Individual Members.

The Handbook is intentionally not too technical and should be easy reading. The pages are not numbered as more will possibly follow over time. Incidentally, while trying to be metricated, some references have been expressed in Imperial only, in the interests of clarity/brevity.

Remember that the Beauly River proper generally flows briskly for around 9 miles from the junction of the Rivers Glass and Farrar to enter the Beauly Firth shortly after passing the picturesque village of Beauly. The impounded water behind the dams at Aigas and Kilmorack, formed around 1960, are the slowest sections on the River. The roughly 2 mile long tidal portion of the River is the part controlled by Beauly Angling Club. The River Beauly, and in particular the feeder Rivers Glass and Farrar, pass through some of the most beautiful wooded glens to be found anywhere; why not make time to get to know them?

Should you require any help or advice, then please contact Frank Durdle, currently the BAC President (Tel 01463 782749); further copies of this Novice's Handbook can be obtained from Frank or Morison's the Ironmongers in Beauly. We hope you will enjoy the following pages.



Salmo Salar
The Atlantic Salmon

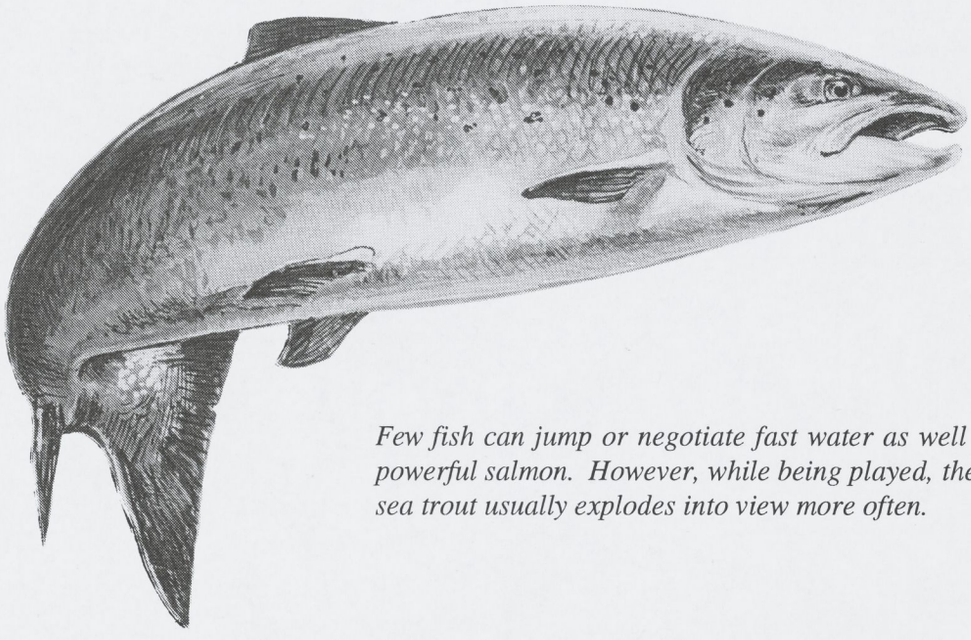
02. HISTORY of the BEAULY ANGLING CLUB

The Club was founded around 1940 by the late Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat, a most distinguished Commando war-time hero who was also a member of the Lovat Scouts. The Club was then called the Kilmorack Ex-Servicemen's Angling Association Committee and was open to residents of the old Aird District. It fished much the same water as we do now in addition to a stretch of the Beauly between Aigas and Kilmorack, but was restricted to fishing on Thursdays and Saturdays only.

At a later date the excellent Piles Pool above Lovat Bridge was added to our water and pools 1-3 at the Caravan Site were excluded. We also acquired permission to fish the western portion of the Beauly Firth from Bunchrew Burn on the south shore to Coulmore Bay on the north shore, all as part of our season ticket permit. Around 1986 the Club was renamed Beauly Angling Club.

In 1989 the Club both acquired its first formal constitution and found a change in the waters available to it. Our ***fly only*** *water now runs all the way down river from Lovat Bridge to Wester Lovat. Although we can no longer fish the Piles Pool or the beat between the Dams, we are fortunate in being permitted to fish our current water on any day of the week apart from Sundays.*

The demand for ***BAC membership*** *has grown to such an extent over the last few years that a membership limit of 110 has had to be imposed from the 1996 season. Any 1995 members renewing their permits by 31st May 1996 will have a permit held for them. Thereafter, those prospective members on our waiting list will be accommodated if possible. The renewal date will probably be brought forward to 30th April from the 1997 season.*

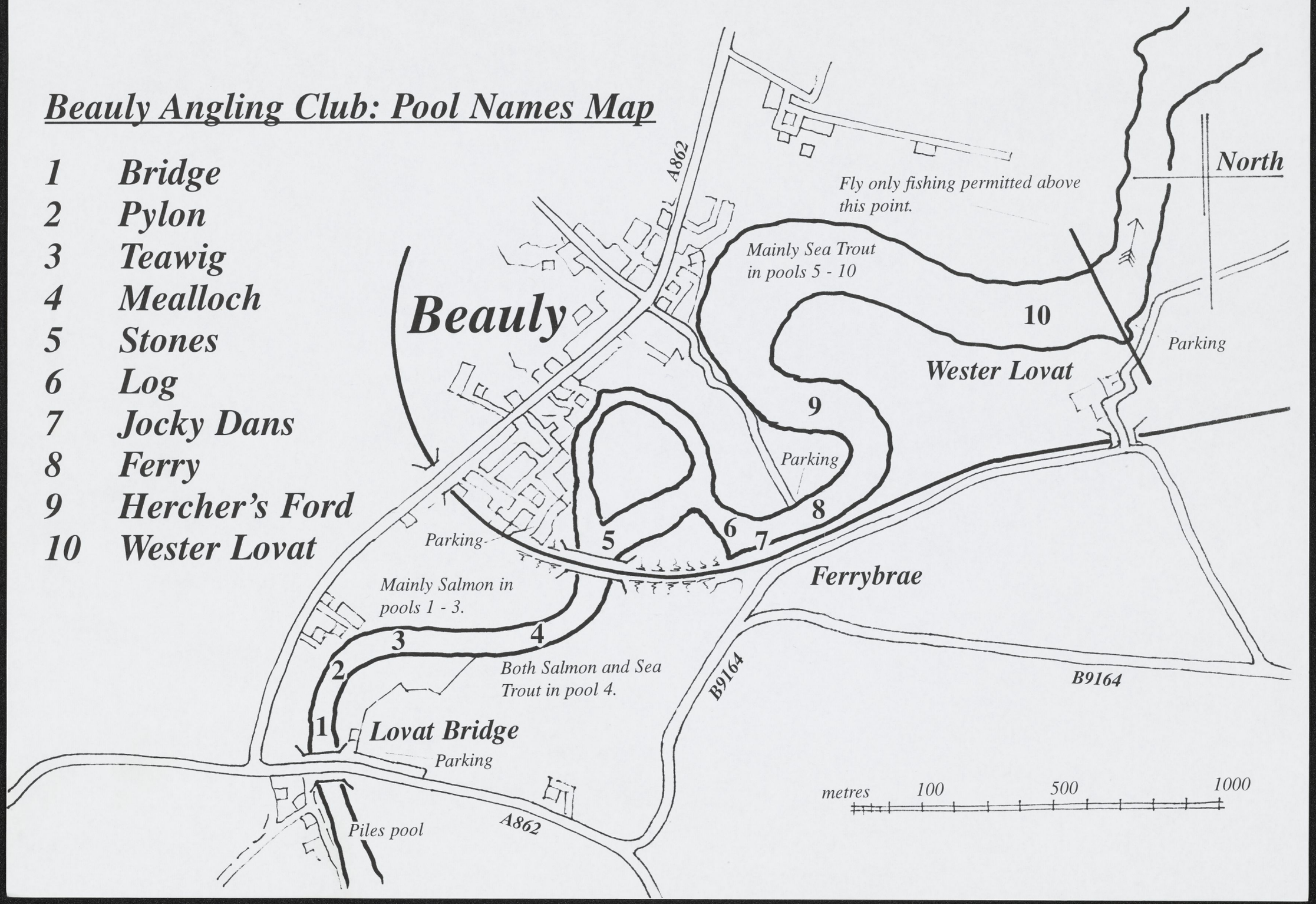


Few fish can jump or negotiate fast water as well as the powerful salmon. However, while being played, the lively sea trout usually explodes into view more often.

Fishers were accustomed to taking big bags of sea trout in the early years of the Club. However, salmon and particularly sea trout ***catches,*** *gradually dropped over the years. The serious decline in the sea trout numbers appears to have stopped and, thankfully, returns are steadily increasing at the present time. Steps have now been taken to increase salmon catches on the BAC water. These steps affect Pools 1-4 as shown on the following BAC Pool Names information map.*

Beauly Angling Club: Pool Names Map

1 Bridge
2 Pylon
3 Teawig
4 Mealloch
5 Stones
6 Log
7 Jocky Dans
8 Ferry
9 Hercher's Ford
10 Wester Lovat



03. SAFETY

*The most obvious safety point relates to the fact that this is a **Hydro** river. Water passes through turbines located at the dams, and in doing so generates electricity. Consequently, when more power is generated the water level rises. With that in mind it is most unwise to be wading near your limit of either depth or grip. In addition, the BAC water is all **tidal**. This need not be a problem if you again wade within your limit of depth or grip, keep your wits about you and retreat as the water level rises. By wearing studded and/or felted **soles** your grip will be improved. Cleated rubber soles generally do not provide good grip when in water. Be careful when using the thicker insulated type breast waders as they tend to be quite buoyant thus reducing your grip; best not to wade too deeply if wearing them, not least because you are probably disturbing the sea trout! Thigh waders can be quite adequate, especially if your casting is good.*

*A **wading staff** greatly increases your safety when wading. If you cannot afford to buy one at present then why not make one; examine the next one you see to get some ideas. Get to know the pools before wading deeply, however always remember that they can change significantly following floods. Beware of undercut/overhanging banks. If in doubt about your safety at any time then please do not wade. Avoid wading to the ends of spits, such as that found at the north bank near the top of Beat 1, as the shingle river bottom drops away very quickly. In addition, you may discover that you are not able to return upstream against a strong current! Keep your feet apart to increase stability and do not cross your legs when turning. Look at a pool before entering and try to read the pool and understand what you see. If you can, familiarise yourself with the Hugh Falkus escape method; ie you lie on your back and travel downstream feet first with arms outstretched while paddling gently with the hands till in shallow water and able to crawl ashore on all fours.*

*By the time you have donned all your angling gear, it is unlikely that you will be able to **swim** well, no matter how strong a swimmer you may be. That said, being able to swim is a major safety advantage. If you cannot swim, please do not wade deeply; better still, learn to swim, or at least always wear a lifejacket. Remember, it is good practise to **look upriver** every so often. Branches, trees and even big bales of straw can all cause you major problems if they hit you unawares, especially if you are wading deeply. Our members had to avoid all of these hazards in the 1995 Season!*

*Very few of our anglers use **life jackets** or buoyancy aids, but, they are becoming more common. An automatic necklace type of life jacket is worth looking at; even better the angler's waistcoat style life jackets. The automatic type that keep the face above water, even when you are unconscious, are best; if they work! Never wear them below your clothing as your chest will be crushed as they inflate! Simple non-inflatable buoyancy aids are now being increasingly used in commercial situations instead of the neat necklace type of life jacket, as the latter can be unreliable if they are not checked and maintained regularly/properly. Ideally, a **whistle** should be carried in order to draw the attention of others when necessary.*

***Overhead Electricity/Power Lines** can prove fatal, particularly if they are touched by a modern fishing rod which is invariably manufactured using highly conductive materials. High voltages will also arc with relative ease. Wet fly lines are also conductive,*

especially if lead-cored. Consequently, you must be aware of such situations arising, especially when fishing any water that is new to you. Our water currently has hazards in the Pylon Pool, Teawig, the Lovat Bridge Caravan Site Car Park and possibly in other places also. Learn the difference between overhead power lines and telephone lines; if in doubt, keep well clear of both. Remember to ***LOOK OUT, LOOK UP*** *as recommended in the tackle box stickers and safety leaflet (contained in pouch), kindly supplied by Scottish Hydro-Electric. Their 'Cast with Care' safety video can be borrowed from the BAC Video Library; currently handled by Ray Langley (Tel 01463 831307).* ***Lightning*** *is also attracted to conductive fishing rods, therefore, you must stop fishing and put your rod safely away from you during such storms. Do not shelter under trees as wet trees are also conductive. Best to crouch in the open, out of the water and well away from trees.*

Polaroid glasses *remove glare and allow you to see through the water. However, their most important function is to protect the eyes from damage caused by fishing flies, branches, etc. Never fish without your glasses, particularly if it's a windy day, as the flies can land anywhere on occasion; no matter how experienced you are. Always wear a* ***hat*** *for protection also.*

Nets *attached to the back are now recognised as being potentially dangerous. Should you fall in, your net could become entangled in some submerged object thus holding you there, possibly below water level. Bear this possibility in mind should you be considering exactly how to attach a net to your back; or for that matter exactly what type of net to purchase.*

A basic knowledge of ***first aid*** *can be useful for both your safety and that of others. Rather than just reading a booklet, best to attend a class such as that run by the St Andrews Ambulance Association, St John's Ambulance or your local British Red Cross Society. Remember that* ***Weil's disease*** *is apparently becoming more common. Most rats carry the disease which is present in their urine. Should you have a scratch or open wound which comes into contact with such an organism, you will be at risk. As rats urinate on the riverbank close to the water you should ensure that any cuts or scratches are covered.* ***Mosquitos*** *can be a nuisance in late summer. Their bites often cause considerable swelling and pain. A tube of "Anthisan" or similar type cream is well worth carrying. The Dunballoch Watering Hole at the top of Beat 4 and Jocky Dans Pool are two areas that can be quite problematic at times.*

Do not fish for sea trout in the ***darkness*** *until you have fully familiarised yourself with the relevant pools in daylight. Always carry a torch but use it as little as possible in order to retain your best night vision. Move slowly and deliberately. Do not fish alone at night, but remember to keep well away from any companions when casting.*

Having now mentioned sufficient risks to put you off fishing for life, it is perhaps worth saying that very few anglers have come to grief on the Beauly over the years. Many of our fishers have little if any of the safety equipment mentioned. However, we are anxious that novices are set a good example and at least know about current safety and health considerations.

04. RIVER CHARACTERISTICS and IMPROVEMENTS

The more obvious characteristics relate to the Hydro influenced and tidal nature of the River. Hydro power is generated at the Kilmorack and Aigas Dams some 4 miles upstream from Lovat Bridge; consequently water level fluctuation must be anticipated at any time.

*The **tide** enters and floods the river every 12.5 hours or so. Therefore any tide will be roughly one hour later than the corresponding tide on the previous day. Always have the current Moray Firth **Tide Tables** available for reference throughout the season; remember to add one hour to printed times from March 31st - October 27th in order to adjust for British Summer Time. A copy of the Tables can be obtained from the Harbour Master's office in Inverness or from local tackle shops.*

*The **high tides** vary in height from around 3.5 to 5.5 metres, and the higher they are the longer will be their effect on the river. Tides greater than around 3.9m will remove the white water from below Lovat Bridge. A 5.5m tide will reach to the bottom end of the Minister's Pool which is around 400m above Lovat Bridge! Although the tide is the cause of this water level rise in the river, the salinity of the river water in the upper pools at high tide is actually very low, possibly due to the fresh water tending to back-up against the tide.*

*The relatively poor salmon **catches** of recent years, up to and including the 1995 season, encouraged Committee Members to seek to remedy matters with the agreement of Lovat Estate. There is no shortage of salmon in the River, with many thousands being counted through the Aigas Dam annually. The fish can be viewed negotiating the Aigas Fish Lift in the Summer months. Our upper water does not encourage many fish to rest due to a relatively featureless river bottom which results in a definite shortage of lies; arguably ever since the great floods of 1966. Consequently, with the assistance of the Leader II grant monies, **four projects** were researched, costed and finally approved in March 1996. They were:- **(1)** placing ten precast concrete lies in the upper pools, **(2)** forming 5 groynes in the Mealloch Pool, **(3)** publishing a Novice's Handbook to assist with tourism and coaching activities, etc, and **(4)** ongoing bank clearance/improvement works with a strong environmental emphasis, not least because the SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) formerly applying to the Beauly Firth as far as Wester Lovat, now extends to the railway bridge at the tail of the Mealloch Pool! There are apparently no plans to extend the SSSI further upriver.*

*The placement of the **lies** was kindly and effectively carried out by members of the Inverness Sub-Aqua Club over the weekend of the 9th and 10th March '96. For the technically minded, the lies were formed locally in John Fyfe's yard using a Designated Mix RC40 super-plasticised reinforced concrete to provide severe exposure performance and a very long service life. Various steel and cast iron baths provided the moulds. As the pre-cast lies, each weighing from between 0.5 to 0.8 tonnes, were to be floated into position from fairly shallow water, recessed lifting lugs were cast low into the four corners of the lies using T16 high yield steel. A single centrally positioned recessed lifting lug formed using T20 high yield steel with ends protruding from the lie for extra grip was included for attaching guide ropes and for possible future use. Similar but possibly less sophisticated lies have been used successfully in a number of other rivers in the area.*

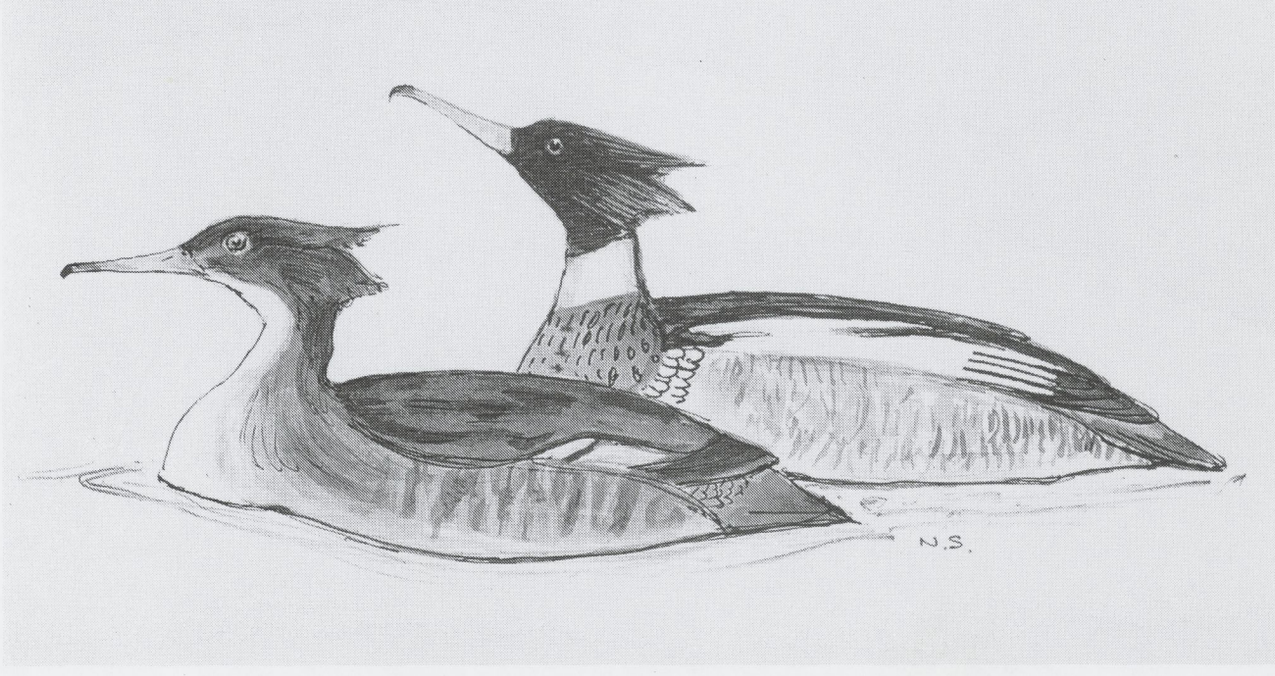
*The **performance** of the lies in terms of their fish-holding capacity, in addition to any problems created by silt build-up downstream of the lies, will be monitored closely in order that adjustments can be made as necessary. The lies have been intentionally angled slightly into the current in order to create slightly different environments on either side of each lie. Atlantic Salmon tend to lie beside and in front of such lies. The operation to place the lies using flotation/lifting bags went exactly as planned with the predetermined lie positions being indicated to the divers using two land-based ranging poles for ease of alignment from the water prior to any distance measurement. The lies were attached by ropes to individuals on both banks to assist with holding the lies against the current until they were in position and the bags deflated. The tide had to be in to provide sufficient depth to float the lies.*

*The project which proposed the formation of five **groynes** in the lower Mealloch Pool was cancelled in April '96 following expert advice which suggested that the relatively modest proposals would produce similarly modest results, yet would increase the risk of flooding in surrounding areas in addition to jeopardising the embankment on the south side of the Pool; we simply could not risk a compensation claim arising.*

*The success or otherwise of this **Novice's Handbook** project is for you to judge. The initial print run produced 1000 numbered copies. Regular coaching sessions are a major part of the educational emphasis.*

*The **bank clearance/improvement** works project is virtually complete as we go to print. However, environmentally sensitive improvement, maintenence and other bank related works carried out by BAC members will require to continue indefinitely, so please let any Committee Member know if you are willing and able to help occasionally.*

Our water has great potential; let's realise it.



The Red Breasted Merganser: Friend or Foe?

