

5 NATIONS FLY FISHING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION 2022 18th & 23rd September 2022

N22BBM

The contractor on the N22BBM project, Jons Civil Engineering-John Cradock JV Ltd. was delighted to be able to support this prestigious fishing competition centered on Ballyvourney. The competition itself was held between 18th and 23rd September this year and great credit is due to the organising committee for making the event such a success.



Report of the competition committee:

The Five Nations Fly Fishing Championships were successfully completed in Ireland again this year. Based in The Mills Inn Ballyvourney, Macroom, Co. Cork which is in the epicentre of some excellent wild brown trout fishing in counties Cork and Kerry.

TAFI (Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland) granted the honour to host this International to us and Macroom Angling Club in their Centenary year, who were delighted to organise the event along with Gougane Barra Club, Kanturk Anglers, Lough Lein Anglers of Killarney Salmon and Trout.

The venues, as before, were in Gougane Barra Lake, Allow River in Kanturk and Lough Lein Killarney, 2 sections East and West. The clubs involved along with Mallow Trout Anglers provided all the controllers and sector judges, a total of 45. The whole event was co-ordinated by Don O' Leary, an international organiser, along with the committee of Caroline Breen, Ballyvourney, Denis Cronin Macroom, Maurice Willis Mallow, Michael Twohig Kanturk, Tim Corbett Kanturk, Tom Lofts Kanturk, Pat Lehane Gougane Barra, Finbarr Lucey Gougane Barra, PJ O'Brien Mallow and Richard Willis Mallow. It was disappointing that two nations were unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. Seven teams participated. The event was very well supported by Inland Fisheries Ireland, Cork County Council, Udaras na Gaeltachta, Keary's Car Sales, Jons JCL, Dermot Casey Tree Care, The Bridge Bar Mallow, Twohig's Supervalu and Jones Engineering.

This event is a great boost to the economy of the local area and participating venues, as it introduces the participants from France, Scotland, England and many counties in Ireland to the area and what it offers. Local Buses were used to ferry the anglers between venues and to and from the airport. The Mills Inn staff were highly praised for the friendly atmosphere provided as well as their relaxed and efficient service. Anglers have indicated that they will return to the area again for some leisure due to the variety of opportunities it provides. The organising committee received many messages of support from the teams even "as gaeilge" from the France, offering their positive reaction to the fantastic week of fishing, hospitality and good food.

Report of the competition committee (continued...):

Our fisheries in Cork and Kerry are up there with the best in the world and all are Wild Brown Trout venues. Everyone was impressed and in awe of beautiful location in which we fish.

The Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland and our organising committee would like to thank I.F.I, National Parks and Wildlife Killarney, Controllers, Boatmen, Kanturk Anglers, Gougane Barra Anglers, Lough Lein Anglers, Killarney Salmon and Trout Anglers, Macroom Anglers for their help and co-operation in hosting this event.

Congratulations to the winners and all participants and thank you to the visiting anglers for their co-operation throughout the event.

This is a very important international competition in the annual fishing calendar and will grow in the next couple of years. Next year teams are looking forward to travelling to the north east of England. Once more we would like to thank all our sponsors who were of great help to us.

Ireland had a very good result with Ireland White Team in First place, England in Second Place and Ireland Green in Third place.

Ireland White:

Campbell Baird Captain, Shane Callen, Michael Drinan and Sean Kirwan.

England:

Lee Cartmail Captain, Del Spry, Chris Micallef, and Joel Beeney

Ireland Green:

William Tanner Captain, Gerry Molloy, Dinger Murphy and Paudie Fahy.

Individual:

Gold:

Shane Campbell

Silver:

Campbell Baird

Bronze:

Michael Drinan

Longest Fish:

Shane Callan



Fishing in action



Fishing off the lake

In conclusion, Jons Civil Engineering-John Cradock JV Ltd. was very pleased to hear that this Championship had such a successful run this year and wishes the organising committee it's congratulations and every best wish for future events.