

DIARY

2016

November 26th/27th English Species – Cod – Minehead.

2017

January 14th EFSA England AGM. Thistle Hotel Poole.

January 15th Fun Fish – Flounder. Poole

April 15th/16th English Species (Flatfish) – Weymouth.

April 28th/29th English Shore Championship - Eastbourne

June 3rd/4th English Boat Championship - Poole

July 26th/Aug 6th European Boat Championship, Maloy, Norway

Oct 30th/Nov 2nd European Species (Flatfish) – Langeland – Oct/Nov

Nov 27th/Nov 4th European Shore Championship, Domburg, Netherlands.

2018

May 26th/June 1st European Boat Championship - Olafsvik – Iceland

TBC European Game Championship - Azores

Sept 25th-29th European Shore – Foce Varano (Foggia), Italy

2019

September 9th to 12th European Boat and Line – Weymouth (TBC)

2017 AGM Notification

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Thistle Hotel, Poole at 1100 on 14th January.

Any proposals for the 2017 AGM must be with the Secretary by 30th November 2016.

All proposals received shall be included in the agenda under Special Business.

AGM Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016.**
- 3. Matters arising.**
- 4. Executive Officer's Reports.**
 - a) President, T. Entwistle
 - b) Chairman; N. Bryant.
 - c) Vice-Chairman; R. Ashby
 - d) Secretary; K. Bowden.
 - e) Treasurer; P. Hart.
 - f) Membership Registrar; G.Galbraith.
 - g) Fish Recorder; A. Smith
 - h) Public Relations Officer; J. Whippy.
 - i) Boat Festival Officer; A. Selby.
 - j) Shore Festival Officer; P. Curtice
 - k) Press Officer; M Bobbett
 - l) Social Secretary. M. Osborne
 - m) Competitions Coordinator; K. Scaggs.
 - n) Standing Committee Delegate K. Bowden.
- 5. Report on Championships/Festivals during 2016.**
 - a) Fun Fish Competition – Poole
 - b) English Species Festival Boat – Minehead
 - c) English Shore Championship – Aust & Littleton
 - d) English Boat Championship - Penzance
 - e) European Species Championship - Weymouth
 - f) European Shore Championship - Ireland
 - g) European Boat and Line Class Championships - Ireland

6. Presentation of Fish of the Year Awards – Andy Smith

7. Election of Officers. (All 3 year terms unless otherwise stated)

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| a. Treasurer | Nominee: Keith Scaggs |
| b. Press Officer | Nominee: Barrie Senior |
| c. Membership Registrar | Nominee: Gary Galbraith |
| d. Competition Coordinator | Nominee: Keith Scaggs |

8. Election of Honorary Auditor.

1 yr term - Nominee/s Mr J. Knight

9. Events for 2017.

- a) Fun Competition - Poole
- b) EFSA Species & Line Class Championships - Langeland
- c) English Boat Championship - Poole
- d) European Boat Championship - Norway
- e) European Shore Championship - Netherlands
- f) English Species Festival Boat - Weymouth
- g) English Shore Championship - Eastbourne

10. Special Business.

11. Annual General Meeting 2017.

Standing Committee Report, September 2016

The role of Fish Recorder is being changed and broadened and will now be known as Fisheries Officer and there will be more than one person in this position. Besides record claims, they will monitor fishing activities and legislation in their area and its impact on pleasure anglers. Also, the role of Game Festival Officer will revert to its original format to fall in line with Shore and Boat Festival Officers where the position is to oversee relevant events and check rules, brochure etc, and not actually organise the event.

Election of Officers at 2016 AGM

Treasurer	Kim Bowden	Section England
Fisheries Officer	Skarpedinn Asbjorgsson	Section Iceland
Game Festival Officer	Andy Smith	Section England

Future format of Boat and Line Class Championship from 2019 will be 2 days line class (with pins awarded) and 3 days boat championship. The top scores of the combined 5 days will be awarded the Boat Championship pins.

EFSA Belgium invited members to enter their Friendship cup in Ostend on 25th May 2017.

Events

Boat and Line Championships

2017 Maloy, Norway, 28th July to 6th August

This will be a 4 day Boat Championship, fishing Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday off, Thursday and Friday with Wednesday off, although this can be rearranged depending on the weather.