05. SALMON and SEA TROUT

*The bright silvery **appearance** of the Sea Trout and the Atlantic Salmon, particularly when they are freshly in from the sea, can cause confusion. The sea trout is more spotted and has a longer upper jaw bone than the salmon. If in doubt, look at the relationship of the maxiliary bone with the eye. If short and extending only to the rear edge of the pupil then it is a salmon (think SS); if long and extending well beyond the rear edge of the iris then it is a sea trout. Also note that the sea trout has a thick wrist to its large square collapsable tail whereas the salmon has a distinctly concave horned tail and a finer but firm wrist which permits it to be tailed fairly easily. The number of transverse scales between the lateral line and the adipose fin is another pointer in cases of doubt; the salmon has the fewer at 10-13 scales. The salmon's 10-12 rays in the dorsal fin to the sea trout's 8-10 can also be a helpful identifier. A salmon and a sea trout are illustrated below:*

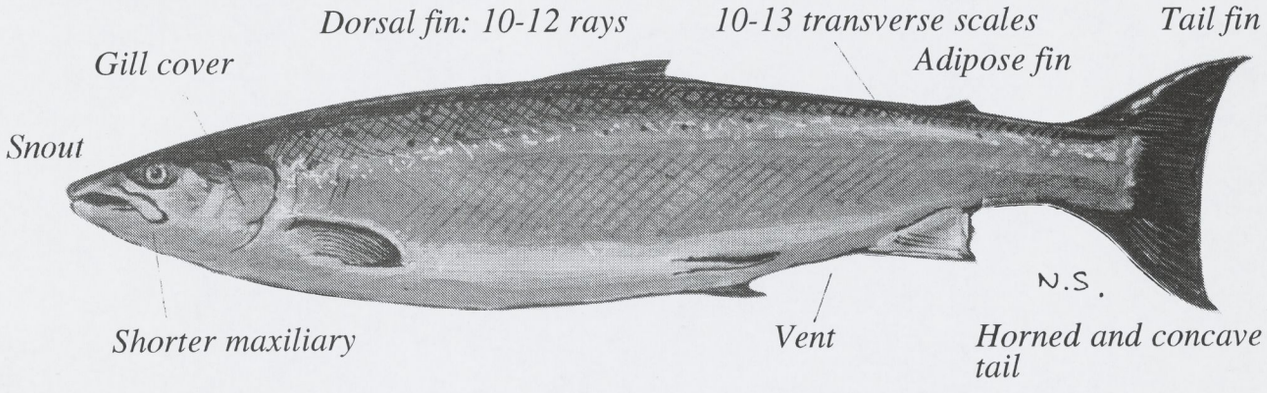


Fig S.1: Salmon

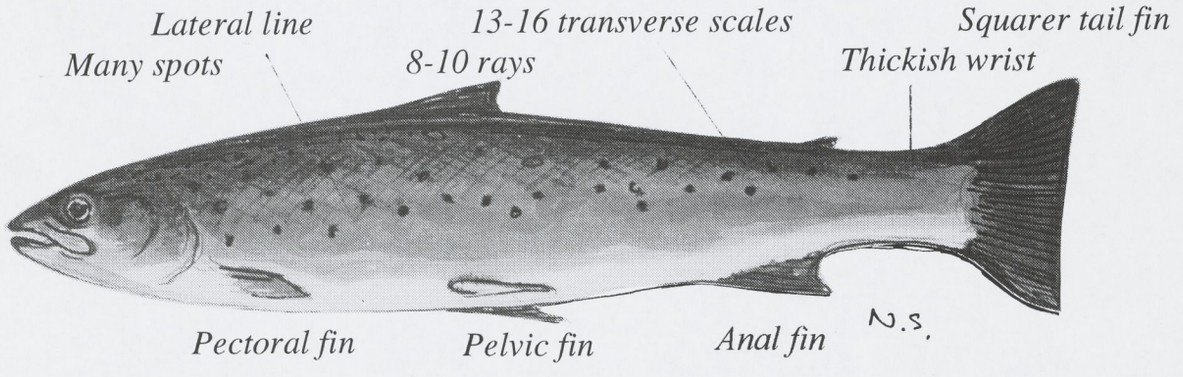


Fig S.2: Sea Trout

*The **life cycle** of the far-ranging Atlantic Salmon is well documented and fairly well understood as compared to that of the more local sea trout. Interestingly, sea trout and brown trout were thought to be quite separate species until recent research proved that they were in fact one and the same. The findings are complex but they basically show that some young brown trout, possibly lacking sufficient food, will migrate to sea as sea trout smolts. Alternatively some sea trout parr, possibly on finding sufficient feeding in the rivers of their birth, will remain and become adult brown trout. Consequently, sea trout can now be thought of as sea-going brown trout, just as the steelhead is a sea-going rainbow trout.*

Although our salmon have to negotiate an incredible and much more distant migration path than the sea trout, their breeding cycles are otherwise very similar. Both species will find, then enter the rivers of their birth, mostly in mid to late summer and make their way upriver to where they themselves were born. Some salmon do not travel far upriver to spawn. Most will travel further, some reaching high into the Glens and into the most distant corners of the Beauly's feeder streams and burns. Large shoals of gravid (spawning-ready) sea trout can be encountered during the autumn in certain pools in the burns that feed the River Beauly. They generally do not venture as far to spawn as some salmon do. Both species take on their spawning livery/colouration which darkens as their roe and milt ripen in readiness for the spawning process, which mainly takes place between November and January.

The cock salmon develop large kypes/hooks on their lower jaws; the male colouration being reddy brown; hence the term kippers for spawning-ready fish. The hen fish lose their fresh silvery and well rounded appearance as their backs become thinner and their bodys almost black before spawning. It is good practise to carefully return all hen fish towards the end of the fishing season.

The fish pair up with partners of the opposite sex and make for the spawning redds where the hen fish disturbs/parts the gravel with her tail to form a nest before depositing a copious stream of eggs (3-5000!) therein. The attendant cock fish is stimulated sufficiently to simultaneously eject a stream of milt, thus fertilising the eggs as they are ejected. The hen fish then covers the eggs with gravel which thereafter becomes the home of the fertilised eggs until they hatch as alevins around March the following year. The alevins quickly lose their yolk sacs, become fry and later grow into parr. The salmon parr displays 10-12 thumbprints on it's flank whereas the sea trout parr displays only 9-10. Around April/May two years after hatching, the fish migrate downstream as silvery smolts for a relatively coastal life in the case of the sea trout and distant migration to destinations such as Greenland and the Faroe Islands in the case of the salmon. The salmon smolts gain weight extremely quickly when at sea and may return after only one year at sea as a grilse of typically 4-6 lbs in weight. Alternatively, they may delay their return until they are much larger and stronger!

The breeding cycle is hazardous at all stages. Proportionately more salmon than sea trout tend to die as a direct result of the rigours of spawning; more cock than hen salmon die at this time also. As kelts (the name given to spent fish after spawning), they are also preyed upon by seals in particular when alive and by many other lower life forms when dead. Always check that any early season fish, particularly salmon, are not 'well-mended' kelts. Look for gill maggots, distended vents, 'down eyes', over-silvery appearance, elongated body, etc. When in the river, their offspring suffer horrendous mortality at the hands of heron, merganser, mink, otter, ferox, pollution, etc. It is estimated that for every 1000 salmon eggs that are hatched, only one will survive to return as a grilse! The returning fresh salmon and sea trout are preyed upon by seals, dolphins, porpoises, cormorants, netsmen, etc. The Greenland netting operations threatened to eliminate our salmon stocks, until it was moderated. Large numbers are netted off the coast of Britain and Ireland; also on the high seas. Steps are being taken to reduce all netting where possible. Salmon numbers are generally only slightly depleted by anglers.

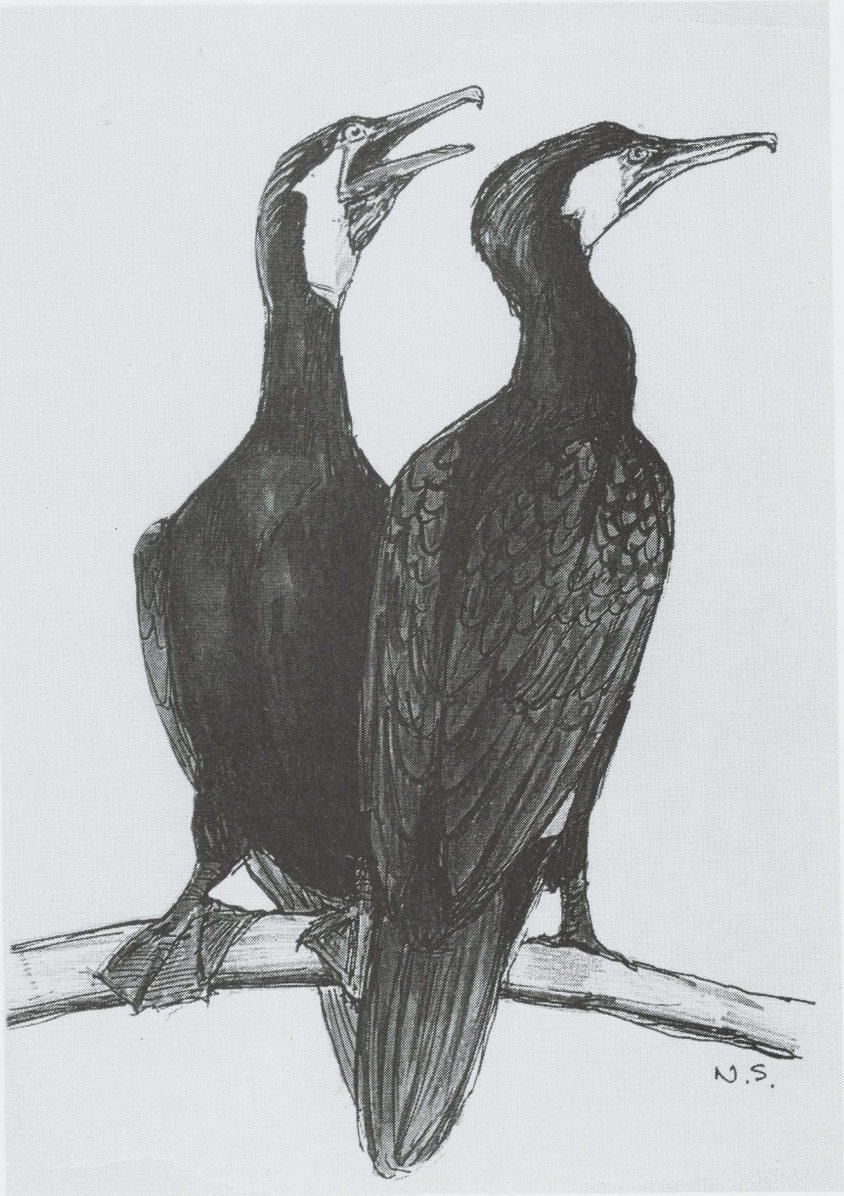
The Hydro influenced Beauly River has fared better than most in terms of disease and other problems affecting our fish. Salmon will suffer from UDN fungal skin problems every so often, particularly if the river is well populated with fish, thus allowing the fungus to spread more easily. Furunculosis bacteria can also be a problem on occasion, more so during the warm/lower water conditions found during the summer months. The very presence of significant numbers of migratory fish in a river invariably points to it being relatively clean and unpolluted.

Sea Trout populations on the other hand have been decimated over recent years on some of the west coast fisheries, eg Loch Maree. Overfishing for fish such as sand eels, in addition to fish farming in coastal waters to produce salmon for processing, have been linked with the problem, at least partly because wild sea trout and their smolts have been caught bearing huge numbers of sea lice which literally eat their way into the fish if left unchecked. These lice (not to be confused with air breathing lice) are at times present in great numbers at coastal fish farms and are often the cause of a fish leaping in a vain attempt to splash the irritants off its body. We have no salmon farming cages in the Beauly Firth; Avoch in the Inner Moray Firth is the nearest fish farm at present.

The dams on the Beauly have not been the major impediment to the passage of fish predicted over thirty five years ago when they were built. The numbers of fish ascending the various dams on the river system are still high.

In fact, during the drier summers, the BAC water, running at compensation level (the minimum guaranteed water level), becomes a virtual Mecca for anglers from less fortunate river systems in the area and beyond.

An apparently abundant supply of food, a guaranteed river water supply, minimal pollution and enlightened management by the various tenants and proprietors on the River System, are surely some of the reasons for the relatively good health status of our angling environment at the present time.



Cormorants: Caught any?

06. TACKLE

RODS: *Rods have become lighter and often longer due to the use of modern carbon fibre, graphite, kevlar type* ***materials****, etc. Traditional materials such as built cane tend not to be used much now other than for the shorter rods. Built cane rods are usually quite expensive. Glass fibre rods are strong, inexpensive and tough, consequently many are still in use. However, they simply cannot match the combination of action, power and light weight offered by the latest high-tech materials. Tip-actioned rods bend very noticeably at the tip and are best for distance casting. Through-actioned rods bend from tip to butt, they allow good presentation and are relatively easy to handle.*

At present, a middle to tip actioned ***single handed*** *carbon fibre sea trout rod, say 9' long and rated #7, would be considered about right for a junior novice for both river and occasional loch outings. A senior novice could opt for a 10' long #7-8 rated rod for similar use. Weight ratings are reducing as people fish lighter, so in a few years time the above may not be regarded as apt advice. Such rods will have sufficient strength to handle a salmon grilse, or even larger, if played correctly; assuming of course that your reel holds sufficient backing to cope.*

Double handed *salmon rods can now be very long due to the lightness of modern materials. However, our BAC water does not require a very long rod. Many of our salmon fishers use rods of between 13' and 15' long. A 15' rod is, however, regarded by many as being the optimum length of rod for Spey Casting. If rated at #10/11, it should be versatile enough to cope with all of the larger salmon rivers in Scotland at any time of the year. Both Single and Double Spey Casting techniques are required if our water is to be covered fully, particularly from the south bank at the top of Beat 1, when the River is high and one is too close to the trees to Overhead Cast. Consequently a 15' rod rated #10/11 would be a good choice at the present time. However, as with the trout rods, we may eventually find light 13'-14' double handed salmon rods, rated as low as #7 or #8, becoming popular. Such rods might be fun as we certainly catch many more sea trout than salmon in our water and the lighter quarry would be able to give a much better account of itself.*

Should you have a limited ***budget*** *then seriously consider purchasing a second-hand rod. Take an experienced fisher with you to ensure that you do not purchase a rod that is overpriced, has split ferrules, cracked ring liners, fly impact damage, etc. New rods can appear tempting when on special offer in the various angling magazines. Before parting with your money, best to give your local tackle dealers a chance to compete; they can be very competitive on occasion and should be supported where possible; you will see their leaflets in the appendix. They may be able to loan you a rod and matching line to try before purchase. You may for instance find a 15' rod too heavy to handle after a few hours fishing, hence it is best to find that out before purchase.*

If you get a chance, try an old 16' - 18' greenheart rod to see what heavy really means; such a rod allowed weight training and fishing to be combined perfectly!

REELS: *There is now a huge choice of reels on the market ranging in price from around £15 to over £500! Materials range from plastic at the cheaper end of the scale to carbon and alloy, etc, at the expensive end. Whether for salmon or sea trout, your reel should ideally have rim control, ie, an exposed rim which permits more pressure to*

be put on a running fish. The reel should be large enough to hold your line and say 100m of backing for sea trout and at least 150m backing for salmon. Spare spools help if you have more than one line. Do not overfill the fly reel spool as the line may chafe and become defective. A check wheel cover is worth purchasing, depending on your type of reel, as it stops the grease from the spare spool contaminating/damaging your fly line, etc. If the adjustable drag is smooth (even when wet) and provides a wide range of adjustment, then you are probably looking at a good reel. Most fly reels have no gearing to increase the retrieve speed whereas multiplying reels have. Automatic fly reels tend to be heavy and have poor line carrying capacity. Take advice and examine as many different reels as possible. Quality reels tend to last much longer, do not let you down often (if at all) and are usually a pleasure to own and use.

LINES: *Fly lines come in a multitude of shapes, sizes, densities, colours, prices, etc. The rating is derived from the weight, in grains, of the first 30 feet of the line, but excluding the first two feet of level line. A double tapered sink tip line rated at #9 would be described as 'DT 9 ST'. The sketch below shows the characteristics of two different line types. They are double tapered (DT) and weight-forward (WF); we tend not to use shooting head lines on the River. The double tapered line is easy to use, casts delicately and is reversible hence is usually the novices first choice. It should not be long before the novice graduates to using a weight-forward line to achieve that extra distance. In general, floating (F) lines are usually light in colour whereas sinking (S) lines are usually dark in colour. Floating lines are the easiest to cast with therefore hold attractions for the Novice. A braided or similar* ***leader*** *can easily be attached to make the tip sink at a pre-determined rate. Some of the latest leaders do not have inherent water spray problems. Trout lines are usually around 92 feet long whereas salmon lines are usually around 105 feet; some of our salmon anglers are now using specialist Spey Casting lines of 150 feet long! The* ***AFTM*** *(Association of Fishing Tackle Manufacturers) weight rating of the line should match that of the rod, thus hopefully producing a* ***balanced outfit.***

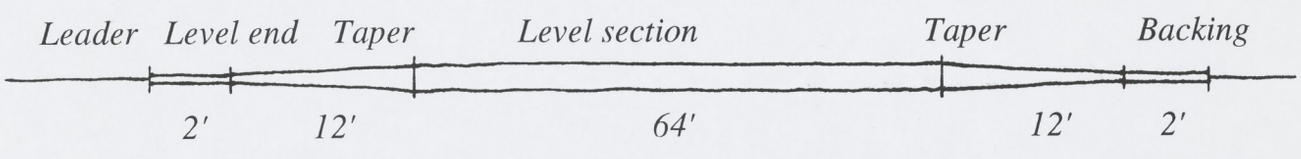


Fig T.1: Double-Tapered Fly Line: Trout Size

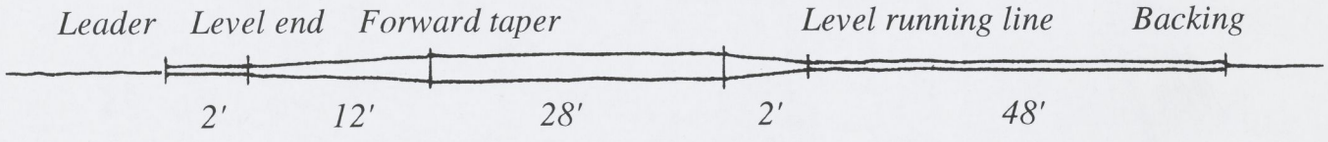


Fig T.2: Weight-Forward Fly Line: Trout Size

Prices range from around £5 to over £50. Cheap lines, as long as they match the rod, can be perfectly adequate. That said, a quality line can noticeably improve your presentation and can be a joy to use.

CASTS: *They are usually manufactured from nylon type materials. Neutral colours are good and dull finishes are best. Look for high knot strength and possibly low-*

stretch characteristics. Tapered casts are great for presentation but are relatively costly. Most fishers get by using level 6lb BS (breaking strain) nylon for sea trout and 12lb BS nylon for salmon; both usually being purchased on 100m spools.

FLIES: *You need no more than these few patterns and sizes to be successful; in fact, some get by with only two or three patterns in total. That said, your fly collection will invariably grow and grow!*

Proven Sea Trout Flies
Sizes 10/12/14 : Singles & Doubles
Teal Blue & Silver, Professor, Bloody Butcher
Peter Ross, Kingfisher, Silver March Brown

Proven Salmon Flies
Sizes 6/8/10 : Doubles & Trebles
Black Brahan, Yellow Ally's, Munro Killer
Sheila, Hairy Mary, Silver Stoat

The main types of fly usually referred to, when fishing rivers such as the Beauly, are as shown below:

Standard / Single Fly: *Note; the eye is down if for trout and up if for salmon. The finish is usually bronzed for trout and black japanned for salmon. The above applies to Double and Treble hooked flies too. The wire of salmon flies will be lighter if classed as low-water. The gape refers to the gap between the shank and the hook point. The shank length can vary from short to extra long.*

Tube Flies: *The tubes can vary in weight from light nylon/plastic to nylon lined aluminium or copper bodied tubes that allow depth to be attained more easily. Tube lengths can vary from a fraction of an inch to several inches. Dressings are often quite light. A small straight-eyed treble hook is the usual adornement, held in alignment by rubber tubing.*

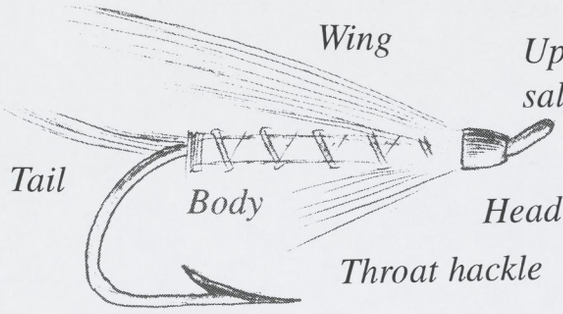
Waddington Flies: *This is a specialised hook assembly, which is usually employed early and late in the season when water levels are high. It is fairly heavy in itself due to the metal wire body.*

The three different fly types illustrated overleaf show the same dressing. Hook size information is also given; note that the larger the hook size number, the smaller is the actual size of the hook for the range shown. Treble hooks snag more easily than doubles so best to avoid trebles until reasonably proficient. Single hooks are less efficient but much cheaper; useful to know if you are regularly cracking off flies due to forward cast timing errors! Remember not to put your flies away when wet; leave the fly box open till dry. Salt water should always be rinsed off quickly before rust takes hold.

NET: *Many types are now available for both sea trout and salmon. The mesh net material should ideally be knotless in order to reduce abrasion and damage to the skins of fish to be returned. Some fisheries insist on the use of such 'friendly' net material. The frame should be sufficiently strong and large enough for the intended quarry. Folding frames are more compact. The handle can usefully be telescopic.*

PRIEST: *Should you wish to keep a fish, then it should be despatched as quickly and effectively as possible in order to minimise its discomfort. Do not overplay a fish for that same reason. Always carry a priest that is heavy enough to despatch a reasonably sized salmon with one well aimed blow just behind the eyes. A priest can be easily made*

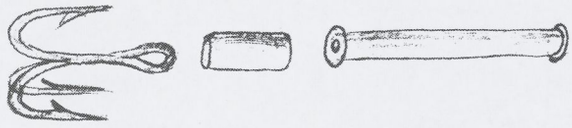
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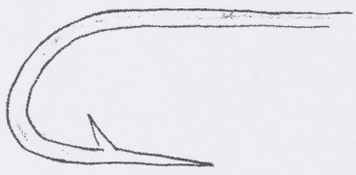


TYPICAL SINGLE SALMON FLY

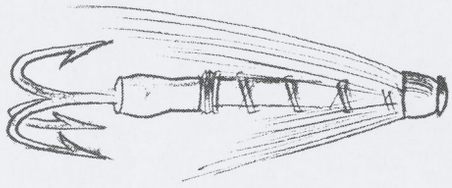


ROUND SHAPED: ROLLED IN POINT





SPROAT SHAPED: SPEAR POINT

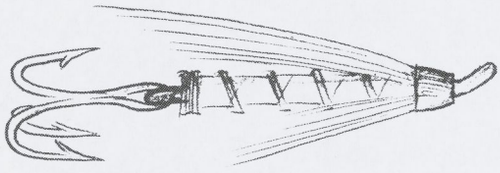


TYPICAL TUBE FLY



LIMERICK SHAPED: HOLLOW POINT

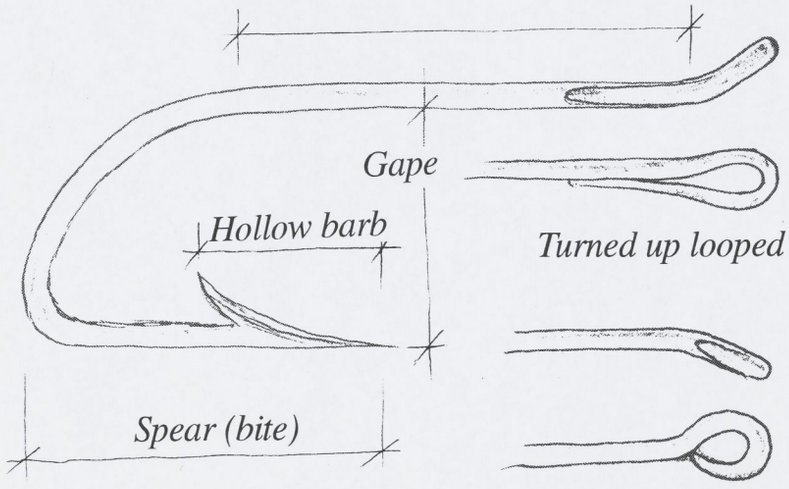




TYPICAL WADDINGTON FLY



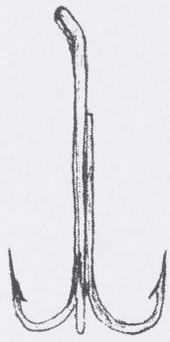
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Turned up looped eye

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No. 2



No. 10

Esmond Drury
out-point trebles

from materials such as alloy tube, staghorn, wood, etc and weighted with lead at the 'business' end.

TAILER: *It is light and does not take up much space. However, it cannot be used for sea trout as they are usually too small; quite apart from the fact that sea trout tails collapse when gripped due to the bone formation being different to that of a salmon. Depending on the pool and water level, all fish can usually be* ***beached****, ie, the fish is played till 'beaten' (rolling on its side) then drawn up a gently sloping bank and allowed to kick till beached.*

SCISSORS: *They are an indispensible item of equipment. They should be stainless and should ideally incorporate jaws for removing subborn hooks from mouths; it is not only pike that have sharp teeth! Hang them from your waistcoat on a retractable cord for convenience.*

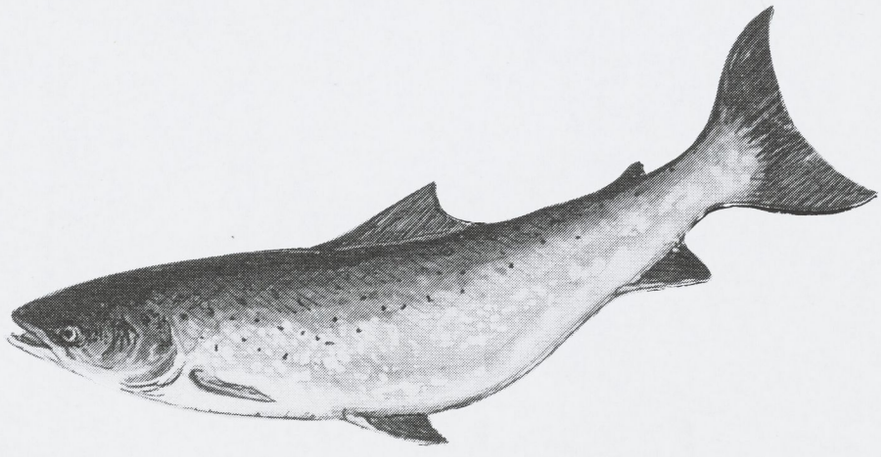
POLAROID GLASSES: *Always wear them when casting; eyes are very precious!*

WADERS: *The initial choice is usually between those of the thigh or breast variety. The latter are the more expensive and great if you can afford them. Sole types range from cheap cleated ones to the more costly studded and felted variety. Wader materials range from simple rubber to insulated neoprene. Take advice on how and where to store them; it can make quite a differance to how long they last before perishing or failing in some other way.*

WADING STAFF: *This is an extremely important piece of safety equipment. Do not forget the lifejacket and whistle either.*

CLOTHING: *An anglers waistcoat is great for holding equipment and looking the part. Your jacket should really be of the short wading type if you wear breast waders; check out the three-in-one style that have a detachable skirt and arms, thus forming a waistcoat. Breathing type materials are excellent but very expensive. Best to wear a suitable hat; it protects the head from flies and the sun.*

This list is virtually endless. Do remember to look after your tackle if you want it to last. Ultra violet (UV) light and heat generally will eventually perish nylon, plastic and various other materials. You will probably find that you gather more and more tackle as you get older. I caught many more fish as a teenager; my tackle was quite poor, but I had plenty of time, and energy in abundance to pursue my favourite hobby.



07. KNOTS

There are many knots now in use for a variety of purposes, some with more than one name for the same knot. In order not to confuse the issue, only a very few of the more important knots have been illustrated. You will soon realise that the operation of connecting different materials is becoming more complex and technical as new materials and systems are marketed, often with the apparent intention of simplifying the connection task for the novice angler! The selected knots are as follows:

OVERHAND REEL KNOT: connects backing to reel; see fig K.1
NEEDLE KNOT: connects fly line to backing or leader/cast; see fig K.2
LOOP to LOOP KNOT: connects leader or cast to fly line; see Fig K.3
KNOT & LOOP: do do ; see Fig K.4
TUCKED HALF BLOOD KNOT: connects fly to cast; see Fig K.5
DOUBLE TURLE KNOT: do do ; see Fig K.6
DOUBLE BLOOD KNOT: to form droppers in cast; see Fig K.7

As with most things in life, practise makes perfect. Use heavy string to practise with before you progress to using finer materials. Remember that nylon will slip more easily if moistened before tightening a knot. Research the Double Overhand Knot which easily forms loops at the ends of nylon casts/leaders; also research the Water Knot which uses four rather than two turns to form droppers or to simply join two pieces of nylon together. If possible, have an experienced fisher initially demonstrate the knots for you.

Braided type leaders are now popular as they have the advantage that only one fly line and reel are required which can then be used with a variety of leaders. Loop to loop connections are effective, sufficiently strong if checked regularly and permit very quick leader changes to be made. Hard as it is to believe, it is possible to make a loop to loop connection incorrectly, thus causing one end to act like a cheese-cutter! Note the way the loops are positioned in 'Fig K.3' before being tightened.

If necessary, find out how to form a strong loop at the thick end of a braided leader. Also, how to correctly connect a non-looped braided leader to your fly line; instructions for the latter may be included with your leader when purchased.

These and other knots will eventually be covered at our coaching evenings, so do not despair if they are initially a bit ropey! It is not always appreciated that even the most specialised of well tied knots can reduce the breaking strain of the nylon cast by up to twenty percent! Remember to retie any knots that appear suspect after prolonged use or due to catching a fish. Areas of nylon showing abrasion damage should also be replaced quickly, as it is not always the knot area that gives way in the 'heat of battle'.

OVERHAND REEL KNOT

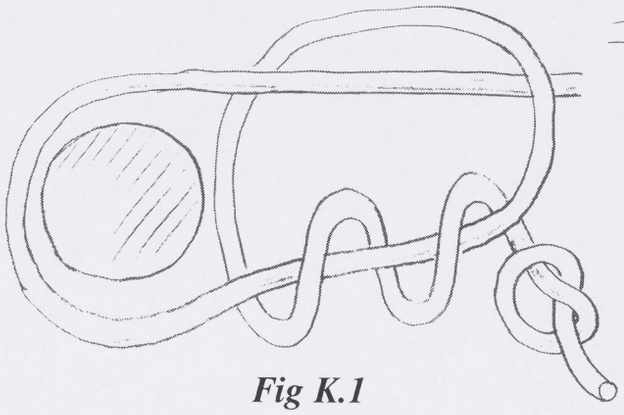


Fig K.1

NEEDLE KNOT

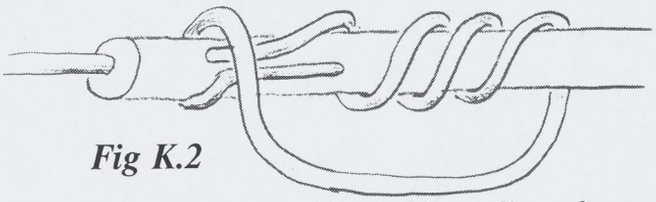


Fig K.2

1. Pierce end of line with needle and thread through.
2. Wind nylon round 5 times and pair end with emerging nylon.
3. Turn nylon back over itself (start shown).
4. Tighten up both ends of nylon, cut off surplus then glue knot and pinhole.

Note: Nail knot is identical other than not piercing fly line.

TUCKED HALF BLOOD KNOT

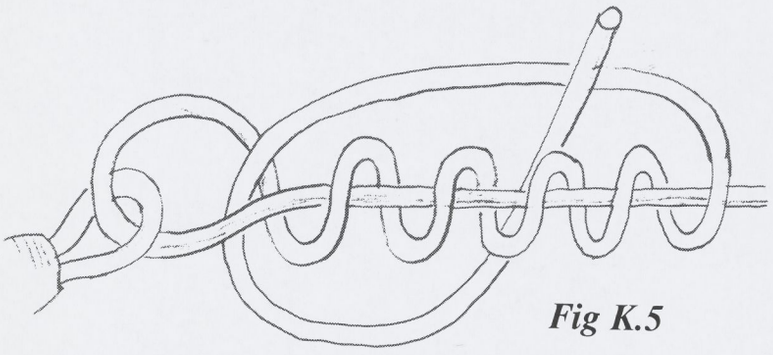


Fig K.5

LOOP TO LOOP KNOT



Fig K.3

KNOT & LOOP

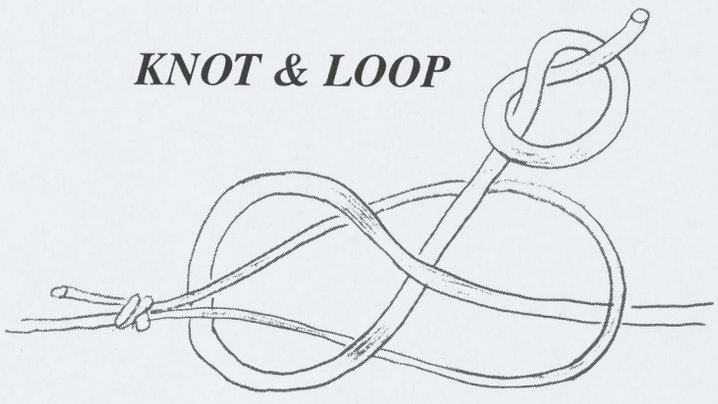


Fig K.4

DOUBLE TURLE KNOT

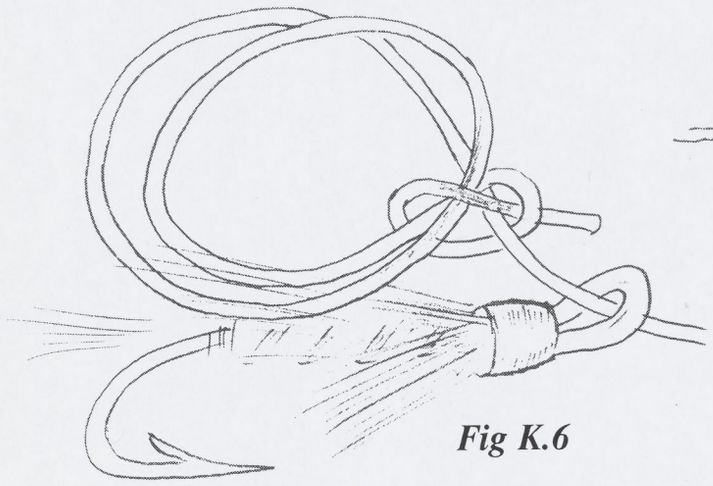


Fig K.6

1. Form as shown.
2. Pass double loop over hook.
3. Tighten around shank just behind eye.

DOUBLE BLOOD KNOT

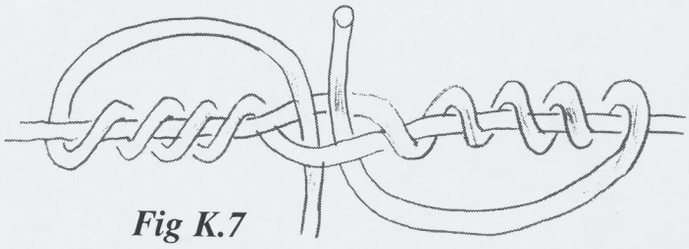


Fig K.7

08. TACTICS and TECHNIQUE

These will be learned and refined as you gain experience of the river in its various water heights, in the different pools, at different times of the year, different temperatures, tide heights, many light/wind conditions, etc.

When considering ***location****, remember that salmon are more commonly caught in the upper pools, hence these pools should be fished hardest if that is your quarry. Sea trout are usually caught in Pools 4-10. They may be concentrated in a particular pool after any tide, so best to be mobile and try a few pools.*

Water height *has a considerable bearing on your success. Both salmon and sea trout move in with the tide, particularly towards the evening, hence be prepared for anything as the tide enters your pool. Fishing a receding tide can be just as profitable. Put in most effort during the main summer runs. The higher tides reach well above Lovat Bridge and allow running fish to pass quickly through our water. A high tide of less than 3.6m should not remove the white water at Lovat Bridge hence is more likely to leave fish in our stretch, particularly if the river itself is not high.*

If the river is in ***flood,*** *do not despair. Make your way to any part of our water that permits a safe cast; ie, ignore the south side of Pool 1. Salmon and sea trout can be literally anywhere when the river is very high. Generally, high water sends fishers to the normally slower pools such as the Mealloch where good sport can be had on occasion. The tail of the Log Pool can also be worth trying at such times.*

Regarding ***presentation****, rather than simply casting out at say 45 degrees, fishing out the cast then recasting after moving a metre downstream, it is worthwhile trying to vary the speed of retrieve. It you cast square across in slow water the belly in the line will quickly speed up the fly; hence the famous Beauly Belly. Stripping the fly quickly through the water will sometimes tempt a salmon that has refused all other offerings.*

Curiously, salmon and large sea trout ***hardly feed*** *at all when they have returned to fresh water, consequently the taking of a fly will usually have more to do with aggression or curiosity than to feeding instinct. If you were restricted to only one salmon fly pattern, a size 10 Orange Ally's Shrimp double or treble would be as good as any; but avoid the more troublesome treble hooks until more competent. Similarly, if you had to have only one sea trout fly in your box, then a Teal Blue and Silver size 12 double would be that fly; it catches a great many sea trout and even attracts grilse/salmon on occasion.*

Best to sit back and ***watch*** *the more successful fishers and understand exactly what they are trying to do. Some will impart life into the fly by gently raising the rod point. Others, particularly the salmon fishers, will tend to keep the rod stationary while fishing out the cast. Some fishers will use more than one fly, sometimes using both a salmon and a sea trout pattern on the same cast. Wait until fully proficient before using more than one fly; tangles take time! Regularly check for wind knots; they can significantly reduce your cast strength. Incidentally, in a three fly cast, the last fly is referred to as the tail or point fly, the middle fly as the dropper and the topmost fly as the bob or top dropper.*

Braided type ***leaders*** *can help your presentation and/or simply permit you to achieve depth with a floating line; they are well worth trying. The south side of the lower Mealloch Pool is over 4m deep in places so sinking leaders and extra cast distance may be the answer there? Fish deep and larger early season; fish shallow and smaller from May/June onwards. Slow sinking and intermediate leaders are the most commonly used on our water. A floating line is much easier to lift off the water than a sinking line, the later usually having to be roll cast to the surface, before recasting, in order to avoid the possibility of damaging the rod.*

The salmon's ***take*** *is often a light pluck; sometimes it is wild! Some salmon fishers may be* ***holding a loop*** *against the rod handle to release and thus allow a large fish to turn with the fly before lifting the rod. Most will not bother with the loop as the slack in the line on the water is usually considered sufficient. Maintaining some lift on the rod will also give more time. In short, salmon, unlike small sea trout, must be given sufficient time to turn with the fly. With a few salmon behind you, you will soon have your own opinion as to what is the best method to use in different conditions.*

When ***playing a fish****, always keep your rod upright and allow the flexing of the rod to absorb the surges as the fish cavorts below the surface. Drop the rod point slightly as the fish jumps. Do not take too long to play your fish; nor should you rush the fight. Simply play your fish reasonably strongly until it lies on it's side near the surface. It can then be beached if the bank is gently sloping; walk carefully backwards while maintaining steady pressure on the fish until it has kicked itself at least partially clear of the water, then quietly come around to the rear of the fish and, in the case of a salmon, tail it by gripping the wrist firmly with your thumb towards the head of the fish. Push the fish out of the water before lifting it well clear then killing it quickly using your priest, before removing the fly, in order to minimise any distress. Sea trout can be gripped carefully around the body if not too large! Ideally, all finnock (the grilse of the sea trout) should be returned in an attempt to* ***conserve stocks****. Many fishermen now also return mature sea trout for that reason. Your hands should be wet before handling any fish that is to be returned. Ideally, such a fish should not be beached either, as its protective slime covering can easily be damaged/removed, thus making infection more likely, particularly following the stress of battle. Incidentally, the term 'a fish' is usually taken to mean a salmon; the freshest fish may carry a few sea lice.*

Should a ***net*** *have to be used, assistance from a fellow angler will be useful if you happen to be using a long double-handed rod and have a lively salmon to deal with. The net should be submerged and held for the fish to be brought gently over it before the net is lifted. Even grilse will bend some net handles if they are not supported close to the head of the net when being lifted. As your confidence in your tackle and as your skills increase, so will your catch!*

To conclude this chapter, why not a few words about ***cooking*** *the catch? Salmon and sea trout are magnificent when filleted or steaked then grilled in butter with a little salt and black pepper to taste. Alternatively, baking fish in tinfoil is an easy and useful way of dealing with say a large salmon that has to be cut in two (or three!) to fit into your oven; once baked, the fish can be reassembled and cucumber sliced over the cut, usually for eating when cold. Poaching is also an easy method and becoming more popular as healthy eating becomes more of an issue. Some say nothing else tastes better than a prime Beauly River sea trout.*

09. CASTING TECHNIQUE and FAULTS

*As a novice, you will invariably start by learning both the **Roll** and the **Overhead Casts**, whether you are using a single or a double handed rod. As space is limited here, the Single and Double Haul techniques for single handed rods and the various Spey Casts for double handed rods have been omitted, but will be covered later in our Coaching Sessions.*

*As a **preliminary**, when assembling your rod, ensure that the fly reel is not in contact with grit/sand; such abrasives can badly damage your reel and line. Rod joints should be checked for tightness every so often; the more vulnerable female ferrule can easily be split, or the complete section lost, if allowed to work loose! When Spey Casting, in particular, always tape your rod joints. If walking any distance with your rod, it is usually best to keep it pointing backwards and upwards; less chance of damaging it and others!*

***BOTH CASTS USING SINGLE HANDED RODS**: Start by selecting a comfortable and balanced outfit of 9' to 10' long but with a short nylon cast of say 8' and with a wool tag instead of a real fly. Regarding **stance**, your feet should be slightly apart and with the foot below the rod hand slightly forward. The **grip** should be reasonably firm with your thumb at the top of the handle and pointing up the rod. The rod butt should be close to the wrist. The line should be trapped between forefinger and rod handle.*

***ROLL CAST:** Extend line away from you with rod tip close to water. Lift rod until reel is near eye level and tip is past vertical at say 1 to 2 o'clock, with the 'D' loop having been formed in the line behind you, before firmly punching the rod towards the water surface using a strong hammer action from the forearm. Practise until the line rolls easily along the water in the desired direction. Use when a strong wind is generally behind you or when obstructions to the rear prohibit an overhead cast. This is the basis of all Spey type casts. **Faults:** 1. Fly or leader coming too close to you? Simply place rod and line to one side before the lift. 2. Line shoots out of the water prematurely? Too much lifting force has been applied. 3. Not enough line projection? Not enough force or correct type of action used in flick. 4. Line goes up then drops back onto the water? Timing of flick is too late. Other faults may also be present.*

***OVERHEAD CAST:** Extend line away from you with rod tip close to the water. Lift rod steadily until at 10 o'clock then accelerate the back cast until rod is at almost 12 o'clock and the line extended out behind you parallel to water. The 'loading' of the rod takes it to 1 o'clock as the line is felt straightening behind you. The reel is again near eye level and the rod is acting like an extension of the forearm. Forward cast with quick wrist/hand movement and aiming a metre of so above the water. Release line after power has been applied. Follow through rod action to permit line to alight gently onto the water. Try to back cast on the same vertical plane as the intended forward cast. **Faults:** 1. Fly catches in grass behind or passes too close to you on forward cast? Wrist has been allowed to 'break' thus allowing rod to reach around 3 o'clock. Use wrist band to hold rod butt correctly if necessary. 2. Line crashes on water in front of you? Aim is too low or forward cast jerky instead of smooth. There can be numerous other faults in addition to the above.*

FALSE CASTING: *This is when the line is initially cast as a means of extending it, but without allowing it to land on the water until sufficiently extended. Do not false cast too much as it can disturb the fish. One to two false casts should be sufficient before you are actually fishing; the fish are often closer to you than you realise!*

The foregoing have been but the briefest of details about a huge subject. Remember that the Overhead Cast can be practised on the lawn; however the Roll Cast requires the adhesion of the water surface film to enable it to be effected properly. The principles are generally the same when using double handed rods. There are many worthwhile books that illustrate these points perfectly; eg, see recent books by Charles Jardine. Videos can be most helpful too. The Michael Evans Video on Spey Casting provides extremely clear instruction; it is in the BAC Video Library.