2018 Olafsvik, Iceland. 26th May to 1st June.

In 2017 Iceland are holding a competition on 25th/27th May 2017 at Olafsvik to test the rules and format for the following year and all sections are invited.

2019 to be hosted by EFSA England, yet to be discussed at committee.

2020 Helsingor, Denmark.

Species

2017 Langeland, Denmark, hosted by EFSA Germany, Oct 30th to Nov 2nd

Shore Championships

2017 Domburg, Netherlands, 27th November to 4th December

2018 Foca Varano (Foggia) Italy 25th/29th September

2019 Akureyri, Iceland

Game

2017 Panama has been cancelled.

2018 Section Portugal, Azores

2019 Section South Africa proposed Cape Town in May

Report by Kim Bowden

Fish Recorder's Report

Most boat categories have been filled but the shore entries are somewhat disappointing so far with Reg Clough's Golden Grey Mullet is the best specimen. Please keep your entries coming in and let us try and fill all categories. The positions at time of going to press at the end of October are as follows.

Boat

Fish	Angler	Club	Weight
Bass	Neil Cottington	PM	9lb 8oz
Black Bream	Pete Nixon	Portland	31lb 12oz
Cod	Kim Bowden	PM	28lb 8oz
Conger	Ryan Casey	Weymouth	58lb 8oz
Flounder	No entry		
Plaice	Andy Smith	PM	31lb 8oz
Pollack	Alan Bird	PM	17lb 10 oz
Ray – Blonde	Ryan Casey	Weymouth	34lb 9oz
Smoothound	Kevin Lewis	PM	19lb 8oz
Whiting	Cliff Williams	PM	4lb 2oz
Wrasse – Ballan	Dave McCune	PM	5lb 2oz
Other by %	Alan Bird	PM	2lb 2oz Garfish

Shore

Fish	Angler	Club	Weight
Bass	Pete Woods	Portland	10lb 2oz
Black Bream	Noddy Coan	Portland	2lb 12oz
Cod	Ryan Casey	Weymouth	10lb 13oz
Conger	Noddy Coan	Portland	10lb 6oz
Flounder	Alan Painter	PM	3lb 12oz
Plaice	No entry		
Pollack	No entry		
Mullet (all by %)	Reg Clough	PM	2lb 10oz (Golden Grey – 175%)
Smoothound	No entry		
Whiting	No entry		
Wrasse Ballan	Phil Rolls	Portland	5lb 1oz
Other by %	Steve Bucher	Portland	14lb 3oz Undulate Ray – 175%

Junior Fish of the year

Seth James BCC 24lb 15oz Ling

Overseas Fish of the Year

Andy Selby PM 660 lb
Dave McCune PM 46lb 8oz
Dave McCune PM 140lb

BFSA England Shore Championship 2016

Twelve of the fourteen anglers met up at the Ship Inn, Alveston Thursday evening to catch up with old friends and book in for the matches to be fished on the banks of the Severn estuary. The venues that on inspection earlier that day seemed to be comprised of evil looking mud and large clumps of grass. A challenge for most of us.

Day One

The first days angling was at Aust and the anglers were met with a strong SW wind and an ominously overcast sky when they booked in to draw their pegs and collect the rag and lug baits. Fortunately the rain held off and the day slowly got brighter but the onshore wind remained but as long casts were not deemed necessary this was not a problem. The fishing was slow but Tony Porritt had a codling in the first hour giving him hope of the longest round fish. As the match progressed the occasional flounder or eel could be seen being brought ashore through the mud and grass. At the end of the day it was a local man, well from the other side of the estuary, Mark Cowell who was

in top spot with a catch of four flounders for 112cm. Second place went to Paull Curtice with three eels for 105cm. Barrie Senior was third with an eel and three

flounders for 96cm. Tony Porritt did take the longest round fish pool with his codling of 38cm. Paul Parsons had the longest flat fish a flounder of 30cm.