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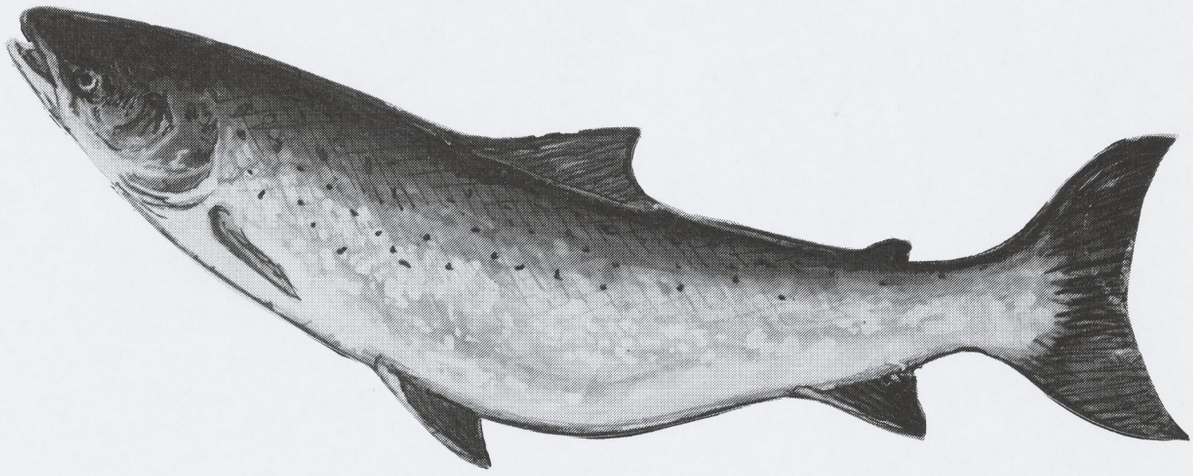
10. ANGLING ETIQUETTE and RULES

The BAC rules are clearly stated on your permit. The only two that perhaps require restatement or clarification are as follows:

*Anglers **must move** down one metre at every cast. In addition, if the tide is entering a pool then you must eventually get out rather than simply stopping moving down, or backing up the pool! Should there be nobody following you or waiting to fish, you will obviously not be expected to adhere too rigorously to this rule if the tide has entered your pool.*

*Anglers **arriving first**, at a Beat Marker, shall have the first turn of fishing that Beat and others shall follow in order of their arrival. That rule applies irrespective of what side of the river you approach from. Anglers waiting at a Beat Marker may enter the River if well in front of you, or may prefer to wait until your fly reaches the Beat Marker and you exit the River before they and any others waiting enter in order of their arrival. (The 'fish-through' system is no longer in use; it permitted you to fish past those anglers waiting at a Beat Marker.)*

*On a general note, remember that the national brown trout **season** runs from 15th March until 6th October inclusive. There is no close season for rainbow trout unless in an area covered by a Protection Order; written permission is then required. Salmon and sea trout/finnock can be fished for from 11th February until 15th October inclusive in this area; rivers such as the Tay start fishing in early January! Do not keep fish if less than 250mm (10") in length.*



*You must not discard unwanted **nylon** as wildlife can be endangered by this practise. Cut the nylon into small pieces before disposing of it in a suitable manner. If refuse is not incinerated, nylon can still do damage at the refuse tip or further afield if carried by the wind. Regarding litter generally, please take your own home, plus a little more if you can, as litter can be harmful to farm/wild animals and pets, quite apart from being unsightly. The higher tides unfortunately always bring their share of water-borne litter.*

*Lastly, please **do not** damage any crops, fences or gates. Leave gates as you found them; close them if in doubt. Do not obstruct gateways with your cars. Remember that we have an extremely good relationship with the farmers on both banks of the River; we want to keep it that way!*

11. BASIC FLY TYING

Fly tying can be one of the most rewarding hobbies you can indulge in, particularly when catching fish on flies that you have tied yourself. You may perceive that it is difficult to tie flies, but with to-days modern components, clever equipment and wide choice of materials, it is now easier than ever. Gone are the days of the fully dressed classic salmon fly, the reasons for this being the time it took to tie them, the large amount of often costly material on the fly, plus much of the fur and feather on the fly now being unobtainable because of the source animal or bird being either extinct or protected. These and other influences have featured in the evolution over the years of the modern, often hair winged, fly.

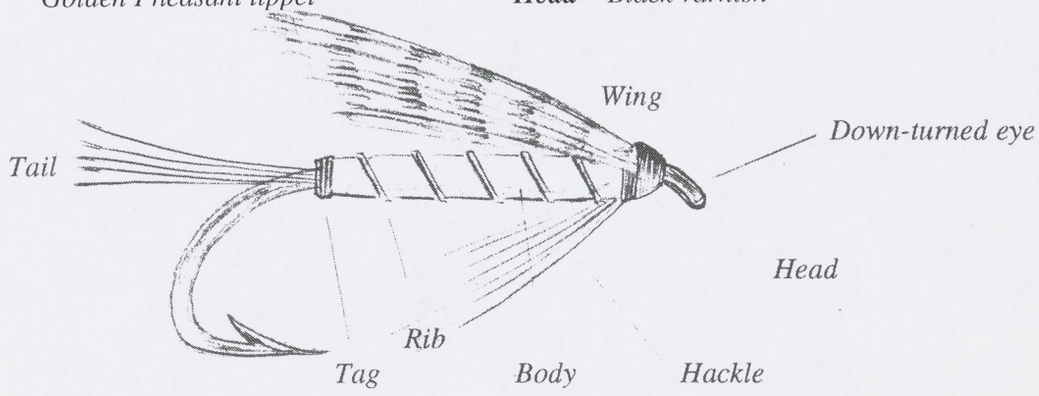
There are so many different flies on the market to-day that it would be quite impractical to attempt to tie them all, consequently for this Area you could usefully concentrate on dressing only the more successful salmon and sea trout flies. These flies are often very alike and in some instances we use the same pattern for both sea trout and salmon , eg Silver Stoat, Ally's Shrimp, etc. Remember that the ability to tie flies is one of the Fishers greatest assests, and should be a considerable pleasure in itself. The long dark winter evenings during the close season are when this hobby really comes into its own.

On a historical note, the first stirrings of modern fly dressing began in 1676 with Charles Cotton's chapter in The Compleat Angler listing 65 effective fly patterns. The creation of new patterns apparently reached its peak in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries; given the continuing introduction of new materials and fly types/patterns, the late 20th Century may ultimately be regarded as the more correct peak period.

There are many video tapes and books on this subject and they are not always too expensive to buy or to hire. For more information you could speak to other club members in addition to seeing what the BAC Video Library has to offer. Remember that we have some extremely able fly tyers in BAC. To start you off in this possibly new hobby, we have included the dressings of the two indispensible flies we referred to previously. They are:

SEA TROUT: Teal Blue & Silver

Thread *Black waxed tying thread*
Tag *Silver oval wire*
Rib *" " "*
Tail *Golden Pheasant tippet*
Hackle *Light blue Cock or Hen*
Wing *Nicely barred Teal flank feathers*
Body *Flat silver tinsel*
Head *Black varnish*



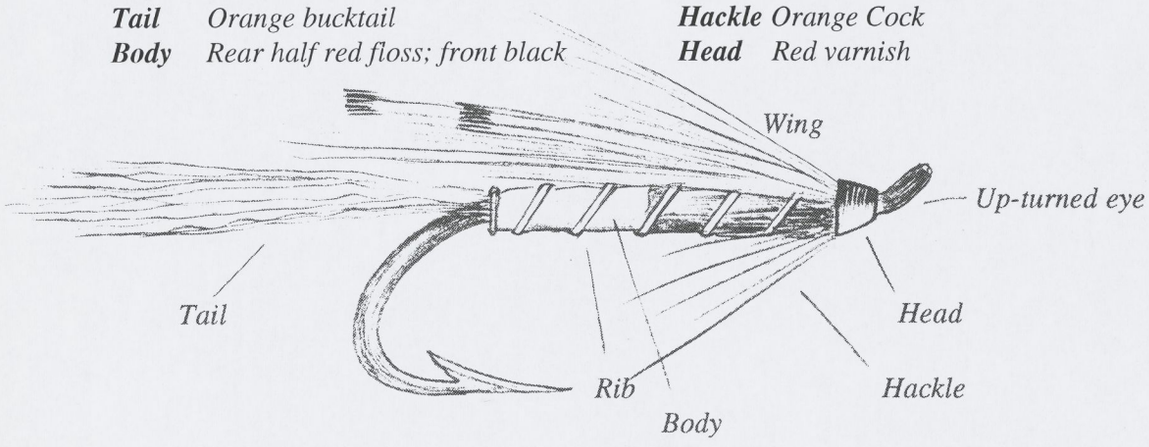
To tie: 1. *Wind thread from near eye to start of tag*
2. *Tie in 3-4 turns of oval silver tag and secure*

3. *Tie in oval silver rib*
4. *Tie in Golden Pheasant tippet then varnish thread on shank*
5. *Tie in and form body with flat silver tinsel over wet varnish*
6. *Tie in silver rib counter clockwise for five turns and secure*
7. *Tie in blue hackle; either full or throat*
8. *Now tie in Teal wing*
9. *Whip finish and varnish head using black varnish*

Tips: *The throat hackle is easier to tie in than a full hackle, is the less bulky option and is still very effective. The varnish over the body thread is simply to help secure the silver tinsel body; modern tinsel is quite weak when compared with the traditional strong metal tinsels. Heads are double coated for finish quality and security. The Cock hackle is shinier and stiffer than the Hen hackle. Always remember to 'ping' your hook to check its temper; discard if soft. The other fly referred to was:*

SALMON: Orange Ally's Shrimp

Thread *Red waxed*
Tag *None*
Tail *Orange bucktail*
Body *Rear half red floss; front black*
Rib *Oval silver wire*
Wing *Grey Squirrel with GP tippets over*
Hackle *Orange Cock*
Head *Red varnish*



To tie: 1. *Wind in thread from near eye to position (2)*
2. *Tie in oval silver tinsel rib*
3. *Tie in long orange Buck-tail tail*
4. *Form rear half of body using red floss*
5. *Form front half of body using black floss*
6. *Rib oval silver wire onto body in five turns and secure*
7. *Tie in Squirrel tail with Golden Pheasant tippets over*
8. *Form full hackle using orange Cock*
9. *Whip finish and varnish head using red varnish*

Tips: *Variants have a few strands of orange coloured tinsely material interspersed within the main tail fibres. Flies are best dressed lightly and long for this area.*

In conclusion, this is a huge subject which we can not do justice to in this short chapter. As you tie more flies you will become faster, more proficient and more critical as a consequence. You will be able to identify poorly tied flies that are possibly deficient in a number of areas, eg loosely tied, over large heads, badly proportioned, poorly finished, too pricey, etc. Remember, if at first you don't succeed, then try, try and tie again!

12. ESTUARY SPINNING

Our fishing is strictly fly only from Lovat Bridge to Wester Lovat, however we are permitted to spin from Wester Lovat to our Coulmore Bay and Buncrew Burn boundaries on the Beauly Firth. There is no good reason why fly fishing for sea trout should not be tried in suitable parts of the Firth; as practised in the Orkney Islands for example. However, the vast majority of our successful Firth Fishers use spinning rods, fixed spool reels and a wide variety of spinning lures.

TACKLE: *The* ***rod*** *should ideally be capable of casting a range of weights from 10 to 60 grammes. The rating of the rod is usually displayed above the handle. If made from modern carbon fibre type materials, a rod of say 10ft long will not be too heavy and should be suitable for most people from early teens onwards. The rod ring nearest the reel, sometimes referred to as the coilbreaker, should ideally be at least 25 mm internal diameter if used in conjunction with a fixed spool type reel. Rods with fittings that are fully resistant to the effects of salt water are obviously preferable, but remember that all equipment used in the sea should be rinsed with fresh water as soon as possible after use.*

The choice of ***spinning reel*** *will be between the common fixed spool type and the less common multiplier type. Few novices will be interested in dealing with the relative complexity of the multiplier, therefore will invariably opt for the fixed spool type of reel. That said, in expert hands, a multiplying reel is capable of casting great distances if the lure is heavy enough and the reel functioning correctly.*

Modern fixed spool reels range in price from less that £20 to well over £100. Avoid the cheapest reels as they will usually be poorly constructed and troublesome. The better mid range reels will have smooth drag systems, clever line laying, good quality bearings, corrosion resistant casings/fittings, good casting distance capability, possibly double bale arm return springs, effective bale arm roller, etc. At least one ***spare spool*** *should be purchased in order to accommodate different strengths of nylon.*

If you are fishing in a weed free area, and not using lures weighing more than say 16 grammes, you should be able to safely use 8-10 lb BS ***nylon*** *type material. If you are using heavier lures of say 17-30 grammes, and particularly if you are likely to encounter seaweed, a line of 15-18 lb BS should be purchased. Remember that the finer the line diameter the greater will be the casting distance, assuming of course that your lure is of reasonable weight and not too wind resistant.*

Always use a ***swivel*** *around 500 mm above the lure; it is particularly important when using revolving rather than wobbling type lures. The most effective swivels are the ball-bearing type. Swivels do not appear to detract from the acceptablility of the lure, sometimes in fact appearing to add to the attractiveness of the lure by giving the appearance of the lure chasing some small aquatic creature. A link swivel next to the lure permits lure changes to be made more quickly and easily; most of us get by without this added expense and simply tie a fresh clinch knot as necessary.*

There are a multitude of ***lures*** *on offer, possibly to catch the unsuspecting angler more than the sea trout? The lead minnows as used by many of the Inverness anglers are excellent. Wobbling lures such as the Toby and Lukki type lures can be very effective,*

especially when in the blue and silver, also the Zebra colourations. Krillette type lures are proving effective too. The size of lure and speed of retrieve are extremely important also. Do remember however that sea trout are much harder to catch when their stomachs are full, irrespective of what irrestible type of lure you happen to try.

ESTUARY TACTICS: *Look at the wind strength and direction before deciding whether to fish the North or South Shore of the Firth. Best not to be casting into a wind if you wish to achieve any useful distance. Strong wind will also disturb the sediment and cause the water to become too cloudy to fish well. Your Tide Tables should also be consulted, eg, at Phopachy Point near Bunchrew you can fish from around 1.5 hours before high tide. If a shoal of running fish is passing you will often catch the big fish first and the smallest fish last; the real action lasting only a few minutes possibly; eg, one of our members once caught sea trout of 8 1/4, 4 3/4 and 2 1/2 lbs in that order, in little more than 10 minutes! If there is strong sea weed to get entangled in then you must land your fish quickly, usually long before it is played out! In 1995 sea trout of up to 12 lbs in weight were caught in the Beauly Firth!*

Seafield on the North Shore can be fished from at least 2 hours before the higher tides. The sooner you get there the more chance you have of establishing yourself in one of the better spots before other fishers arrive. Incidentally, senior members should ensure that no one is using more than one rod at a time and should also politely establish whether any strangers have purchased the mandatory permit. The River can be fished down for some distance from Wester Lovat when the tide is out although other tide states can also produce fish. Keep off the softest mud as you can easily get stuck!

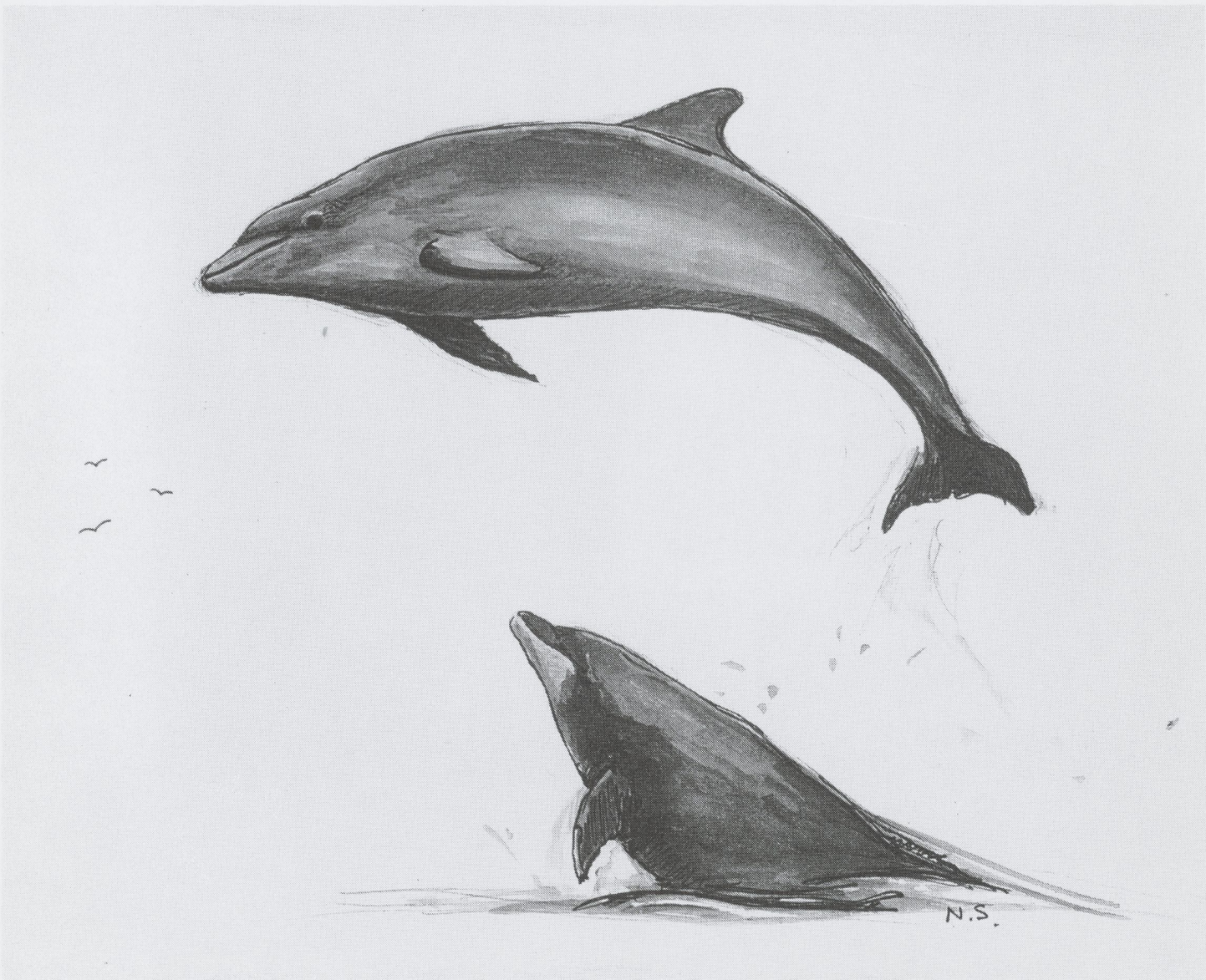
Regarding the actual fishing technique, remember that sea trout can swim quickly and will often take better if you retrieve fast enough to give them a challenge. The fast retrieve also gives them less time to scrutunise the lure. The home-made lead minnow is best retrieved quickly just below the surface. Sea trout will regularly follow such a lure in to your feet without taking, often because you are retrieving too slowly.

It can occasionally be a good ploy to move the rod from your usual side to the other when the lure is 3-4 metres away from you. The slight change in direction often induces a following fish to take. That said, it's best not to move about more than necessary and to remain as inconspicuous as possible. Wading deeply is not normally necessary unless to get your lure past a heavy bank of weed or to free a tangled fish. Remember that sea trout are quite content to mooch through the seaweed, particularly at around high tide when they will explore the weed, often fairly close to the shore when feeding on a wide variety of aquatic life forms. Although BAC do not permit the use of ledgered bait, mackerel and herring strip can be deadly at full tide if there are sea trout in the vicinity. Sea trout also find security in the seaweed from the threat posed by the many seals that frequent the Beauly Firth. Seal numbers are not really controlled and they will even travel up-river well past Lovat Bridge in their endless search for food.

The Moray Firth has not been netted for herring for many years now hence the amount of food available to the mammals and larger fish should continue to be quite considerable. Our fishers occasionally catch sea bass, garfish and other less common fish. We understand that even sturgeon can occasionally be found in the Beauly Firth; do remember to offer any you catch to HRH!

As with the River fishing, there is much to learn about the Firth fishings. Look, learn and take note of the conditions, the time of year, state of tide, etc, in order that you can build up your knowledge and confidence. Generally the Firth Fishers catch many more sea trout than the River Fishers. However, most of our members will place a much higher value on a sea trout attracted by a well presented fly.

In conclusion, bear in mind that sea trout have soft mouths which can easily be ripped/damaged by small hooks. Some of the sea trout will appear soft in confirmation and white in the flesh. They will possibly be Slob Trout which tend not to leave the Estuary. Spent sea trout which had spawned during the autumn months are often caught early on in the season. They may have lean bodies, distended vents, etc. Always return such fish quickly and carefully in order that they have a better chance to recover and to regain their hard fighting qualities. The tail of the sea trout is large and the body packed with energy when in prime condition. That is why the sea trout is such a prized and sought-after quarry, more so now that many river systems have had their previously plentiful sea trout runs reduced to a trickle. Let's all do what we can to maintain their numbers in our water.



Bottlenose Dolphins: Pleased to be here!

13. ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

The Beauly Firth and surrounding area is internationally exceptional in terms of the diversity of flora and fauna that it supports. This is in part reflected by recent European protective legislation in addition to the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) status attributed to most of the Firth in 1988. The SSSI now extends as far as the railway bridge at the tail of the Mealloch Pool, hence BAC has certain constraints imposed on it by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) in order to ensure that maintentance, improvement and other works are carried out in an acceptable and environmentally sensitive manner, thus ensuring the continued well being of wild life and habitat generally. For example, while being permitted by both Lovat Estate and SNH to carry out reasonable trimming and removal of pathside/bankside Alders and similar low value trees, we are careful when appropriate to leave sufficient trunk/stool (say 500 mm) in order to maintain a healthy root system, thus avoiding unnecessary and unacceptable erosion problems occurring thereafter. That in turn creates the requirement for a time-consuming annual maintenance trim to such stumps in order to control the often considerable annual side growth. Much of our bankside vegetation is growing in virtually pure sand; hence the close attention given to this aspect of our activities. Operations involving trees are normally carried out when sap is not running and certainly outwith nesting periods in order to avoid disturbance from noisy chain saws, etc.

Fallen trees may be removed from the water when hindering our angling activities, however trees that do not cause such hinderance should be left undisturbed as they gradually decay thus providing feeding and protection for the many levels of aquatic life forms that exist in the River. The fact that cormorants regularly use such vantage spots has nowadays simply to be accepted given their protected status. Other than the presence of merganser, heron, gooseander and the occasional osprey, most of the bird life on the River and Estuary is of no real threat to the angler's interests. Birds of prey such as the red kite, buzzard, kestrel, sparrow hawk, peregrine falcon and even the massive white-tailed sea eagle can all be seen on occasion. The prehistoric looking wood lark likes the Ferry area. Remarkably, the Firth holds internationally important populations of greylag goose, red-breasted merganser and goosander in addition to considerable numbers of duck (mallard, teal, wigeon, tufted, etc), oystercatchers, gulls, sandpipers, swans, herons and even feeding ospreys during the summer months. Many other birds are also present, some for wintering/passage reasons, others for summer/breeding. Needless to say, wildfowling is a popular sport on the Estuary; it certainly helps some of our BAC members to cope with the close-season blues.

The Estuary has become particularly noted over recent years for the presence of an internationally important colony of Bottlenose Dolphins. They can be seen from the shore at both North and South Kessock from around two hours before and until high tide; the higher tides hold them for longer. They are more active in the summer months so wait until then if you want to see the more spectacular activity. Should you wish to view them from a boat then please do not travel at speed and try to follow the guidance given in the Dolphin Awareness leaflet contained in the pouch at the rear of the handbook. Apart from being regularly seen throwing salmon in the air while sport-feeding, they have occasionally also been seen bullying the much smaller harbour porpoise. In fact a number of porpoises have unfortunately been found battered to death by the dolphins, clearly unaware that they are dealing with another protected species!

The dog-like common or harbour seal is present in large numbers and can be seen forming long dark lines on the sandbanks at certain stages of the tide. Their numbers are not really controlled and anglers often question just how good the fishing would be if they were not competing with so many hungry mammals. The larger grey or atlantic seal, easily identified by it's Roman-nosed appearance, is also present, but thankfully in much smaller numbers. Playful otters will occasionally be seen as will the smaller but more needlessly destructive mink.

Below the surface live many forms of fish life with the occasional sturgeon being perhaps the largest and most unusual fish to visit the Firth. The salmon run the gauntlet of the estuary mammals during their inward migratory passage; when returning as exhausted kelts after spawning, they are far less able to defend themselves from the seals in particular. The sea trout are ever present in the estuary and in the river in varying numbers during the complete season. They will often feed and seek protection in the seaweed. Sea bass, garfish, herring, mackerel, saithe, flounder and countless other fish, shellfish and lower life forms are also present as links in a vitally important food chain.

Distasteful as it may be, the Firth has presently to cope with a considerable discharge of relatively untreated sewage. The larger discharges are to be attended to in the near future. Agricultural run-off also causes enrichment although regular monitoring indicates that putrification is certainly not a problem yet.

Whether on the Firth or the river, it can be useful to have a small sighting device such as a compact monocular at hand to study anything unusual or interesting. Roe deer for instance are common around the BAC water and will occasionally make an appearance if you are on the river at first or last light and not disturbing the area too much by your casting! The barn owl can also be seen then. A compact camera is also well worth carrying in order to capture that 'fish of a lifetime', or some similarly interesting, photograph.

Most of the bank-side tree life is alder and willow. There are many good examples of trees such as oak, ash, beech, sycamore and birch. We willingly retain large sections of overhanging trees as a vital part of a healthy eco-system. The trees provide shade and shelter for the fish as well as being the source of much high-protein insect life which is readily devoured by certain fish when they are given any opportunity. Smaller but equally important rushes, reeds and grasses play their part in the Firth environment; the giant bull-rushes growing at Wester Lovat being among the most interesting.

We are surely extremely fortunate in being able to fish in such an ecologically important, beautiful and diverse wildlife area.

14. OTHER WATERS

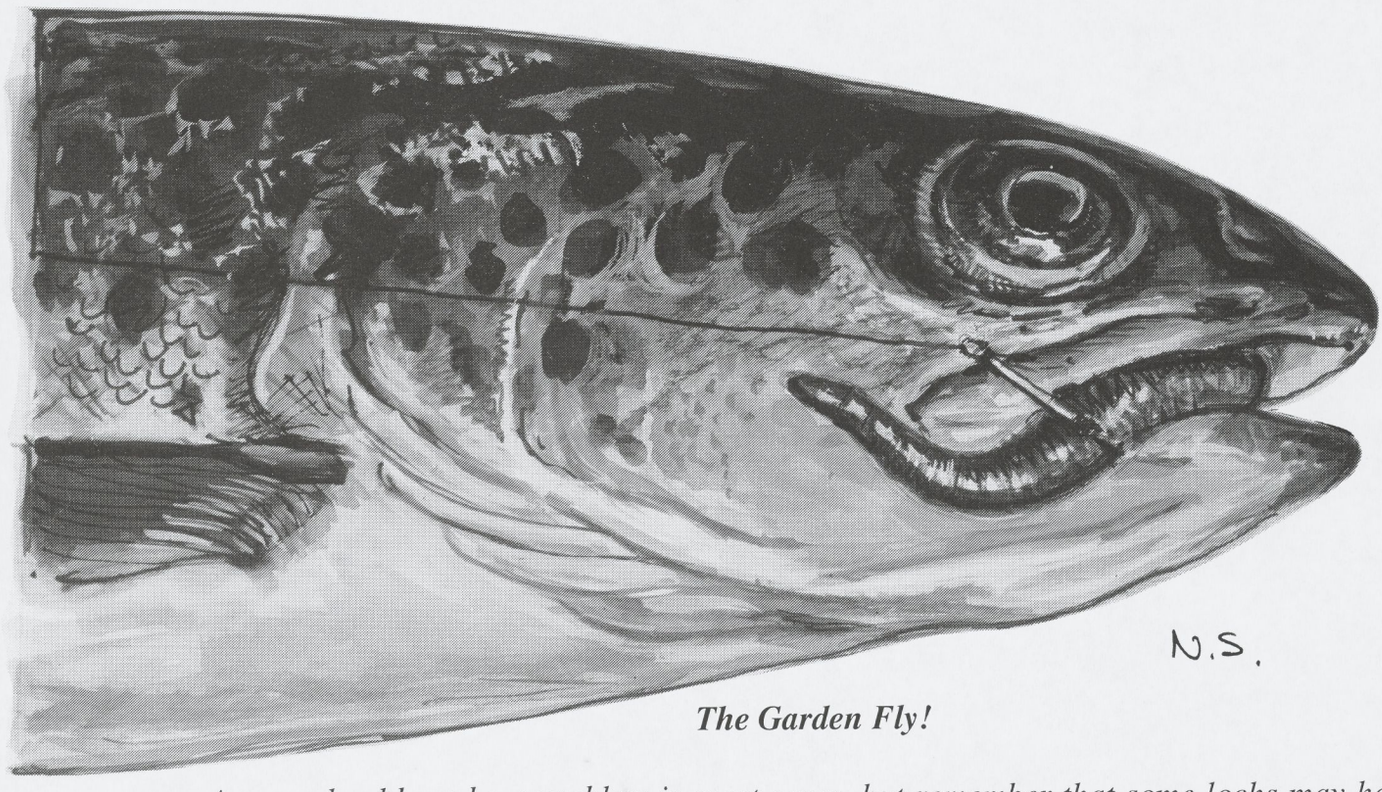
As a BAC member, you are entitled to use one of the two ***exchange day tickets*** *provided for accessing the Association Water on the Rivers Ness, Conon and Loch Achonachie. The tickets can be obtained by arrangement with Donald Fraser of Morison's in Beauly. You will occasionally meet members of these other Clubs on our water using our exchange tickets; please make them welcome. Their exchange tickets are not being used as often as we would like, so why not take the time to get to know these other local rivers. Conduct youself well, follow all the local rules, remember all safety advice and lastly set aside some time to talk to the experienced local anglers; that chat often makes the difference between going home fishless or not! In addition to the three exchange ticket waters mentioned, you may wish to venture further afield. The contact details and telephone numbers for some other rivers are appended. Non-association water is usually much more costly to fish and often fully booked during the peak summer months.*

RIVER AVERON (ALNESS) AC	*J.B.Paterson, 35 High St, Alnes*	*01349 882286*
BEAULY ANGLING CLUB	*Morison, Ironmonger, Beauly*	*01463 782213*
RIVER BEAULY	*The River Beauly Fishings Co Ltd*	*01948 820393*
RIVER CONON AC	*** Exchange Ticket at Morison's ** or*	*01349 862346*
RIVER FARRAR	*Frank Spencer-Nairn, Culligran, Struy*	*01463 761285*
RIVER GLASS	*Glen Affric Hotel, Cannich*	*01456 415214*
RIVER NAIRN AC	*P. Fraser, 41 High St, Nairn*	*01667 453038*
RIVER NESS AC	*** Exchange Ticket at Morison's ** or*	*01463 233178*

There will be times, particularly during the Beauly Rivers close season, when a session of ***loch fishing*** *from a boat may be attempted to keep your hand in. Artificially stocked lochs such as those at Achilty and Tarvie should be tried if you want to make contact with hard fighting rainbow trout during the winter months, possibly using weight-forward ultra fast sinking lines, aptly named booby attractor lures, etc. Loch Achilty is very deep and also supports the elusive Arctic Char. During the warmer summer months you can still fish such lochs, but may be fishing nearer or even on the surface for both rainbow and brown trout, while using more conventional flies. Use a marrow scoop to see exactly what they are feeding on, as it greatly aids selecting a suitable imitative pattern of fly; learn about entomology in order to 'match the hatch'. The much larger Lochs Mullardoch and Monar will provide contrasting fishing in every sense.*

Many of the ***hill lochs*** *in this area hold wild brown trout, some of them occasionally being quite large fish. Obtain a 1:50,000 Ordnance Survey Landranger Map of the area (Map No: 26), preferably a compass, suitable protective clothing and footwear before venturing into the hills; after telling someone responsible exactly where you are going and when you expect to return. Do your homework before setting out. Speak to local anglers and others for tips regarding access, where to fish, what to use, etc. Incidentally, spinning on hill lochs may be frowned upon, not least because the fast moving treble hook can damage the mouths of the smaller fish; perhaps also because it is often effective! Bait fishing may also be frowned upon; in fact illegal if the rod is unattended, a practise that can result in deeply hooked fish that haemorrhage badly. Try not to run the hook along the worm as it is cruel and results in limited movement/attractiveness; best to use a single or two hook home-tied Pennell arrangement and a lively lightly hooked garden worm. Remember that although a loch may look great on the map, it may contain no fish; or conversely, in the case of lochs*

such as Nam Bonnach above Beauly, may surprise you by suddenly producing a voracious pike! These fish have rows of sharp teeth, nearly all pointing backwards, so do not put your hand in their mouths. Use a disgorger or pliers to remove your hook. Pike are fast and opportunistic. One of our members recalls playing a beautiful 1 1/2 lb brown trout in Loch Garve which was suddenly swallowed head first by a magnificent 13 1/2 lb pike! The pike had the remains of four other fish in its stomach! Speaking of coarse fish, the gregarious perch can be found in Loch Achonachie; however, local rules prohibit specifically fishing for them.



The Garden Fly!

Access should not be a problem in most cases, but remember that some lochs may have been stocked for the benefit of other than you! If regularly stocked, always obtain pemission to fish beforehand. Incidentally, red deer stags are shot from 1st July until 20th October and roe deer bucks from 1st April until 20th October, so do ensure that you follow any safety and courtesy advice provided locally. Should you ever be approached by a group of stags, do not immediately panic, as it is probable that they have been winter fed and are associating you with that feeding regime. The contact details and telephone numbers of fishery proprietors in the area are appended.

LOCH ACHONACHIE AC	***Exchange Ticket at Morison's** or*	*01997 421351*
LOCH ACHILTY FISHERY	*Mark Butcher, Achilty, Contin*	*01997 421245/402*
LOCH MULLARDOCH, MONAR, ETC	*Glen Affric Hotel, Cannich*	*01456 415214*
LOCH MULLARDOCH, BENEVIAN, ETC	*Caley Hotel, Beauly*	*01463 782278*
AIGAS LOCH	*Aigas Field Centre, Aigas, Beauly*	*01463 782443*
GLEN ORRIN FISHERY	*Loch Kelpie, Muir of Ord*	*01997 433219*
TARVIE LOCHS FISHERY	*Mike Frowley, Tarvie, Contin*	*01997 421250*

In concluding this Novice's Handbook, it should be clear to you that we are spoilt for choice in this area. Local tackle shops can provide you with full details of many other waters that could not be covered here due to space and other considerations. Clearly, were it not for the usual constraints of time, money and family commitments, we would all be on the water much more often.

15. APPENDIX & INFORMATION POUCH

This appendix contains information relating to:

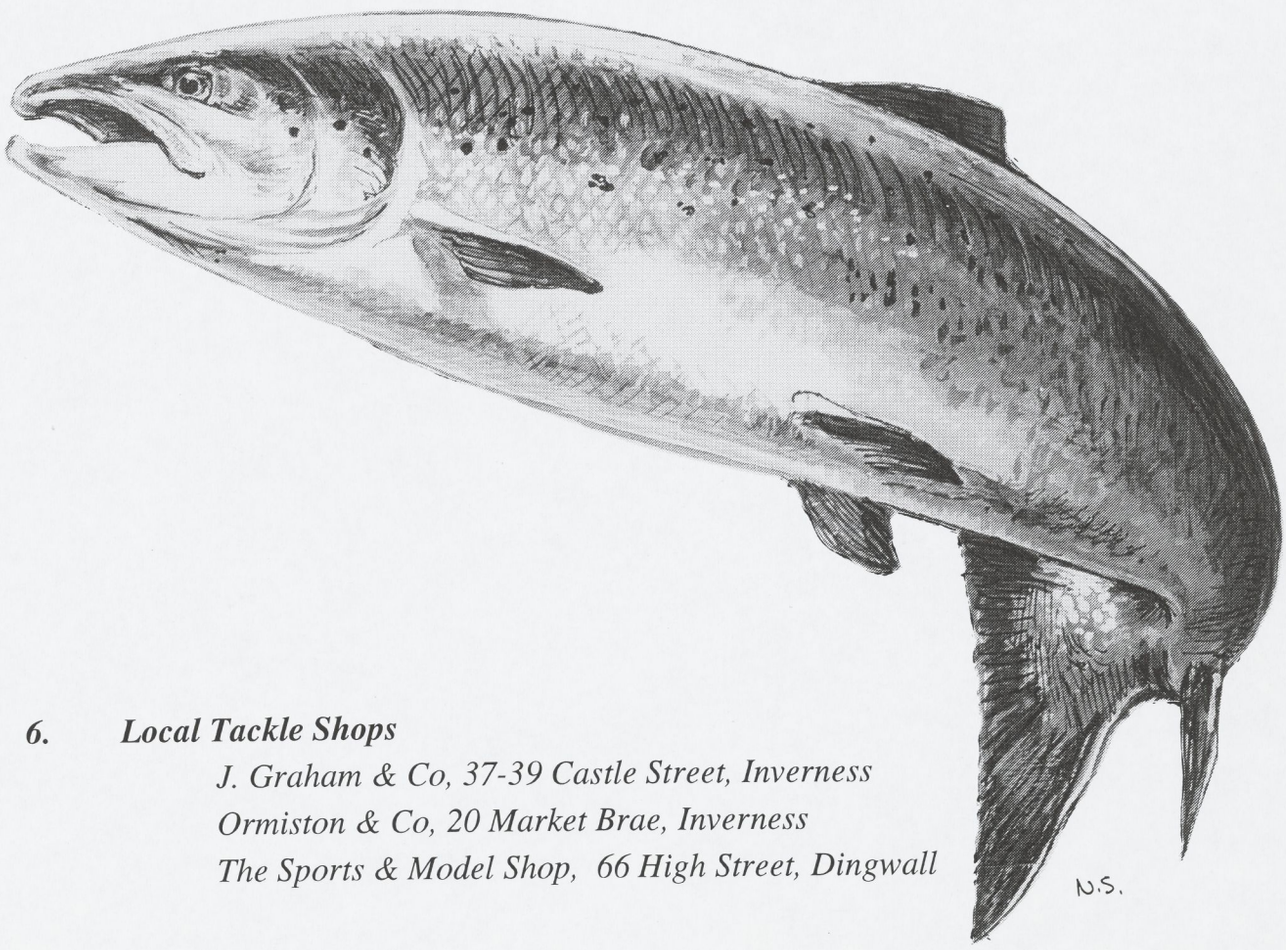
1. ***Scottish Anglers National Association***
   Information leaflet and application form

2. ***Scottish Natural Heritage***
   Moray Firth information leaflet
   Dolphin awareness leaflet

3. ***Scottish Hydro-Electric plc***
   Safety leaflet and tackle box stickers

4. ***Local Stocked Loch Fisheries***
   Aigas Loch, Aigas Field Centre, Beauly
   Glen Orrin Fishery, Loch Kelpie, Muir of Ord
   Loch Achilty Fishery, Achilty, Contin
   Tarvie Lochs Fishery, Tarvie, Contin

5. ***Local Fishing Proprietors/Agents***
   Frank Spencer-Nairn, Culligran, Struy
   Glen Affric Hotel, Cannich



6. ***Local Tackle Shops***
   J. Graham & Co, 37-39 Castle Street, Inverness
   Ormiston & Co, 20 Market Brae, Inverness
   The Sports & Model Shop, 66 High Street, Dingwall

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Fishermen of all standards return like the salmon to the fascinating waters of the Farrar and the Glass, the main tributaries of the river Beauly.

Daily permits (fly only) for both salmon and trout fishing can be obtained subject to availability. (Prices overleaf) The beat on the Glass is not usually let after the middle of September.

For the complete holiday, self-catering accommodation (choice of chalet or cottage) is also available. Priority access to the fishing. Bicycles for hire. Landrover tours of the deer farm by prior arrangement. Brochure on request.

Culligran is situated at the lower end of Strathfarrar within a National Nature Reserve. From Beauly, take the A831 Cannich road and after 9 miles take the first right after the Cnoc Hotel, just before the Telford bridge over the River Farrar. Report to the gatehouse.

Please write or phone for permits and availability to:-

FRANK & JULIET SPENCER-NAIRN,
CULLIGRAN HOUSE,
GLEN STRATHFARRAR,
STRUY, BEAULY,
INVERNESS-SHIRE IV4 7JX

☎ **Tel/Fax: 01463 761285**

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ALL SEASON			10.00
SALMON FISHING			
JUNE	-	JULY 6	15.00
JULY 8	-	JULY 20	20.00
JULY 22	-	AUGUST 3	25.00
AUGUST 5	-	AUGUST 17	30.00
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The Castle Hotel

Salmon and Sea Trout Fishing Details 1996

The River Deveron is an excellent all round salmon and sea trout river. Sea trout fishing is at its best June to August, grilse in July and August, and good salmon fishing August through to October. The fishing is highly sought from 1st June to 31st October.

The hotel's own water, the "Castle Beat", half a mile of double banked fishing for two rods, has easy access from the hotel with an adequate fishing hut and well maintained riverbank. The beat has nine named pools and runs which are easily fished with little wading. During the last three years the average catch has been 37 salmon/grilse and 46 sea trout. If we are unable to accommodate you on the Castle Beat I can arrange fishing on other private beats of the River Deveron.

1995 season was a season of extremes - we started with good water February through to June and then had one of the severest droughts that has been recorded for hundreds of years. Then we had extremely high water in September and October following a massive spate of 14 feet during the second week of September. So it really was a season of extremes of conditions for both weather and water. The drought certainly affected severely the fishing (as it did over the whole of Scotland) during late July/August, early September but, despite that, we did end with a record number of salmon for us since we took over the fishings in 1990. This was due to a good Spring and good October.

I am sure that the salmon results for the whole river will show that it was an extremely good year and this bodes well again for the future. The most encouraging factor this year were the Spring fish in May and June. Our beat was only fished for a couple of weeks but 9 Springers, mainly over 10lb each were caught with very little fishing effort and I am sure if this trend continues then the early season fishing which is extremely reasonably valued (and we can give extremely good rates in the Hotel February to May) should well be worth a go.

The sea trout run was disappointing, I am sure the numbers of fish in the river were down, and we had very high water temperatures late July and August which did not help fishing for them. But these fish are more variable than the salmon, and we must be due for a good year next year!

Sadly, the huge flood in September did a certain amount of damage and gravelled up the odd pool and lie, and we will be carrying out work on the river during the winter and repairing the banks etc.. So long as conditions are suitable for this work, we look forward to having it all completed and in good order for the start of the 1996 fishing.

New tenants will be offered a special accommodation rate from £287/person for 7 days Dinner, Bed and Breakfast in a twin/double room. The Castle Hotel welcomes fishing guests and offers all facilities field sportsmen would expect.

If you require any further information or would like to make a booking please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you. "Tight Lines!"

EMMA PLUMPTON
Director

CASTLE BEAT - CATCH RECORDS 1992-95

1992	31 salmon	81 sea trout
1993	34 salmon	31 sea trout
1994	35 salmon	38 sea trout
1995	46 salmon	35 sea trout
Average	37 salmon	46 sea trout

RIVER DEVERON FISHING SEASON - 11TH FEBRUARY UNTIL 31ST OCTOBER

CASTLE BEAT FISHING RULES

- FLY OR SPINNING UNTIL MAY 31ST.
- FLY ONLY AFTER JUNE 1ST UNLESS WATER CONDITIONS UNSUITABLE FOR FLY.
- STRICTLY FLY ONLY AFTER OCTOBER 1ST.
- NO NATURAL BAIT AT ANY TIME (THIS INCLUDES WORMS).
- ALL BROWN TROUT CAUGHT "BY ACCIDENT" WHEN SALMON FISHING MUST BE RETURNED.
- ALL "COLOURED" FISH AND GRAVID HENS WHETHER SEA TROUT OR SALMON SHOULD BE CAREFULLY RETURNED BUT MUST BE RECORDED USING ESTIMATED WEIGHT.

CASTLE BEAT RATES

11th February - March 30th	£40 per week
1st April - June 1st	£80 per week
3rd June - June 29th	£110 per week
1st July - October 31st	£185 per week

Tenants will always be offered similar week in successive years.

Many of you may already support the North Atlantic Salmon Fund which has had a dramatic effect on increasing salmon returning to Scottish rivers over the last two years. It needs funds to pay for the buy-out of the High Seas Netting Quotas on an annual basis. We propose that each rod fishing the Castle beat in 1996 should contribute £20.00 per rod to the N.A.S.F., and a leaflet is enclosed for your perusal.

The Castle Hotel
Huntly, Aberdeenshire. AB54 4SH
Tel.: (01466) 792696 Fax.: (01466) 792641



Postal Enquiries to;

Mr Iain Forbes,

Annandale House, Drumblade,

Aberdeenshire, Scotland. AB54 6EN.

Salmon, Sea Trout and Brown Trout

Fishing on various private beats on the River Deveron are available, together with local trout lochs. The Salmon season runs from 11th February until 31st October each year. Brown trout fishing commences on 1st April and ends on 30th September. The best months for sea trout are June and July. Maps of the beats and any other information is available on request.

Specialist Knowledge to assist anglers is available and all your tackle requirements, shooting supplies and country clothing can be supplied by,

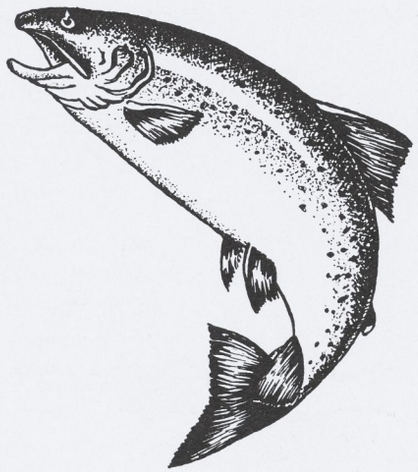
Forbes Country Matters
47 Gordon Street, Huntly, Aberdeenshire, AB54 5EQ.
Phone / Fax (01466) 794251

Shooting is available and includes pheasant, partridge, woodcock, rabbits, pigeon, wildfowling and grouse. Specialist stalking days can be arranged for red and roe deer on request.
Clays are also available and beginners are welcome.





The Salmon & Trout Association



We are grateful for the illustrations by Charles Jardine, from "Days and Nights of Game Fishing" by W. B. Currie, published by George Allen & Unwin.

The Salmon & Trout Association

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Fishmonger's Hall
London Bridge
London EC4R 9EL
Tel: 0171 283 5838





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Patron: H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

President: H.R.H. The Prince of Wales



The Salmon & Trout Association

The Salmon and Trout Association is an essential insurance policy for all interested in game angling.

Who are we?

We are a body of anglers, and those associated with the sport, dedicated to the preservation of salmon and trout and the improvement of rod fishing.

Who do we represent?

We represent salmon and trout anglers, in Parliament and at regional and local levels. We also represent ghillies, bailiffs and their families, the fishing tackle industry, hotels and their staffs, shops and garages—amounting to over 30,000 people in Scotland whose livelihood depends on angling.

What do we need?

Your support!

If the decline in salmon returning to our shores continues many jobs will disappear and businesses which for generations have relied on visiting anglers and their families will close down.