Day Two

Whale Wharf near Littleton-on-Severn was the venue for the second days match and supposedly the better venue. It would certainly be easier to fish with fewer large clumps of weed to pull the rigs over. The wind had eased but the weather was still looking variable with a shower as the bait was being sorted out. Although a long walk to the pegged section of the shore the anglers had plenty of time to set up and the sun threatened to break through. Fishing was as slow as on the previous day although a couple of better fish were caught with both Peter Neale and Mark Cowell catching 44cm bass. The results for day two saw Paul Parson top with two flounders, two eels and a sole for 145cm. Paull Curtice managed another second place with three flounders and two eels for 132cm with Reg Clough catching two eels for 70cm. The longest round fish pool was shared between Peter and Mark for their 44cm bass. The longest flat fish pool was also shared between Dave Lovelock and Paul Parson both having a flounder of 30cm.

The presentation was held at the White Hart at Littleton-on-Severn, many thanks to them. At the final count over the two days our retiring Shore Festival Officer Paull Curtice went out on a high taking first place and the gold pin with 4 points. Second place and the silver pin went to Mark Cowell with 6 points. Bronze pin winner was Paul Parson with 7 points. Congratulations both the pin winners and the pools winners.

Kim Bowden, Reg Clough and Paull Curtice won the Executive Drawn Teams with a combined total of 25 points.

Many thanks to all who helped with the event. Mark for bringing the bait, Dave Lovelock and Stuart Jones for pegging the venues, Paull, Keith Scaggs and Kim Bowden for the various organisational and administrative jobs that have to be done to make an event like this successful.

EFSA EUROPEAN SHORE CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

This years EFSA European Shore championships was hosted by EFSA Ireland. The competition headquarters was the complex known to most as Sean OGs in Kilmuckridge, County Wexford with the fishing taking place on the local beaches. Ten English Section members made their way across the water arriving on the days proceeding the official registration day on 11th May. This gave some of the anglers the chance to sample some of the fishing on similar beaches to those that we would be fishing on in County Wexford.

On the evening of Wednesday 11th May, the opening ceremony for the 2016 EFSA European Shore Championship took place. With a parade of flags into the room the Championship was officially opened with a welcome extended to the 63 anglers representing 6 Section countries. After a few words on the format for the next 3 days fishing, the draw for zones for each angler for the 3 days then took place; peg draw would take place each day on the beach.

Day 1

After bait distribution at HQ it was join a convoy hopefully with a person in front that knew how to get to venue! Today's venue was Clones Sands, the furthest one to travel to. Once we were parked up it was a stroll in the afternoon sun to peg 1 of your zone where all in that zone mustered to draw their peg number for their fishing position for the secession.

Whiting were quick to make a show to most anglers with double or triple shots though not necessarily all over the minimum size of 18cm to score. After a couple of slow hours on Whiting it slowed more for most competitors. Other species caught in smaller numbers were dogfish, smoothound, ray codling, dab and flounder. It was as expected your quality of fishing depended on your draw with the winner of the top zone having 3 times the amount of fish as 3 of the other zone winners.

So after the results were gathered the best showing by England anglers were Tony Porritt in 15th and Allan Jones in 17th with the rest of us a little further down the ranking! In first place honours to home section member Shay O'Neil.

Day 2 The venue moved to Ballinoulart Beach with fishing times as yesterday 4 till 9. The wind was still strong and the fine sand was blowing along the beach making patterns as in was deflected by tackle boxes and beach brollies, besides which it found its way into all the tackle including boxes even with lid closed. Fishing again was largely luck of the draw and finding where in front of you the fish may be and a lot of us left the beach with 1 scoring fish or none to score. Fish species very similar to yesterday and again catching was all very well but many were under the 18cm size to score. Saying that it was down to the draw, the top 6 at the end of day 2 managed to finish in the top 4 out of 13 in the zone on each of the days so they must have known on how to make the best of the fishing.

England's top angler was now Stuart Jones in 20th position.

Day 3

Fishing times changed 1100 to 1600hrs so the results could be worked out in time for the presentation this evening. Today we fished Ballinesker beach with similar conditions to the last 2 days, a strong wind but at least again we did not get any rain. Again species similar though some managed flounder and bass big enough to be positive that you had a fish while others of us at sight of the fish thought is it worth a measure as maybe this one is big enough to score! So at end of day 3 it was the half mile or more walk back to the car park and exchange tales of the highs and lows of the day and where and when it all went wrong.

Personally, my best day was the one before the Championship when 3 of us went for a bit of a practice; I caught more in couple of hours than in any of the 5 hour days of competition.