The importance of salmon and trout fishing to Scotland cannot be stressed too strongly.

Principal points of policy

The Association in Scotland stands squarely behind the angler and is actively campaigning on behalf of rod anglers for the following measures to safeguard and improve salmonid fisheries.

- The strict control and eventual elimination of commercial, and particularly interceptory commercial, fishing for salmon by netting, trapping, long-lining or any other means, including as immediate measures, the abolition of all drift-netting and the use of nets made of multi-filament, mono-filament or other similar materials.
- The abolition and prohibition of all commercial fishing for sea-trout.
- The protection, development and proper management of trout fisheries, including the promotion and support of Protection Orders and similar measures.
- The strict enforcement of the law against all forms of illegal fishing.
- The immediate release by Government of current data and statistics on Scottish river, estuarial and coastal fisheries.
- The encourgement of sound research for sporting purposes into salmon, sea-trout and trout.
- The necessary, reasonable and humanitarian control of predators.
- The control of pollution and water abstraction.
- The promotion and encouragement of proper and sporting behaviour and practices by all anglers and, where required, the exercise of restraint in methods of angling and lures employed and in catches taken.

In the furtherance of these measures the Association will co-operate with all other angling bodies, with Tourist Authorities, with Trade Associations involved in the tourist/angling industry, and with organisations committed to conservation of salmon and trout.

Member Benefits

£2m Public Liability Insurance when fishing

Personal Accident Insurance

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Discounts on day tickets at many leading stillwater fisheries

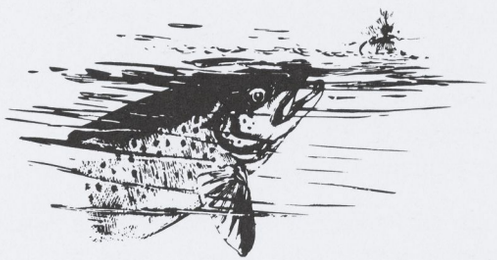
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Please complete and return the enclosed application form.



under consideration; members only), and fishes waters of Great Ouse FCA and Ivel Protection Assn. St £25. Tackle shop: Alan Brown, Nightingale Road, **Hitchin**.

OUZEL: Coarse fish.

Leighton Buzzard (Beds). Leighton Buzzard AC preserves various stretches above Leighton Buzzard and at Stoke Hammond, Water Eaton, Bletchley and Newport Pagnell. Club also has several stretches on **Gt Ouse** (three at **Emberton** and others at **Stoke Goldington**), five on **Thame Shabbington**, 3m of **Oxford Canal** and 3m of **Grand Union Canal**. Also **Claydon Lakes**, **Tiddenfoot** and other pits. Annual membership £14.50. Concessions to jun & OAP. Leisure Sport has three gravel pits stocked with large pike, carp and catfish. St £32 (conc. ½ price). Phone Chertsey 564872 for details. Tackle shop: Leighton Tackle Centre, 18 Peacock Market LU7 8JH.

RELIEF CHANNEL: not strictly a tributary but included here because of the status traditionally enjoyed as an excellent coarse fishery in its own right, now re-established as such, after a difficult period with zander, by an intensive programme of investigation and re-stocking by AWA. Now rented to Wisbech & Dist AA which issues dt.

TOVE: Coarse fish.

Towcester (Northants). **Towcester** and Dist AA has water on river and three ponds; members only.

OUSE (Sussex)

(For close seasons, licences, etc, see Southern Region NRA, p15)

Rises few miles south-east of Horsham and flows for 33 miles to enter English Channel at Newhaven. Tidal for 12 miles from mouth to point 4m upstream of Lewes. Coarse fish and trout, but notable for run of big sea trout.

Lewes and **Barcombe Mills** (Sussex). Sea trout (good), barbel, perch, bream, roach, dace, chub, carp and pike. Ouse APS has west bank from Hamsey to Barcombe Mills (about 4m) and certain stretches of non tidal water above the mills. Limited st only at £30, jun £10. Sea trout from May to Oct, but June to August best, given rain. Barcombe Mills Pool and side streams reserved for sea-trout fishing and open to st holders at £3 a day (two rods daily) bookable in advance from Hon Sec. Old Mill Farm, Barcombe, has Ouse fishing. Dt at farm. Trout fishing on 40 acre **Barcombe Reservoir** to st holders on payment of £7 day, 4 fish limit. Limited dt after July 1st. Full details from hon. sec, Ouse APS; The Old Barn Cottage, Peak Lane, East Preston. Tackle shop: Percy's, 9 Cliffe High Street. Hotels: Shelleys; White Hart; Crown (all Lewes). for Barcombe Mills: Angler's Rest, Anchor Inn.

Isfield (Sussex). Coarse fish, trout and sea trout. Isfield and Dist AC has sections of Ouse at Isfield Club also has stretches of **Cuckmere** at Upper Dicker, **Uck** at **Uckfield**. and lakes around **E Grinstead**, **Uckfield**, **Horsted Keynes** and elsewhere, twenty four fisheries in all. Large carp, tench, bream, perch, eels and pike. St £40 plus £10 joining fee, conc, from Memb Sec (sae). No dt. Exchange ticket system with other clubs. Hotels: Laughing Fish, Isfield (club HQ); Maiden's Head, Uckfield. *(Tackle see Lewes).*

Haywards Heath (Sussex). Coarse fish and trout. Haywards Heath & Dist AS has 11½m bank of **Ouse** from **Linfield** down to **Newick**, and several lakes, including Balcombe Lake, **Slaugham Mill Pond**, **Valebridge Mill Pond**. Fishing coarse mainly, trout in river, and is for members only. Membership open to approved applicants, with concessions. Tackle shops: Sporting Chance, 29 Boltro Rd; Angling Centre, 143 Church Rd, Burgess Hill.

UCK: mainly coarse fishing below Uckfield with occasional sea trout. Joins Ouse at Isfield.

Isfield (Sussex). Coarse fish and trout. Isfield and Dist AC has water from here to **Uckfield** (members only), with excellent course fishing and trout to 3lb. **Colin Godman's Trouting**, 3 lakes, 7 acres: tel: 01825 74 322. **Yew Tree Trout Fishery**, Yew Tree Lane, **Rotherfield** TN6 3QP: three fly fishing lakes in 6 acres; dt £18, four fish, or £10.50 plus cost of fish. Tel: 01892 852529.

OUSE (Yorkshire)

(For close seasons, licences, etc, see Nothumbria and Yorkshire Region NRA, p17)

Forms with Trent the estuary of the Humber. Coarse fish, with some trout. Dunsforth, Beningbrough and Poppleton reaches noted for barbel and chub. Large bream present but difficult to catch. Most water held by Leeds and York clubs. Tributaries give excellent trout and coarse fishing.

Goole (N Humberside). Don enters Ouse here. Goole AA has stretch of **Derwent** from Wressle to Breighton; good roach, chub, pike, dace, few trout. No dt. Club also has water on **Selby Canal**, **Market Weighton Canal**, and local ponds. Memberships (£13.50, concessionary £5 pa) from Barry's of Goole Ltd, 25 Westfield Avenue, Goole DN14 6JY, tel: 01405 720231. Barry's now own Barton Broad, Maltkiln Rd, **Barton on Humber** (not to be confused with Barton Broad, Norfolk), 6½ acre mixed coarse, dt £4 on bank; also Staddlethorpe Pond, Broad Lane, Gilberdyke, **Brough**, 2½ acres coarse, dt £5 from Barry's. Carlton AC has dt £1.25 for several fishings around Selby and Goole, including R Derwent at Bubwith, West Haddlesey Lake, and Selby Canal, from local tackle shops. Selby Miners Welfare AC offers dt £2.50 on bank at Selby Canal between Brayton and Burn Bridges, with roach, chub, carp, dace and other species. Selby tackle shops: Selby Angling Centre, 69 Brook St; Field Sports, 24/26 New St, Selby.

Acaster (N Yorks). Coarse fishing. Controlled by the Leeds Amalgamation. Tickets at Blacksmith's Arms, Naburn, and Manor Guest House, Acaster Maibis. Castleford Anglers fish on 150 yds below old salmon hut. Dt £1. Fish include barbel; above dam, trout and coarse fish. Accommodation: Manor Guest House.

Naburn (N Yorks). Below dam, right bank to old salmon hut, York Amalgamated. Left bank, tickets £3 from lock keeper, or tackle dealer G E Hill, of York.

York (N Yorks). Coarse fish; some free fishing on public waters. On left bank nearly all free except 8m from Rawcliffe Ings and Clifton Ings up to Aldwark. York Amalgamation has fishing on 80m of **Ouse**, **Derwent**, **Nidd**, **Rye**, **Seven**, and several still waters. St £25, conc, dt £3 from local tackle shop for lower Nidd. 4m on Rivers Rye and Seven; very good grayling and trout; ½m on Derwent, all three fisheries members only. Tackle shops: G E Hill, 40 Clarence Street; Anglers Corner, 41 Huby Court, Walgate.

Poppleton and **Newton** (N Yorks). Good barbel, pike, etc. York and Leeds Amalgamations have extensive stretches. Dt from Fox Inn, Nether Poppleton, and Post Office.

Aldwark (N Yorks). Coarse fish. York Amal have 2½m above and ½m below Aldwark Bridge with exception of short stretch. Hotels: Three Horseshoes and Crown, Great Ouseburn; Bay Horse, Aldwark.

Low Dunsforth. from Low Dunsforth to Aldwark Bridge (about 4m right bank) fishing is in hands of Leeds Amal. Dt from Angler Inn, Low Dunsforth. Leeds Amal also has good length at **Hunterslodge** on opposite side below Aldwark bridge (left bank). Tickets as above.

Tributaries of the Ouse (Yorkshire)

DON. Rises on Wike Head and flows through Sheffield and Doncaster to the estuary of the Ouse; after 150 years of pollution from the Sheffield steel industry, this river is once more fishable. The NRA has stocked over past ten years with some 30,000 fish, and 30lb nets of roach have been caught. Hemp and tares are best summer baits, maggots and casters in winter.

Doncaster (S Yorks). Doncaster & Dist AA has water on the Don at **Sprotsborough**, **Hexthorpe**, **Newton** and Doncaster Prison; **Idle** at Misson (10m); the **Torne** at Candy Farm pump to Pilfrey Bridge (12m); the **Trent** at Marton and Littleborough; the **6m of New Junction Canal** from Barnaby Dun to the **Aire & Calder** junction; 7m **Warping Drain**; **Sheffield & S Yorkshire Navigation Canal** (Sprotborough to Long Sandall); also BW **Southfield Reservoirs**, **Cowick**. Dt on the banks at many of these fisheries. **Thrybergh Reservoir**, 34 acres, near **Rotherham**; Rotherham MBC trout fishery. Permits on site. Rotherham MBC also has **Fitzwilliam Canal**, Rotherham 1m, dt. Tinsley & dist AA offer £2 dt for

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canal fishing in the area. Tel 01709 366142. BW Castleford Anglers have **Woodnook Reservoir**. St from Assn HQ and tackle shops. Barnby Dun Social AC have dt £1 on bank at S Yorkshire Navigation Canal between **Barnby Dun** and Kirk Sandall, with chub, roach, perch, bream, gudgeon. Tel: 01302 886024 for match bookings. Tackle shops: Anglers Supplies, 148 High St, Bentley, Doncaster; R & R Sports, 40 High St, Bawtry; Tom Pickering Angling, 207 Carrhouse Rd; R & R Sports, 40 High St, Bawtry; Pete's Tackle Shop, 79 Main Street, Mexborough; Pauls Tackle Centre, Denaby Main, nr Doncaster, and others.

Sheffield (S Yorks). **Damflask**, YW reservoir, 5m W; trout. **Underbank**, corporation reservoir, coarse fishing and a few large trout. Tickets from attendant's office. Further information under *'Yorkshire Lakes'*. Sheffield Amal AS (membership books from Lord Nelson, Arundel Street) has three waters on Trent, at Besthorpe, Girton and North and South Clifton. Dt from bailiff on bank. Sheffield and Dist AA has water on Rivers **Trent**,

DEARNE (tributary of Don):

Barnsley (S Yorks). Dearne; Free fishing on length within Hoyle Mill Country Park. Mainly free, between here and **Darfield**, and through common near Wombwell. Stocked at **Haigh**, where Wakefield AC has water. Club also has lakes near **Wakefield**, fishing on R Calder, and Calder & Hebble Navigation. Membership £12, conc, from Wakefield tackle shops. Barnsley MBC control six lakes and ponds, dt from 50p to £3. Barnsley Trout Canal fishes **Scout Dike Reservoir**; trout av ¾lb; bait restrictions, dt on site. **Wintersett Reservoir**; coarse fish; dt from bailiff. Barnsley & Dist AAS fishes for all species of coarse at Fiskerton on Trent, R Torne at Finningley, **Worsbrough Reservoir**; dt £2 on bank. Tackle shops: Barnsley Angling Centre, 48/50 Sheffield Road; Tackle Box, 7, Doncaster Rd, Wombwell Angling Centre, 25 Barnsley Rd.

Claycross (Derby). Lakes: Williamthorpe Ponds, 2m NE. Wingerworth Hall Lakes (two), 2½m NW. Great Dam, 3½m NW.

ROTHER (tributary of Don):

Killamarsh (Derby). Short Brook. Lakes: Woodhall Moor Dams, 2m E. Barlborough Hall Lake, 3m SE. Pebley Dam, 3m SE. Harthill Reservoir, 3m E. Woodhall Pond, 3m E.

AIRE: Issues from ground at Aire Head, half a mile south of Malham village. Its upper reaches contain quality trout and grayling, which give place to coarse fish between Steeton and Keighley. Marsden Star AS has 800 yds at Crossflats, nr Bingley and 500 yds at Stockbridge, Keighley, plus other fishing on ponds and Leeds & Liverpool Canal; st £14, dt £1.50, conc. Tackle shop in Keighley. Lower reaches and others near large towns polluted. *(For Malham Tarn-see Ribble-Settle).*

Leeds (W Yorks). Polluted. Adel Beck and Dam (private). **Roundhay Park Lakes**, 4m NE. Leeds and Dist ASA have fishing; dt from local tackle shops. Larger lake (Waterloo) contains pike, perch, roach. tench, carp, etc; small lake stocked with carp, bream and roach. Leeds Amal has extensive fishing on Ouse and tributaries, canals and lakes, dt for many waters; full details from Hon Sec. Also trout at Pool and Arthington *(see Ouse (Yorks)-Wharfe)*. Castleford & Dist SA fish Fairburn Ings and Fairburn Cut. Dt £1 on site. At **Swinsty** and **Fewston**, 7m from **Otley**, are YWS reservoirs, containing trout; visitors' dt can be had at Reservoir Lodge, Fewston. Minnow and fly only. Tackle shops: Abbey Match Anglers, 38 Commercial Rd; Kirkgate Anglers, 95 Kirkgate: Lewis & Wardman, 5 Grand Arcade; Bob's Tackle Shop, 1A Chapel Lane, Garforth; Headingly Angling Centre, 58 North Lane.

Bradford (W Yorks). Aire, 7m N. Bradford City AA has extensive rights here and on water on the canals at **Apperley Bridge** and near Skipton; on **Wharfe, Ure** and **Swale**, reservoirs and lakes. Bradford No 1 AA has water on Wharfe, **Aire, Swale, Ure, Nidd, Derwent, Leeds and Liverpool Canal**, and reservoirs. Addingham AA have water on **Wharfe** (Addingham, 2m; Denton and Ben Rhydding, 2½m; trout to 3lb (av 1½lb) and grayling) and three reservoirs holding trout and perch; members only st £85. Waiting list. Tackle shops: Westgate Anglers, 63, Westgate; Carter's, 15 Bridge Street; Fly Box, 45 Pine Street; Wibsey Angling Centre, 208 High Street, Wibsey, Bradford; D Richmond, 110 Morley Street.

Bingley, Saltaire (W Yorks). Trout, coarse fish; Bingley AC has good coarse fishery; restocked annually. St £13 and dt £2. Club has good trout fishing on **Sunnydale Reservoir**, Eastmorton; 2 fish limit, no bait restrictions, dt £2.50 from Hon Sec; also two dams and beck. Trout waters are for members only. Saltaire AA has stretch of Aire from Baildon Bridge upstream to Bankfield Hotel, mixed fishery, dt water. Marsden Star AS has stretch at Crossflats nr Bingley. Members only. Bradford No 1 AA has two lengths, left bank, along Bingley Cricket and Football Fields, d/s. Members only. Excellent trout preserve in **Myrtle Park**; water restocked; dt 75p. Dt £1 for **Leeds & Liverpool Canal**. Saltaire AA (HQ Ring of Bells, Bradford Rd, Shipley) has water on **Aire** at Shipley and Saltaire, Leeds & Liverpool Canal (large carp) and at **Tong Park Dam**, brown and rainbow trout, dt £5 from Shipley Angling Centre. From Bankfield Hotel downstream to Baildon Bridge (both banks, except Roberts Park) is Bradford No 1 water.

Keighley (W Yorks). Trout, grayling, coarse fish, chub plentiful. Sport improved after restocking. Keighley AC has 14m; st £17 (concessions to ladies, juniors, OAP) dt £2 for R Aire only. Trout to 5 lbs; best May-June and Sept. Club also has fishing on the **Leeds-Liverpool Canal, Whitefields Reservoir**, stocked with carp, tench, roach and perch, and, for members only, **Roberts Pond** (large tench, carp, pike), **Sugden End Reservoir**, Crossroads, (large trout, roach, perch, and tench, dt £3.50) and the **R Worth**, trout. *(See also Yorkshire lakes, reservoirs, etc)*. Club also has water at Stockbridge and at Riddlesden, dt £2. Tackle shops: K & L Tackle, 131 Mornington St; Willis Walker, 109 Cavendish Street, Keighley.

Cononley (W Yorks). Trout, perch, chub, roach, dace, bream, grayling; dt after June 1, for Bradford City AA water, dt £2 from Post Office or tackle shops from 16 June. Bradford No 1 AA also has water. Dt from tackle shops.

Skipton (N Yorks). Trout, grayling, pike, chub, roach, perch, dace and bream. At Skipton, Skipton AA has three miles of fishing, mainly both banks; st £40 (entrance fee £15), dt £3, from Hon Sec. or tackle shops. Association also has rights on **Embsay Reservoir** (trout), **Whinnygill Reservoirs** (trout and coarse fish) dt, and beck fishing on Eller Beck at Skipton. Bradford City AA water begins on both banks below Skipton water; about 7m in all. Near Skipton at **Kilnsey Park**, are two trout lakes of 3 acres. Tel: 01756 752150. Dt £13, £9.50. Bradford No 1 AA has **Bradley, Broughton** and **Sandbeds** fisheries, left bank. Members only. Hotels: Highfield, Devonshire.

Bellbusk (N Yorks). Trout; preserved by owners. Lakes: **Conniston House**; trout. **Eshton Tarn**, 2m NE; pike. **Malham Tarn**, 8m N; trout and perch; tickets *(see Ribble-Settle)*

CALDER (tributary of Aire): Good coarse fishing from Brighouse to Sowerby Bridge.

Halifax (W Yorks). Calder 2m S. Clubs: Halifax and Dist AC (dams); Dean Clough & Ryburn AS have fishing on Calder, **Calder And Hebble Navigation**, and elsewhere. Dt from Jewsons (*below*). Other societies: Brighouse AA; Friendly AC, The Friendly Inn, Ovenden. Ripponden Flyfishers have good trout fishing in **Ryburn Reservoir**, Ripponden. Brighouse AA and Bradford No 1 AA control 14m on Calder above and below **Brighouse**; heavily restocked and now provides sport with good-quality roach. St £22 + £17 joining fee from D B Arnett, 49 Templars Way, Bradford, but one year waiting list. No dt. Brighouse AA also has water on canal and gravel pits. Tackle shop: A J Jewson, 1 Westgate. Hotels: Imperial Crown; Calder & Hebble Inn; Black Horse Inn, Brighouse.

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Hebden (W Yorks). At **Todmorden** (Yorks, postal address Lancs). The Todmorden AS has mixed coarse fishing which includes the **Rochdale Canal**, within the Todmorden boundary, **New Mill Dam**, **Grove Lodge**, **R Calder**, **Chatham Reservoir**; all waters members only, except Cliviger Fishponds, dt £3 from Clivinger Petrol Station, and Grove lodge, dt £2 from Round House Newsagents, Littleborough. Annual membership, £18, plus £10 joining fee, conc, from Tackle dealers (*below*), or those in Burnley and Rochdale. Dt £1.50 for **Calderbrook Bottom Dam**, **Littleborough**, Dave's Tackle Shop or Summit Store, Summit, Littleborough. **Calder and Hebble Navigation**: from Salterhebble Top Lock, through Brighouse, Lower Hopton Bridge, Thornhill, to upstream of Ganny Lock, the following clubs have water: Dean Clough & Ryburn AS (2½m, dt), Mackintosh AC, Brighouse AA, Bradford No. 1, Slaithwaite AA, Thornhill C & BC, Unity AC. Unity AC also have fishing on R Aire, R Calder and R Ure, members only on most waters, but dt for good coarse fishing on **Leeds and Liverpool Canal**, £2. Tackle shops: Arches Tackle, 1 Halifax Rd, Littleborough. Hotel: Queen.

COLNE (tributary of Calder):

Huddersfield (W Yorks). Holme Valley PA fishes **R Calder** from Battyeford to Mirfield, Magdale Dam and pond at Holmfirth. Dt on river and pond from tackle shops. Facilities for the disabled. **Hill Top Reservoir**, **Sparth Reservoir**, **Huddersfield Narrow Canal**, all Slaithwaite & Dist AC waters, dt obtainable. **Longwood Compensation Reservoir,** Huddersfield AA, limited coarse dt on offer. Tickets, advice and tackle from Chris Roberts, 98 Northgate; Angling Centre, 22 Chapel Hill. Hotel: Huddersfield and many others.

Slaithwaite (W Yorks). Slaithwaite and Dist AC has fly only trout fishery from Marsden to Linthwaite, coarse fishing on Colne at Colnesbridge, coarse on **R Swale** at **Helperby**, as well as rights on **Trent** at Sutton, tidal, **Narrow Canal**, Slaithwaite to Bargate and three other stretches, twelve reservoirs, dams and ponds; trout, coarse fish; st £15 + £5 joining, enquiries to D Rushforth, 122 Longwood Gate, Longwood, Hudds.

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HOLME (tributary of Colne);

Holmfirth (W Yorks). Slaithwaite & Dist AC fishes most of stretch from Holmebridge to Bottoms Dam, river is extremely shallow and overhung, with many small wild trout. Members only. **Holmstyes Reservoir**; trout (Huddersfield 8m) preserved by Huddersfield AA. St £38. **Boshaw Reservoir** (Huddersfield 8m); preserved as above. Holme Valley Piscatorials have water on the Sir John Ramsden Canal, R Calder, Fenay Beck (both 2½m from Huddersfield) and Magdale Dam. St £10 from Membership Sec, dt £2 from tackle shops.

DERWENT: Rises in high moors and flows almost to coast near Scarborough where it turns south and enters estuary of Ouse. Its upper reaches, most easily reached from Scarborough, are trout and grayling waters *(see Ayton)*. Lower down coarse fish predominate, barbel included.

Wressle (N Humberside). Coarse fish free, some access.

Breighton (N Humberside); ns Wressle 1m. Bubwith 1m. Chub, dace, pike, etc; fishing free.

Bubwith (N Humberside). Coarse fish; Howden and Dist AC: 4m controlled by Mike Redman, 2 Meadowfield, Breighton Rd, Bubwith YO8 7DZ, 01757 288891.

Ellerton; roach, perch, dace, bream, chub, eels and pike; flatfish lower down. For Ellerton Landing, 2m, Aughton, 1m, Bubwith, 1m, dt from White Swan Inn; V G Shop; Mike Redman, 2 Meadowfield, all bubwith, or Boot and Shoe, Ellerton.

East Cottingwith (N Yorks); ns High Field, 4m. Coarse fish (pike and chub very good). York AA controls East Cottingwith Water (2m) and 10m of good coarse fishing on **Pocklington Canal**. Dt from secretary. At **Thorganby**, on other side of Derwent, Ferry Boat Inn has day tickets for approximately 1½m of river. Very good pike fishing.

Pocklington (N Yorks). **Pocklington Canal**; Well stocked with bream, roach, perch, pike, etc. York AA water. Dt from Canal Head; College Arms, Beilby; Melbourne Arms, Melbourne; and The Cottage at Coats Bridge.

Ellerton Landing (N Yorks). Mixed fishing Hotel: White Swan, Bubwith.

Kexby (N Yorks). Pike, chub, etc. York and Leeds Amalgamated Societies have water; members only.

Low Catton (N Yorks). Coarse fish. Bradford No 1 AA has good length of water on left bank; members only.

Stamford Bridge (N Yorks). Excellent for roach, pike, chub, dace. York and Dist Amal has fishing on good length down to Kexby Brickworks and length at Stamford Bridge Bottom, acquired from Leeds ASA; also pits. Dt at cafes in Stamford Bridge.

Howsham (N Yorks). Coarse fishing. York and Dist AA has water on Derwent and Barton Hill Beck; Bradford No 1 AA has left bank at Howsham Wood; members only.

Kirkham Abbey (N Yorks). Coarse fish, some trout. Leeds and York Amalgamations have water; members only. Scarborough Mere AC has approx 1,300 yds north bank u/s from bridge. Members only.

Castle Howard (N Yorks). **Castle Howard Great Lake** contains specimen coarse fish, including pike, perch, tench, bream, roach and bank fishing only. For further details, see *'Yorkshire Lakes.'*

Huttons Ambo (Yorks). Roach, pike, dace, eels, gudgeon, grayling, perch and few trout. South bank, 1m down and 1m up, held by Malton and Norton AC, no dt. North bank held by Huttons Ambo AC for 2m down and 2m up; membership, for people resident within 10m Malton, £5 pa. Dt £1.50 from village post office.

Malton (Yorks). Coarse fish, mainly roach. Malton and Norton AC. Waters extend to 1m below Huttons Ambo. Membership discretionary, st £10, wt £3.50, dt 75p issued by Hon Sec M Foggins, 123 Wellram Rd, Norton Malton, and N & C Swift, Castlegate, Malton. York and Dist AA has 5½ at Old Malton to Ryemouth; st £18, dt £1.80. Contact John Lane, 39 Lowfields Drive, Acomb, York YO2 3DQ, tel: 01904 783178. Good deal of free water on Derwent and Rye. Tackle shops: J Anderson & Son, Market Place (tickets for Malton AC waters); and C Swift, Castlegate. Hotel: Green Man.

Rillington (Yorks). Derwent, 1m N. Coarse fish; Leeds Amal water, st £21, dt £1.50. Scampston Beck, 1m E, private. Rye, 2m N. Costa Beck, 3m N.

Yedingham (Yorks). Coarse fish. Dt at Providence Inn for Leeds Amal waters. Inn also has private stretch. Foul Bridge Farm issue dt.

Ganton (Yorks). Chub, pike, dace, grayling; dt for 1m each way from Hay Bridge, from Mr and Mrs Seller, Bogg Hall Farm,

at first house across railway crossing at Ganton. Ruston Beck, 2m W. Dt waters at **Seamer** (Malton Rd), from house by stream. Tackle from Grettons, 10 North St, Scarborough.

Ayton (Yorks). Some good trout water, Scarborough Mere AC has **Scarborough Mere**, just outside town; coarse fish; dt £2; mere restocked regularly. About 2m trout fishing from Ayton towards Ganton controlled by Leeds Amal; no tickets.

Hackness (Yorks). Derwent AC, controls 10m of trout (brown and rainbow) and grayling fishing down to **East Ayton**, for part of which dt at £20 are obtainable from July 1 to Sept 30. Farther up, above Langdale End Bridge (3m both banks), dt at £8 from April 1 to Sept 30. Fishing one fly only, wet or dry, is club rule on all water. Tickets from Grange Hotel (rod for residents on 8m of Derwent). Sunday fishing reserved for members and guests on lower club water, and all fishing between Hilla Green bridge and Langdale End bridge exclusively reserved to members and guests. Size limit for trout 10 in; limited two brace per day. Wading allowed.

FOSS BECK (tributary of Derwent). Fishing station: **Fangfoss** (Yorks); fishing private.

SPITTLE BECK (tributary of Derwent)

Barton Hill (Yorks). Derwent, 2m E. Whitecarr Beck, 4m SE. Loppington Beck, 4m SE. Swallowpits Beck, 5m SE at Scrayingham. York and Dist AA have trout water **Barton Hill Beck**.

RYE (tributary of Derwent): Trout, grayling, other coarse fish.

Ryton (Yorks). Scarborough Mere AC has 5 fields at Ryton Bridge: trout, grayling and coarse fish, including barbel. Members only.

Newsham Bridge (Yorks). Approx 1½/2m from Great Habton, u/s right bank, and 1m d/s, Bradford No 1 AA water, members only.

Butterwick (Yorks). Trout, coarse fish. Scarborough Mere AC has stretch, members only.

PICKERING BECK (tributary of Rye) and Costa Beck (chalk stream). Trout, grayling.

Pickering (Yorks). About 1m of free fishing in town; private above, preserved below (3m) by Pickering FA; fly only; membership limited to 120. Water also on **Costa Beck** and **Oxfold Becks**, trout and grayling, and **Duchy of Lancaster Water, Newbridge**. Two trout lakes. Dt for members' guests only. Club HQ: Bay Horse Hotel. Brown trout fishing at Hazelhead Lake, Newgate Foot, Saltersgate, Pickering YO18 7NR, tel: 01751 460215; tickets from farmhouse B & B. Pickering Trout Lake, Newbridge Rd, Pickering YO18 8JJ, tel: 01751 474219: open all year, dt from £4. Scarborough Mere AC has 6m on **Rye** near Pickering and Bradford No 1 have **Newsham Bridge** fishing on Rye, near Great Habton. Hotels: White Swan, Black Swan, Forest and Vale, Crossways.

SEVEN (tributary of Rye): Trout, grayling; some coarse fish.

Newsham Bridge (Yorks). York and Dist AA has water on Seven and Rye; no dt.

Marton (Yorks). Private from mill to Marton; below Marton some free water; grayling, pike, chub, dace and a few trout. Tackle shop in Malton, 12m.

Sinnington (Yorks). Seven AC has 2½m downstream from the main road; brown, rainbow trout, some grayling; members only, long waiting list. Coarse fishing mainly below large weir and bottom farm.

WATH BECK (tributary of Rye):

Slingsby (Yorks). Trout; preserved. Rye, NE.

DOVE-IN-FARNDALE (tributary of Rye):

Kirby Moorside (N Yorks). Dove-in-Farndale, 1m E; trout; private. Dt for stretches downstream of Kirby Moorside from some of the farms. Hodge Beck, in Sleightholme Dale, 1m W, trout only. Hotel: King's Head.

THORNTON BECK (tributary of Derwent):

Thornton-le-Dale (N Yorks). Trout and grayling; preserved. Pickering Beck, 3m W. Derwent, 3m S. Hotels: The Hall; The Buck; all Thornton-le-Dale.

WHARFE: Rises on Cam Fell and flows 60m south-east to join Ouse near Cawood. Trout in upper reaches, with coarse fish downstream.

Ryther (N Yorks); ns Ulleskelf, 3m. Castleford and Dis ASA has water; mainly coarse fish. Hotel: Ryther Arms.

Ulleskelf (N Yorks). Coarse fish; preserved by Leeds Amal; dt £1.50 from Golden Swan. Other hotel, The Ship.

Tadcaster (N Yorks). Trout, chub and dace, good head of barbel perch and bream; preserved by Tadcaster Angling and Preservation Association on both banks downstream from road bridge, ¾m east bank, and 1½m west bank (Grimston Park; st £15; dt £2, jun 50%. Tickets from Hon Sec; The Bay Horse; Newsagent; or Pet and Aquatic Centre.

Boston Spa (W Yorks). Trout, grayling other coarse fish (chub, barbel and pike good; bream introduced) Most rights held by Boston Spa AC. Dt £1.50 from Lower Wharfe Anglers, Boston Spa. Club members (who must live within 3m of Boston Spa Post Office) allowed 12 guests a year at current cost of dt and guest must fish with member on non-ticket waters. Club stocks water with trout and grayling of 12 in or over. Limit two trout, one grayling, or vice-versa; trout 12 in. May best month for trout and August for barbel and chub.

Wetherby (W Yorks). Wetherby and Dist AC water (stocked with trout and coarse fish) extends from Collingham Beck to Wetherby Weir, south bank (about 350 yards in Collingham Wood, south bank is private). Club also has four fields between golf course and playing fields, north bank. This water is open for visitors on st (above weir), and dt. Members only below and on weir, but visitors may fish if accompanied by a member. Same charge as above. Dt from: The Paper Shop, Market Place, Wetherby; Star Garage, Collingham Bridge. No legitimate bait or lure barred. Trout limit 11 in. Tackle shops: J R Country & Pet Supplies, & Horsefair; Lower Wharfe Angling Centre, 236 High St, Boston Spa.

Collingham (W Yorks). Wetherby AC has water here; trout and coarse fish including barbel, grayling and good dace.

Pool (W Yorks). Trout, few chub; preserved by the Leeds and Dist ASA which has 5m of fishing from River **Washburn** to Castley Beck on left bank. Dt £1.50 from Leeds tackle shops. Members of Leeds AA, small private club, may fish Harewood Estate preserves, 3m right bank, 2m left bank.

Otley (W Yorks). Otley AC hold 2m left bank and 2½m right bank below Otley Bridge. Fishing for members only, no dt. Bradford No 1 AA fish two lengths on left and right bank, members only. Dt £1.50 for Leeds & Dist ASA **Knotford Lagoon**, near Otley; large carp and other coarse fish; stocked. Also some r trout. Bradford No 1 AA has three stretches here. At Yeadon (6m) Airboro' and Dist AA has **Yeadon Tarn**, Cemetery Rd; Good catches of roach, perch, carp, tench. Dt £1.50 from newsagent in same road. Tackle shop in Otley: Angling and Country Sports, 36 Cross Green, Pool Road, Otley, tel: Otley 462770.

Burley and **Askwith** (W Yorks). Trout, grayling, chub, dace. Bradford clubs have rights for members only.

Addingham (W Yorks). Trout, grayling; Bradford City AA has water here. Bradford No 1 AA has four lengths on left bank, and Steven Bank Fishery, no dt obtainable. Bradford Waltonians have water at **Denton** and **Ben Rhydding**; also 4 reservoirs including **Chelker Reservoir** near here. Tickets £7 to members' guests, only. Membership £200, subscription £200. Bradford No 1 AA has some left bank at Denton and right bank at Ben Rhydding, members only. Keighley AC has water; dt from Hon Sec. Addingham AA has water between Bolton Abbey river bridge and Addingham. Dt £6 from Addingham PO. Restricted membership. Apply Hon Sec.

Ilkley (W Yorks). Ilkley and Dist AA have water from Old Bridge to Stepping Stones, both banks, with trout, grayling dace and chub. Dt £6 (April 15-Sept 30 inc) from Tourist Information Centre, Station Rd, Ilkley LS29 8HA, or Runnymead News Agency, 297 Leeds Rd, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley. Membership: st £39 + £39 joining, jun, OAP ½, some vacancies. Club also has two coarse ponds. Tackle from Tack and Turnout, Little Lane, Ilkley. Hotels: Riverside, Craiglands, Cow and Calf.

Bolton Abbey (N Yorks). Trout. Dt from Estate Office, Bolton Abbey for 5 miles stretch (both banks) from Barden Bridge to Kex Beck below Bolton Bridge. Fly only. Trout April 1-Sept 30. Grayling if caught to be released. St £220, wt £60, dt £15, Conc. Limit 2 fish of not less than 10 ins. Fishing not recommended on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Apply Estate Office, Bolton Abbey, Skipton, BD23 6EX, tel: 01756 710227. Hotel, Devonshire Arms, Bolton Abbey.

Burnsall (N Yorks). Trout (av ½lb-1lb; many large fish), grayling; preserved by Appletreewick, Barden and Burnsall AC from Linton Stepping Stones, below Grassington, to Barden Bridge, some 7m. Dt for trout, June-Sept (excluding June and Sept week-ends) £18; wt £90, fly only; limit three brace; grayling dt £5 Nov-Jan (fly only). Waters re-stocked regularly with trout from ½ to 1lb and

over. Waiting list. Tickets from Red Lion Hotel and Fell Hotel, Burnsall, and Burnsall Village Store. For special juvenile ticket, apply to River watcher, Bob Mason, Conistone House, Main Street, Burnsall, Skipton BD23 6BU, tel: Burnsall 650. Bradford City AA has water at **Appletreewick**; members only. Dt for stretch at Appletreewick from New Inn (left bank only).

Grassington (N Yorks). Trout (av ¾lb), grayling (av ¾lb); preserved by Linton, Threshfield and Grassington AC for 2½m both banks (also in Captain Beck and Linton and Threshfield Becks until August 31); wt £50, dt £12 for fly-fishing only. Long waiting list for membership. No night or Sunday fishing. No canoeing. Trout season: April 1 to Sept 30 inclusive. Grayling only from Oct 1 to Feb 28; st £20, dt £5; fly only during Oct. Tickets from Post Office, or Black Horse Hotel, Grassington. Saltaire AA also has left bank at **Linton**, no dt. Fishing best in May. **Eller Beck**, **Hebden Beck**, 2m E. Lakes: **Blea Beck** dams 4m NE. Hotels: Black Horse (Saltaire AA HQ), and others.

Kilnsey (N Yorks). Brown trout. Preserved by Kilnsey AC of 65 members, from Beckamonds to Yockenthwaite and from 1m above Starbotton down to Netherside 2m below Kilnsey; artificial fly only, limit three brace over 10". St £420 + £75 entrance fee, from Hon Sec; wt £100, dt £20, daily, between 9am and 10am (number limited, and none on Sundays or Bank Holidays), from Keeper, C S Nesbitt, Tennant Arms, Kilnsey, via Skipton BD23 5PS, tel: 01756 752310. Hotels: Tennant Arms, Falcon.

Buckden (N Yorks). Trout. Bradford City AA has 2m; dt £3.45 from Dalesgarth Holiday Cott. Other fishing for guests at Buck Inn; dt issued.

SKIRFARE (tributary of Wharfe); well stocked with brown trout, average 1lb.

Arncliffe (N Yorks). Some Skirfare Fishing preserved by Kilnsey AC, dt water *(see Kilnsey)*. 2½m on Skirfare and 1½m on **Cowside Beck** open to guests at Falcon Inn *(see advt)*. Dt £7, no Sunday fishing.

FOSS (tributary of Ouse): Trout.

Earswick (N Yorks). Free fishing on right bank. Owners are Joseph Rowntree Trust.

Strensall (N Yorks). Foss Navigation Cut, 1m NE. **Whitecar Beck**, 1m NE. York and Dist Amal has coarse fishing here and at **Towthorpe**; members only.

NIDD: Trout and grayling, with coarse fish from Birstwith downstream in increasing numbers.

Nun Monkton (N Yorks). Coarse fish. Bradford No 1 AA has 1m good coarse fishing here on left bank, both banks at **Ramsgill** and left bank at **Summerbridge**, for members only.

Moor Monkton (N Yorks). Leeds ASA has 1m mixed fishery, members only.

Kirk Hammerton (N Yorks). Coarse fish. Following on Harrogate AA water *(see Goldsborough)* almost all fishing downstream to where Nidd joins the Ouse controlled by Leeds and York Amalgamations. York Amal holds York side of river from Skip Bridge on Boroughbridge Road upstream for about 2m and also for about 1m above Hammerton Mill dam. Tickets from York tackle shops; Mrs Abel, Crown Inn, Kirk Hammerton; and Aykroyd, Skip Bridge Filling Station, Green Hammerton.

Cowthorpe (N Yorks). Coarse fish. Stretch of 1m, one bank, belongs to Old Oak Inn,

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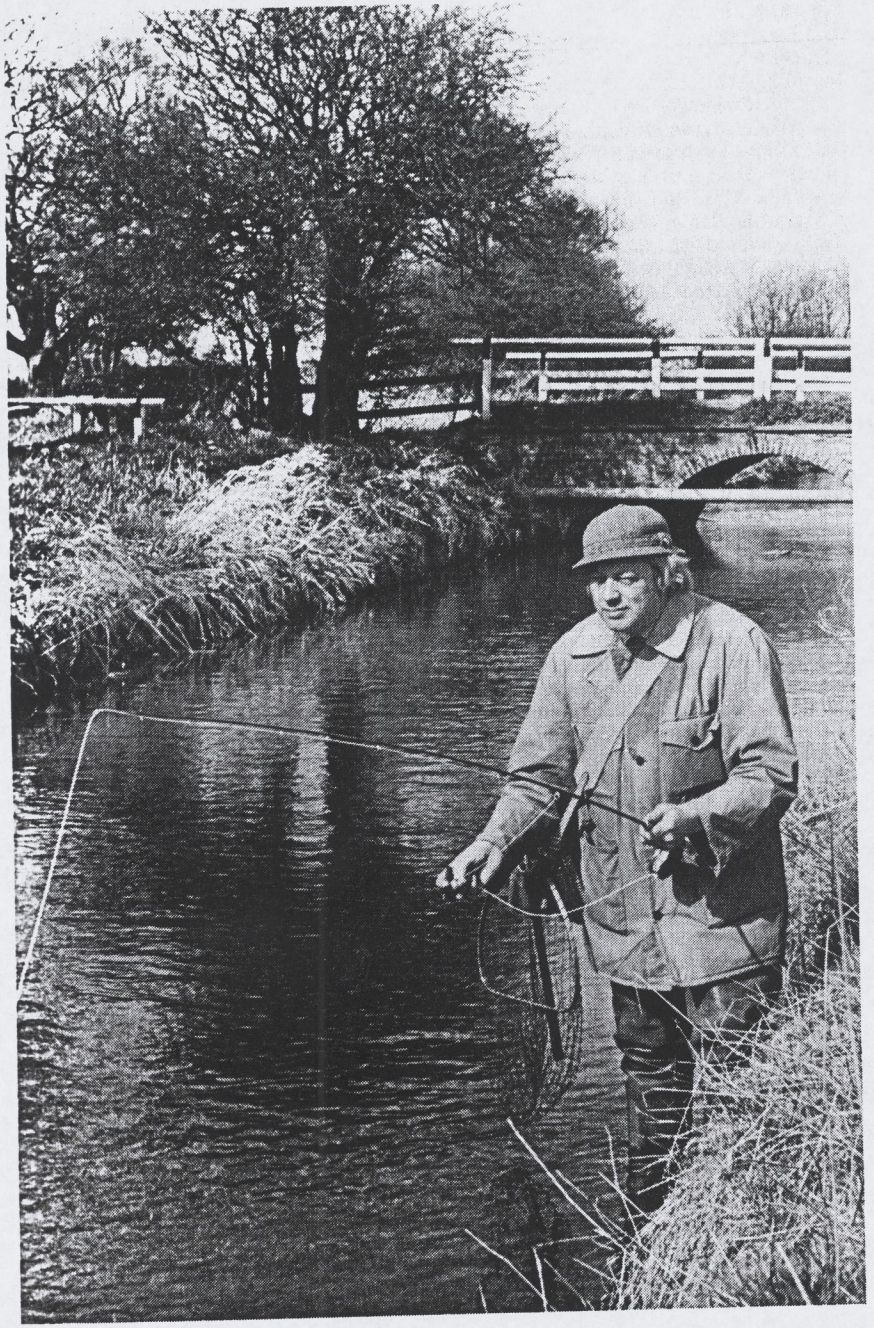
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Fly-fishing historian, Don Overfield, on a small Yorkshire beck. *Photo: Roy Shaw.*

tickets issued; Sunday fishing. Licences and tackle sold in Wetherby.

Goldsborough (N Yorks). Trout, grayling and mixed coarse fishing, including pike and barbel. Left hand bank at Goldsborough, Knaresborough Piscatorials. From Little Ribston downstream through Walshford Bridge to first meadow below Cattall Bridge belongs to Harrogate AA. Association also has both banks of **Crimple Beck** from confluence with Nidd above Walshford Bridge up to Spofforth. Waiting list for membership. Dt issued by Hon Sec to members' guests only. Water otherwise strictly preserved.

Knaresborough (N Yorks). Trout, grayling and coarse fish, including barbel. Practically all fishing in vicinity controlled by Knaresborough AC and Knaresborough Piscatorials. Former issues st £25 and dt £2 for good stretch upstream from Little Ribston village. Club also owns fly only trout lake in Knaresborough area, members only. Full membership £110. Knaresborough Piscatorials fish 9 miles of Nidd, plus various stretches of Wharfe, Ure, Ouse, and Swale, mostly in Knaresborough area. Trout, chub, barbel, roach, bream, perch, rudd, dace, pike, may be caught in club waters. Fees, £50 pa, conc. York Amal has good stretches here. Tickets from PH & JR Smith, Tackle Dealers, 28 High Street and M & C Johnson, 2 Briggate; also from C J Fishing Tackle *(see Harrogate)*. **Farmire Lake**, 5 acres, at Farmire House, Stang Lane, Farnham, Knaresborough HG5 9JW, tel: 01423 866417, has b and r trout fishing. Dt on site.

Ripley, Nidd Bridge (N Yorks). Trout, grayling and coarse fish. On right bank from about 300 yds below Harrogate-Ripon road bridge to Killinghall and downstream to Sewerage Works, about 2½m, held by Harrogate and Claro Anglers, who have full membership and long waiting list. Downstream for 2m river privately owned. Knaresborough AC holds stretch of Nidd between Hampsthwaite and Ripley, fly only, members only.