With the results in it was Andres Burkhardt in first place followed by Volker Claus both of Germany and this went a way to giving Germany A the International Gold. Third place went to Roberto Loi of Italy. Our top man was still Stuart Jones who after winning his zone moved up to 7th position in the individuals.

The presentation was held at the Sean Og's Hotel where most of us stayed and were looked after well all week. After a very enjoyable 3 course meal, the presentation of awards was held.

In the International teams category Germany A were in the Gold position, with Ireland A taking silver and Italy B in the Bronze position. England B managed 5th place just ahead of England A.

After the presentation we were entertained by an excellent folk band, and young people giving a fantastic display of Irish dancing. Afterwards it the bar stayed open to ensure there was time to have plenty of Guinness and swap stories of woe or achievement in the past few days! All in all, results apart, once again the Irish Section ran an excellent competition and we now look to when next we get together at the European Shore Championship at Domburg, in the Netherlands.

English Individual Results

7th Stuart Jones
14th Allan Jones
24th Dave Lovelock
25th Nick Rush
44th Paul Hart
46th Tony Porritt
47th Kim Bowden
51st Jerry Knight
54th Paull Curtice
60th Reg Clough

Report compiled by Kim Bowden

EFSA European Species 2016 Report

Species, Conger Eel out of Weymouth 15th/16th July

Thursday evening 14th July and after most of the 64 competitors from the 8 sections taking part had registered there was a meeting to allow questions to be asked for those unsure of any detail of the event or the rules. After this the event was officially declared open by Marcus Wuest Secretary of EFSA Headquarters. With the weather forecast for next couple of days settled we were hopeful that the boats would be able to anchor their selected wreck and put the anglers on the conger that inhabited them.

Friday After an early breakfast and it was on your way to one of the 7 boats in the Championship by 0715hours for 0730 departure. First it was off to try for fresh mackerel for bait as it is one of the prime baits for conger, in past years an easy task with a box full for the day's fishing in quick time, however this year the mackerel have not arrived in any numbers along the South coast of England, so after an hour and maybe 2 or 3 mackerel for each person many of the boats fished for pouting to supplement the frozen mackerel that was supplied bait.

It was then a steam off to the selected wreck, with many wrecks to choose from within the 12 mile limit of the competition as set for today. The fishing was not good for most of the boats, not what you would normally expect for a day's conger fishing with many boats recording less than 20 eels, all except one boat, Wild Frontier, whose anglers had a share of the 70 conger that the boat recorded, so looks as if most of the local conger had congregated on the wreck he was on.

All eels were returned alive as soon as size was estimated by the skipper, with the best eels being weighed onboard and though most eels caught were less than 20 pound there were a couple over 60 pound so setting the bar high for the next day.

As the Championship was on points only, at the end of day 1 the top 6 places in the individual list were off Wild Frontier, with Perry Dack from England out in front with 70 points.

Saturday Similar format to yesterday with mackerel hard to find, just as well that conger will eat the frozen mackerel supplied! Those that were on Wild Frontier today were expecting a good catch after his day yesterday but as we all know in fishing "you should have been here yesterday" and let us just say his conger count today was low! Other boats again had similar numbers as yesterday despite fishing different wrecks. So back ashore and lot of speculation on top places and cries of on wrong boat or wrong position on the boat, which in truth both can play a big part in hooking into those conger eel.

Once ashore and with results worked out and all became clear as to where the honours were to go. As it happened there were 2 anglers on 75 points and even after the third count back method there was no difference between them, besides the same points they both had the same number of fish in each category on the score sheet so there was no option other than to award them both with a gold pin.

At the presentation that evening the top honours and gold pins went to Perry Dack of England and Wilfried Buls of Belgium both on 75 points. In third place and taking the bronze pin was Paul Hart of England on 70 points.

Presentation for the top 3 heaviest conger recorded was made by Mr Bryn Lavis who is Chairman of The British Conger Club. In 3rd place was Ray Barron of England with an eel of 53pound, 2nd place Martin Kennedy of Ireland with eel of 62pound and heaviest conger of the Championship was one of 65pound caught by Robert Troy also of Ireland, besides a medal and prize he was also presented with a British Conger Club tankard.