Birstwith (N Yorks). Trout and grayling above Birstwith Dam upstream to upper reaches of Nidd. Below Dam there are also coarse fish. Knaresborough AC has about 1000 yd of right bank downstream from Hampsthwaite Bridge. Members and their guests only.

Darley (N Yorks). Trout and grayling water, preserved by Harrogate Fly Fishers. No tickets.

Pateley Bridge (N Yorks). Trout and grayling. From 1½m above Pateley Bridge down to **Summerbridge**, owned and rented by Nidderdale AC, who hold nearly all water, both banks, except short pieces here and there which are private; also Scar House Reservoir. Dt £8 (conc for juv) at Royal Oak, Dacre Banks, or local post offices in Lofthouse, Pateley Bridge, Glasshouses and Summerbridge. Anglers must obtain tickets before fishing.

Gouthwaite (N Yorks). River enters **Gouthwaite Reservoir**, privately owned and fished; no permits. Below reservoir Nidd private.

CRIMPLE (tributary of Nidd). This river is now private fishing.

Harrogate (N Yorks). Trout and coarse fishing, within easy reach of town in Nidd, Wharfe and Ure, and stillwaters. Information, club yearbooks and tickets from C J Fishing Tackle, tel: 01423 525000 *(see below)*. Harrogate & Claro CAA run matches, visitors welcome. Harrogate Flyfishers preserve excellent trout and grayling water at Darley. Membership details from Hon Sec. Newby Hall coarse fishing, **Skelton-on-Ure**, st £23, dt £2. Tel: 322583. Hotels: Crown, Majestic, Old Swan, St George, Cairn, Prospect. Tackle shops: C J Fishing Tackle, 182 Kings Road; Linsley Bros, 55 Tower St; Orvis, 17 Parliament St, all Harrogate.

KYLE: Coarse fish.

Tollerton (N Yorks). Coarse fishing free down to Alne. Ouse at Aldwark, 4m W, and Linton Lock, 3m S and 7m NE, at Stillington.

URE (or **YORE**): Noted for grayling, but also holds good trout. Coarse fish from Middleham downstream.

Boroughbridge (N Yorks). Fine coarse fishing (especially chub and roach, bream increasing); few trout and grayling; Boroughbridge and Dist AC, issues dt £2 (weekdays only, from June 1-Feb 27) sold at Post Office and Horsefair Grocers. At **Aldborough** Bradford City AA has 6m (roach, perch, dace, pike, chub); no dt, limited privilege tickets for members only. Bradford No 1 AA also has Langthorpe stretch, left bank. Harrogate and Claro CAC have Ure water at Boroughbridge, with chub, dace and pike. Dt £3, from tackle shops in Boroughbridge, Harrogate and Knaresborough. Unity AC has water here, no dt, st £10, conc, from Wibsey Angling Centre, Main St, Wibsey; or Richmonds, Morley St, Bradford. Hotel: Boroughbridge Social Club.

Ripon (N Yorks). Trout, grayling, pike, perch, chub, barbel, roach; preserved for 5m both banks by Ripon Piscatorial Assn. Association also has Racecourse Lake and 6m on **R Laver**. Visitors dt £4, wt £10, st £43. Ripon AC has **R Skell** at Ripon and 1m on Ure. Limited dt £5. These and Piscatorial Assn tickets from Ripon Angling Centre. **Lumley Moor Reservoir**; trout fly only; no dt. **R Ure**, grayling and coarse; **Ripon Canal**, coarse fishing dt, both from Angling Centre. Lakes: Queen Mary's Ponds; coarse fish; Bradford No 1 AA. Roger's Pond, coarse dt £4 from Angling Centre. Dt for **Swinton Estate** trout fishery, Leighton Reservoir, Ripon, 100 acres, tel: 01765 89224 or 89713. Tackle shops: Bit N Bait, Victoria Grove; Ripon Angling Centre, 58\9 North Street, HE4 1EN.

Tanfield (N Yorks). Trout, grayling; preserved for about 5m, mostly both banks, by Tanfield AC. Guests must be accompanied by member. Full time bailiff employed. Long waiting list.

Masham (N Yorks). Trout (stocked), grayling. 6½m west bank belongs to Swinton Estate. Limited st. Details from Estate Office, Swinton, Masham. Well stocked 2½m stretch of Swinton water fished by Masham AC; brown trout and grayling; waiting list. St £130 + £40 Joining. Jun conc. Apply to Mr A R Proud, River Keeper, Park St, Masham; tel: 01765 689361. Yorkshire Flyfishers hold Clifton Castle water (about 2m left bank) above Masham. No tickets. Tackle, information, and large selection of flies, from A Plumpton, Hairdresser, Silver St. Hotel: King's Head. **Leighton Reservoir** near here. *See Yorkshire Lakes.*

Cover Bridge (N Yorks). Trout, grayling. East Witton Estate issue dt on **R Cover** from Hullo Bridge to Cover Bridge. Mostly both banks, fly only, £2. Tickets from Cover Bridge Inn, Middleham.

Middleham (N Yorks). Trout, chub, grayling. Bradford No 1 AA has right bank here, and left bank at **Langthorpe**, members only. Fishing may be had in Leeds ASA waters at Middleham Deeps and 1m upstream from Middleham Bridge both banks by dt from Old Horn Inn, Spennithorne. Excellent barbel, chub and grayling; few large trout; odd salmon. Dt £1 from Cover Bridge Inn for trout and grayling fishing on Cover. White Swan, Middleham, has tickets.

Leyburn (N Yorks). Grayling, trout, coarse fish. Two dt from Blue Lion, E Witton, for E Witton Estate water on Ure from Ulshaw Bridge to Harker Beck, 1¾m S bank, fly only. Hotels: Bolton Arms, Golden Lion. Tackle shops: Wray Bros, Town Hall (also licences).

Redmire (N Yorks). Trout, grayling; preserved. Restocked; fly only. All fishing now by st only (£120); numbers limited; apply Bolton Estate Office, Wensley, Leyburn. Trout best April, May and June; grayling Oct and Nov. Hotels: King's Arms, Redmire; White Swan, Middleham; Rose and Crown, Bainbridge; Wensleydale Heifer, Westwit-

Check before you go

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Keep the banks clean

Several clubs have stopped issuing tickets to visitors because of the state of the banks after they have left. Spend a few moments clearing up.

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Aysgarth (N Yorks). Trout, grayling. Bradford AA has approx 2m from footbridge, both banks, 3¾m both banks at **Worton Bridge**; Palmer Flatt Hotel has short stretch. Wensleydale AA water begins at **Worton Bottom**.

Askrigg (N Yorks). Trout, grayling; preserved by Wensleydale AA. Tickets from King's Arms or Victoria Arms, Worton. Hotel: King's Arms.

Bainbridge (N Yorks); ns Askrigg. Hotel: Rose and Crown (HQ of Wensleydale AA). Wensleydale AA water includes 6m on Yore, 2m of Bain, flowing from **Lake Semerwater**, and 2m trout water above lake. Tickets from: Village Shop, Bainbridge; also from King's Arms, Askrigg; Victoria Arms, Worton. Other accommodation at Greenways Guest House; Victoria Arms, Worton.

Hawes (N Yorks). Trout, grayling; preserved with tributaries, from headwaters to 2m downstream of Hawes, by Hawes and High Abbotside AA. The fishing is pleasant, peaceful and not crowded. No Sunday fishing, no ground bait. Tickets from Visitors st £40, wt £20, dt £8, conc, from Hon Sec or Lowis Country Wear, Hawes, The Gift Shop; or Board Hotel Main St. Assn also has rights on Cotterdale, Hardraw, Duerley and Snaizeholme Becks, all both banks, trout and grayling. Below Hawes Wensleydale AA has several miles of excellent water. Disabled anglers may fish Widdale Beck at Apperset, near Hawes. Hotel: White Hart.

SWALE: Good chub and barbel water. Trouting best in upper reaches, water improving..

Helperby (N Yorks). Coarse fish; right bank from Swing Bridge to Myton Plantation controlled by Leeds Amal. Helperby & Brafferton AC have left bank from footbridge d/s for ¾m, also **Fawdington Fishery**, from ½m above Thornton Bridge, approx 1½m u/s to Fawdington Beck mouth. Chub, barbel, dace, pike, roach, perch. Dt for both these waters, 16 Jun-14 March, £2.50 from Plowman-Render Groceries, Main St. Hotel: The Farmers Inn.

Topcliffe (N Yorks). Noted coarse fishing centre; especially good for chub and barbel. Thirsk AC has Skipton and Baldersby fishing, dt from Thirsk Anglers Centre, Town End, Thirsk. Bradford No 1 AA has 900 yds at **Catton**, and further water at Myton, members only. Black Bull Hotel, Topcliffe YO7 3PB has water. Assn of Teeside and Dist Acs has 1½m at **Sand Hutton**; members only **Cod Beck**; trout; preserved by Bradford City AA; apply Hon Sec for permits.

Pickhill (N Yorks). Coarse fish; trout. Bradford No 1 AA fishes 1,800 yards at Scarborough farm, right bank. Members only. Leeds Amalgamation has a ¾m stretch at **Ainderby**.

Maunby (N Yorks). Bradford No 1 AA issues dt to visitors on this stretch, from Buck Inn, Maunby.

Gatenby (N Yorks). Bradford No 1 AA has three stretches of right bank here, and at Old Hall Farm. Members only.

Morton-on-Swale (N Yorks). Roach, roach, chub, dace, barbel; fishing good. Northallerton AC has 2½m left bank downstream from A684 road bridge, for which dt £3 can be had from Mrs Grainger, Morton-on-Swale; tackle dealers Pratt, Arcade, Northallerton.

Great Langton (N Yorks). Trout, grayling, coarse fish; Kirkby Fleetham AC has both banks for 2m downstream from Langton Bridge, linking up with Northallerton AC's water at Bramper Farm; fly only; no tickets. Membership limited, with preference given to local residents.

Catterick (N Yorks). Good mixed fishing; trout, grayling, dace, chub, barbel, few roach and pike. Trout from 8oz to 1lb; fast takers. Richmond & Dist AS has 14m of water on both banks, Richmond being the centre. Hotels: Farmers' Arms; Angel Inn.

Richmond (N Yorks). Richmond and Dist AS preserves 14 miles above and below town centre, stocked with trout, plus most coarse species. St £25, wt £15, dt £5, conc. From tackle shop, 5 Market Place or Richmond Angling Centre, 8 Temple Square, Graven Gate, Richmond.

Reeth (N Yorks). Swale; trout. Black Bull Hotel has water for residents £1 day.

Muker (N Yorks). Trout; strictly preserved. Muker Beck; trout; Thwaite Beck, 1m W; trout; free. Summer Lodge Beck, 5m E; trout; preserved.

Keld (N Yorks). Trout; plentiful but small; preserved.

GUN BECK (tributary of Swale):

Husthwaite (N Yorks). Centre for good trout fishing on **Husthwaite Beck**; dt from York tackle shops.

Coxwold (N Yorks). Pond Head Reservoirs (two), 3m SE; perch and pike. Hole Beck and Gun Beck preserved.

BEDALE BECK (tributary of Swale):

Leeming (N Yorks). Swale, 2m NE; preserved by Black Ox AC from A1 road to confluence with Swale, excepting only two small fields above Leeming Bridge. Trout and coarse fish. St £5 from R M Wright, 5 Lascelles Lane, Northallerton.

COD BECK (tributary of Swale); good trout water, but recent pollution of lower reaches has affected sport.

Thirsk (N Yorks). Good local fishing for barbel and chub. Thirsk AC has water on Swale and Cod Beck; dt from tackle dealer. York and Dist AA have 5½ acre lake at **Sand Hutton**, Park View. Hotels: Royal Oak, Three Tuns. Tackle shop: Thirsk Anglers Centre, 7 Sowerby Rd, have river and stillwater tickets, for coarse and trout fishing, also instruction in fly fishing and fly tying.

Sessay (N Yorks). Cod Beck, 2m W; Thirsk AC, Swale, 2m SW; Bradford club now has fishing on P J Till's farm (The Heights). Inn: Railway, Dalton.

Brawith (N Yorks). Trout; preserved.

Topcliffe (N Yorks). Bradford AA has water here, and on **Swale**.

WISKE (tributary of Swale): River still troubled by pollution.

Otterington (N Yorks). Cod Beck, 2m E. Broad Beck. Sorrow Beck, 4m E.

Northallerton (N Yorks). Roach, dace, chub pike; preserved: fishing good. Northallerton AC has fishing on Wiske (members only) and on several miles of water on the Swale at Morton Bridge. *See also Morton-on-Swale.*

Fishing available?

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PARRETT

(For close seasons, licences, etc, see South Western Region NRA, p16)

Rises in hills on border of Somerset and Dorset, and flows into Bristol Channel near Bridgwater. Roach, bream and dace predominate. Thorney-Middle Chinnock stretch and some of tributaries hold trout. Occasional salmon and sea trout run through into Tone.

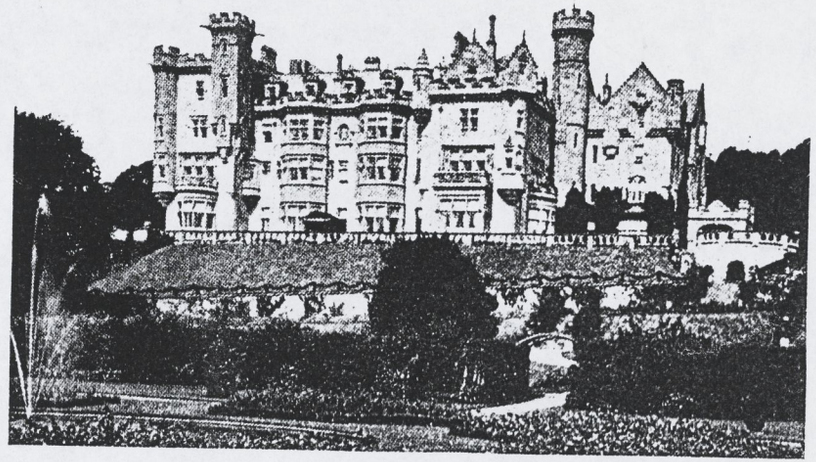
Bridgwater (Som). River tidal here. Now a Marina. **King's Sedgemoor Drain** is preserved by Bridgwater AA which has fishing ¾m above Greylake Bridge, where 18ft Rhyne enters Cary River to A38 Road bridge at Dunball. Good roach, rudd, pike, tench, bream, carp and perch. St £16.50, wt £6.50, dt £2.50, from tackle shops in area or L Williams, 7 Webbers Way, Puriton. Other Bridgwater AA fisheries: Rivers **Parrett**, **Isle**, **Hunstspill** and **Cripps** Rivers, **North Drain** (jointly held with North Somerset AA), **South Drain** (jointly held with Glaston Manor AA), **18ft Rhyne**, **Langacre Rhyne**, **Bridgwater and Taunton Canal**, **Dunwear**, **Screech Owl**, **Taunton Road**, **Combwich** and **Walrow** Lakes (carp, bream, roach, rudd, tench, perch). Season, weekly and day tickets, with concessions for jun, OAP. Permits cover all waters. Pocket maps from Hon Sec. **South Drain**, lower part, is held by North Somerset AA. Day/night coarse fishing on Westhay Lake, 3½ acres, large tench and carp. Tel: 01278 456429. Tackle shops: Somerset Angling, 74 Bath Rd; Angling Centre, Unit 1, Wye Avenue; Waynes Tackle, 66 Eastover. Accommodation with special facilities for anglers: Admiral Blake Guest House, 58/60 Monmouth St; Brickyard Farmhouse, River Rd, Pawlett; Whites Farm, N Newton. Hotels: Brookland; Friars Court.

Langport (Som). Parret; pike, perch, carp, bream, roach, dace, tench, chub, rudd. Wessex Fed holds long section from **Oath Lock** to **Monks Lease Clyse**, and from **Huish Bridge** to **Thorney**, also water on Isle; open to affiliated clubs. Langport AA issues st £5.50, wt £2.50 and dt £2, obtainable from tackle shop. Stoke-sub-Hamdon AA has stretches at **West Chinnock** and **Thorney**. Thorney Lakes, Muchelney, Langport TA10 0DW, tel: 01458 25011, has coarse fishing, with carp to 21lb, and other species, dt £4. Accommodation at Gothic House,

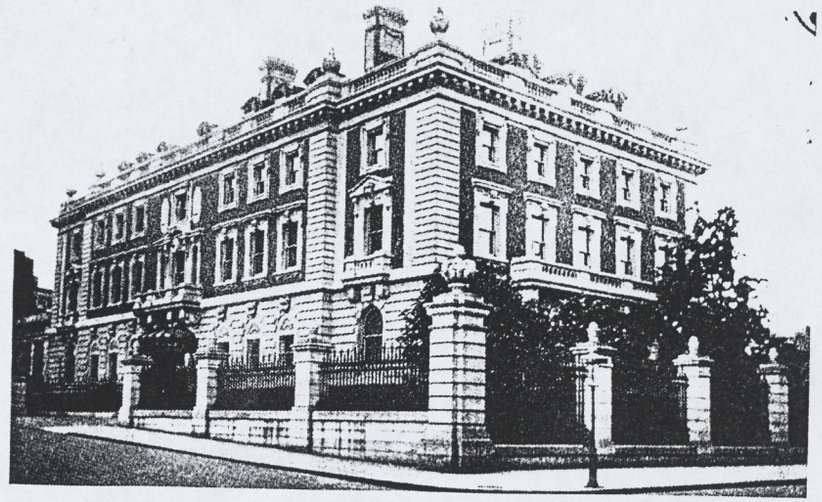
first president of the Association; Charles M. Schwab, its vice-president; and Charles L. Taylor, secretary and treasurer. From 1902 until 1915 the annual dinner was held at the Carnegie home in New York. Later the dinners were held at the home of Mr. Schwab or elsewhere. Beginning with 1933, they have regularly been held at the Union League Club, in New York. In January 1940, only six members were living. A full account of the Association was compiled by one of the Veterans, William B. Dickson, of Montclair, New Jersey, and privately printed in 1938 under the title, *History of Carnegie Veteran Association.*

SKIBO, an estate once the manor of the Roman Catholic Bishops of Caithness in Dornoch, Sutherland, Scotland, became after 1897 the Carnegie summer home and is still maintained by Mrs. Carnegie. Mr. Carnegie extended the estate to include 32,000 acres and maintained it in full operation with villages, farms, and other activities characteristic of the domain of a Scottish laird. Though the locality and environs are historic and full of tradition, Skibo Castle is modern, its walls of medieval design hiding structural steel rolled in Pittsburgh, and its interior equipped with modern conveniences of electric lights, elevators, and other appurtenances not usually associated with baronial castles. Here Mr. Carnegie spent his summers from 1898 to 1914, with Mrs. Carnegie and their daughter Margaret, making Skibo renowned for its hospitality among his friends and neighbors and a center of interest to the world at large. The address Skibo Castle became fully as well known, if not better known, than his New York address, 2 East Ninety-first Street.

CARNEGIE CENTENARY, the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Andrew Carnegie, was celebrated throughout the English-speaking world during the week of November 25, 1935,

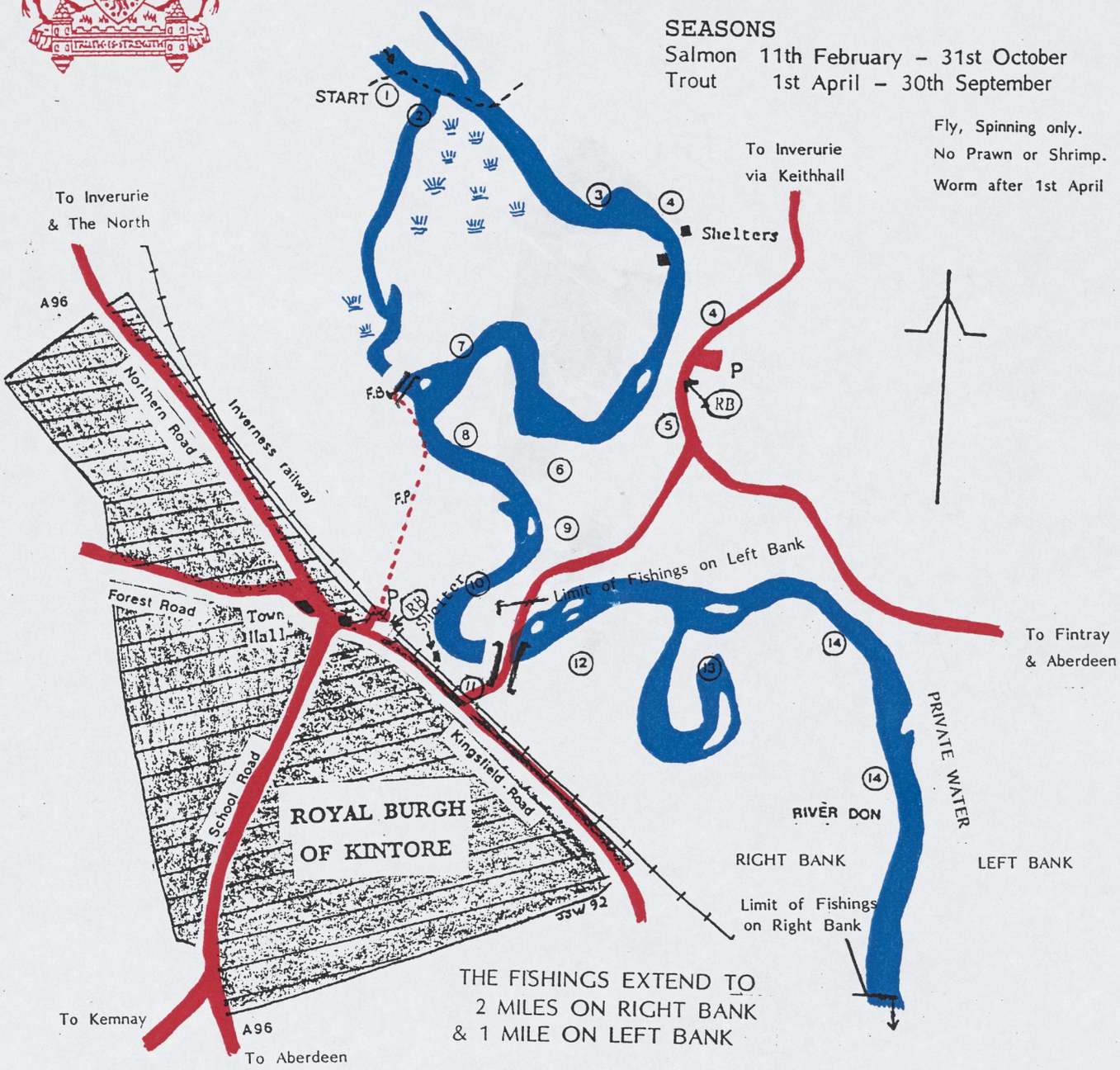


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