In the International teams it was England A first, Belgium second and England B in third place. Full results will be on the EFSA HQ and EFSA England website verysoon.

English individual results

- 1st Perry Dack
- 3rd Paul Hart
- 6th Russell Shaw
- 7th Pete Bailey
- 8th Matt Osborne
- 12th Neil Cottington
- 13th Ray Barron
- 15th Gary Galbraith
- 17th Cliff Newbold
- 20th Ken Smith
- 23rd Andy Selby
- 27th Kim Bowden
- 27th Andy Smith
- 34th Billy Cann
- 34th David Clark
- 36th Ash Currier
- 38th Richard Wheeler
- 40th Mike Patten
- 40th Dave Smith
- 44th Richard Russell
- 59th John Filsell

European Boat and Line September 2016, Cobh, Ireland

Sunday 18th September and the opening parade for the 2016 EFSA European Boat and Line Championship was due to take place along the harbour side at Cobh but due to the weather being a little soft, (that is Irish speak for rain) the opening ceremony was moved inside the Commodore Hotel. After the Section country flags of the 16 nations taking part were paraded into the room the Championship was declared officially open by our Chairman Horst Schneider. We were then entertained by an Irish marching band though seated on this occasion! Then there was a performance on this the 100th anniversary year of the Irish Uprising by an animation group who in costume told the story of the lives of some of the women involved in the events of the 1916 Uprising. There was then time for a drink and to catch up with the other anglers many who had not seen each other since last year's event but still greeted as best friends.

Anglers had registered today or the previous day so were aware of their boat draw and who they were fishing with.

Monday morning all anglers mustered on the local Kennedy Pier ready to board one of the 12 boats in the Championship. After a meeting for the boat Stewards and Captains to discuss any detail that needed clarifying it was time to load the boats. With fair weather the boats headed out of the harbour, first targeting fresh mackerel to go with the frozen mackerel and rag worm which was the supplied bait. Then the boats spread out ready for the 0930 start time. Most boats started on the drift either on the rocky marks for pollock and wrasse or the sand for whiting, gurnard and codling. Some drifted all day while others spent some time at anchor to give the anglers more chance on conger eel and ling. Other fish species caught were gurnard, coalfish, pouting and cuckoo wrasse.

At the end of day 1 it was local knowledge that proved helpful with 2 Irish anglers in top place, with Barrie Senior, Pete Bailey and Andy Smith from England all in the top 10 out of the 100 anglers taking part. The national team of 5 Ireland A were in first place followed by Norway A with England A in 3rd place.

Tuesday and the format was the same as previous day with most people being on a different boat and many looking for an improvement to their catch and to move up the results table.

At the end of the day 2 there were 5 anglers with 200% and still 2 English in top 10. National team Ireland were still in front but England moved up to second.

Day 3 and it was totally different due to the strong wind and heavy rain so fishing went ahead but limited to the harbour so plenty of area to fish as Cobh harbour is said to be the second largest harbour in the world. Some boats started at the harbour entrance where there were rocky areas to fish for pollock and coalfish. Where I was on the boat I was unable to fish for those species but did manage ballan wrasse, cod and dab. As the tide got up against the wind the boats moved back into the harbour where the sea state was better but still hard to fish with the wind and at one time very heavy rain. There were still fish to be caught though we just had whiting and mackerel. One boat managed to anchor where the anglers boated 68 thornback ray in just over 1 hour.

At the end of day 3 there was only Heiko Dreier of Ireland with the perfect score of 300%. Barrie Senior was in 6th place and Pete Bailey in 8th so still near the top.

National team England moved to top swapping places with Ireland who were now second.

Day 4 and the weather eased so it was similar to the first 2 days with grey gurnard in reasonable numbers on the sand plus the other species. Fishing again was not easy and over the 4 days there were not many score sheets to reach the limit of 10 of a species for full points, other fish scored only 1 point after the first 10.

This was the last day of the Boat Championship and Heiko won his boat again for a perfect overall score of 400% and so winning the gold pin. In second place and silver pin was Peter Skudal of Norway with 393.09% and third was Dan Lynch of Ireland with 388.39%. It was hard luck for Pete Bailey who finished 4th with 382.94%.

Ken Smith was in second place in the senior category.

National teams and with a slightly reduced lead in Gold medal position was the England A team of Kim Bowden, Pete Bailey, Ken Smith, Barrie Senior and Vernon Allen. Ireland were in Silver and France A in Bronze.

There were also medals for the longest of nominated species over the Boat Championship and Wednesday in the harbour Smithy (Dave Smith) from England caught a plaice of 38cm to lead the best flatfish, This looked good to win that medal but the Irish count rays as flat fish so a ray over 40cm took best flat fish.

Friday the Line Class championship was fished with all anglers using the same 6kg Ande line with fish needing to be a minimum of 50cm to score. Unfortunately the weather again was strong winds so fishing limited to the harbour where all fishing had to be done at anchor. And again some boats started at the harbour entrance before conditions worsened and while some did not manage very much other boats found a few conger eels and pollock, species that it was unlikely to find in the inner harbour. Other species in the harbour to make the 50cm were bullhuss, dogfish and thornback rays. So as today was a single day Championship it was a bit of a lottery to be on the right boat in the right place. From England the only one to be up there was Jim Phillipson who came 6th overall and was top of the seniors.

England placings

4 th	Pete Bailey	382.94%
10 th	Barrie Senior	370.77%
15 th	Kim Bowden	356.55%
24 th	Vernon Allen	320.1%
25 th	Ken Smith	317.76%
30 th	Andy Smith	310.42%
45 th	Richard Russell	277.79%
78 th	Jim Phillipson	188.58%
85 th	Dave Smith	161.22%

A more comprehensive report can be seen on the FESA website at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/138141566205575/1324127890940264/>

Forthcoming events

We return again to Poole for our Agm and Fun Fish. The AGM will be held at the Thistle Hotel on Poole Quay on Saturday 14th January 2017, if you wish to stay here best book on line as you get better rates.

The Fun Fish will be the following day catching Flounders from Poole harbour.

English Boat Championship 2017

We will be back in Poole again over the weekend of June 3rd & 4th using the Thistle Hotel as our HQ.

On Friday the 2nd the 4 man Poole species Hunt takes place giving you the chance to make a long weekend of fishing.

English Shore Championships 2017

The English Shore Championships 2017 will be held at Eastbourne on 28 and 29 April. There are several possible venues to choose from and a final decision will be made nearer the time depending on weather and catch reports. Eastbourne Angling Association will be the HQ for registration and results. More details are available on the website.

British and Irish Shore Championships

The British and Irish Championships were due to be held at the beginning of November 2016 but have been postponed as there were not enough anglers who could fish the dates proposed. I have canvassed members to see if they could fish January or February 2017. There is interest for February which I have advised to Phil Lustig who has told me that due to clashes with other big matches it was now likely to be end of February beginning of March. The dates will be available on the website once advised.

English Species – Weymouth 2017

Our Species event after Turbot, Brill and Plaice and our HQ will be the Weymouth Angling Society Clubhouse. There are many hotels and B&B s you can book for this event. This will take place over the weekend of the 15th & 16th April.

Both the Species and English boat will be bait supplied and there are limited boat places.

European Boat – Norway

Maloy, Norway, 28th July to 6th August. This will be a 4 day Boat Championship, fishing Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday off, fishing Thursday and Friday though can be rearranged depending on the weather.

Fishing can be in depths of up to 250 meters but many fish mid water. Norway suggests a good reel Shimano or Diawa with depth meter and no level wind. Weights required in region of 300 to 500 grams. Life jackets must be supplied by angler and worn at all times though when I asked was told floatation jacket was acceptable but will get written confirmation of this.

I will not go into any more detail here as lot of information in the brochure on the fish to expect and on options to get there and where to stay, all this and entry form on our web site.

European Species – Denmark

Langeland, Denmark, hosted by EFSA Germany, Oct 30th to Nov 2nd

This is for flatfish which many of us have fished for there before so hopefully in 2017 we will do a bit better. This will also be the Line Class event for 2017 if using the Ande line available which will be 20 pound breaking strain.

Getting there last time I drove and from Dunkirk, almost 700 miles, which took around 10 hours I think as apart from few miles either end it is continuous motorway. Again, a lot of information in the brochure on our website so please have a good read of that and if there is anything you are not sure of then contact me.

Kim Bowden

