

DIARY

2008

- 16th/23rd August European Line Class & Boat Championships
Cobh, Ireland
- 26th/27th Sept English Shore Championships – Chesil
- 8th/9th November English Cod Festival – Mersey
- 20th-22nd Nov European Shore Championship - Zeeland, Netherlands

2009

- 10th January Annual General Meeting – Arndale Court Hotel, Poole.
- 11th January Flounder Competition – Poole
- 28th/30th May EFSA European Species Championship – Plymouth, England
- TBA English Boat Championship.
- 3rd/7th August European Line Class & Boat Championships – Orkney
- TBA European Shore Championship.
- TBA English Cod Festival – Dover.
- 24th/28th November European Shore Championship (EFSA Germany)
Langeland, Denmark.

2010

- 11th/15th May European Line Class & Boat Championships – Dalvik, Iceland.

Chairman's Report

Since our last Newsletter publication in February, the Committee and I have been very busy organising the events still to come and looking at the events that have already passed. It all happens so fast and we think we have plenty of time but before we know it, an event is upon us.

Let me firstly bring you up to date with the Committee business since the last newsletter. We have had two meetings, one in March and another at the early June and Kim and I have also attended the Standing Committee meeting in Gatwick in April - so we have been quite busy. The Committee has also benefited from Gary Galbraith taking over as Membership Registrar /Supplies Officer and he has got to grips with the job quickly. I know he has been in touch with all the Life Members and some have now reconfirmed their positions within the Section with others having decided to leave their membership on hold until such time as they wish to consider becoming active again. Gary has written a formal report for this Newsletter and it is an interesting read.

Paul Hart's mother recently passed away. Paul has received support from the Committee and I am sure you will all join me in wishing him well and offer your support as and when he may require it. Jim has moved to Weymouth and is now a full time fisherman, we always understood that's what you did anyway Jim!!! All the Committee have been working hard and I do hope you can offer your support whenever, or wherever you can, they will appreciate it. I am also pleased to announce the probable co-option of a new Press Officer, Mr David Oliver who will be working alongside Jim Whippy, our Public Relations Officer, in the development of this position. Thank you David for coming forward and we do hope you enjoy this important position.

We have seen the European Species Championships from Belgium, Shore Championships of the British Isles in Wales, English Boat Championship in Plymouth and most recently the English Shore Species Festival from Dover take place and we have had some great results. All of these are reported on within the Newsletter and also on our web site on www.efsa-england.org.uk if you had forgotten it. I trust you all enjoyed taking part and for those that didn't I hope you enjoy reading about them.

We are now busy organising the European Species (Conger) Championships 2009 from Plymouth and this is coming together well, it should be a great event and we have already had 15 entries from Russia and we do expect this to be oversubscribed so do enter early. Still to come this year we have our own Shore and Cod events, the main European Boat/Line Championships, the European Shore Championships and The European Game Championships. To those who are going, I wish you good fortune.

I do hope you enjoy the Newsletter and if there are any items within it that require your attention, please do respond as that way we can take care of all the Memberships wishes.

I wish you an enjoyable fishing season and hope to meet many of you at the events.

Neil Bryant

Secretary's Report

Just a brief note to remind the Membership of the protocols regarding items for discussion at the AGM.

Any proposals for discussion at the 2009 AGM must be with me by 30th September 2008.

All proposals received will be included in the Agenda under Special Business and the wording of the proposal can then be circulated prior to the AGM via the October Newsletter. All members will then be aware of any proposal and will have been able to consider the merit of such and be better informed in formulating their thoughts concerning the motion.

Kim Bowden

Standing Committee Delegates Report

Kim and I attended the meeting in Gatwick on 26th April and Pam Styles also sat in with us to cover for me when I needed to leave half an hour before the completion. Thank you Kim and Pam for your support. There are a few items that were discussed; well a lot more than a few and we had some papers to discuss within Committee

AGM attendance, location and protocol for the future. HQ now feel the AGM should not be a separate meeting the day after the HQ Officers meeting and this will now take place at the end of their meeting and any member who wishes to attend is welcome. This will not affect Ireland and there will be a separate AGM as arranged and we need to attend accordingly.

New Fishing Rules. Both the Executive Shore Festival Officer and the Boat Festival Officer have been working on the fishing rules for events and have put a considerable amount of time and effort in drafting their proposals. David Styles, Executive Boat Festival Officer, has had many of the rules approved and we are all confident that life will be less complicated by this. One important item is that the European Line Class Championship is to be reduced to one day

(as it was back in the 80's) and the European Boat will be over four days. This, it is felt will reduce the number of competitors on a maximum result and avoid the count back options as it is always tough on anyone finishing 4th or 5th on a maximum score. We all support this action and from 2009 this will be the way forward.

There are many other items of information that, although important to the Section, much of it is internal but I can assure you that if any relevant items are mentioned that need your confirmations, we will report them accordingly.

In respect of all future European events that have been ratified and are up for invitations, the English Section have them listed on the diary page. The one thing that has been said is that if we were to apply to host the European Line and Boat Championships in the near future, say 2012 then we would need to start the ball rolling early in 2009 and a Sub Committee would need to be formed. The same applies if we wish to host the European Shore Championships in 2010/2011 - we would need to start soon. That's it in a nutshell; it takes years to organise and plan so if anyone wants to know more or wants the Section to apply for any events then please do let us know.

The next SC Meeting is in Ireland and will be attended by Kim Bowden and Pam Styles, if she is well, I am sure will stand in for me.

Neil Bryant

Fish Recorder's Report

The last few months have been more about quality rather than quantity as far as recorded fish are concerned. Nigel Hearn has put in a strong contender for Overseas Fish of the Year with a Cod of 49lb 8oz, whilst Sam Short leads the Junior Fish of the year with a whiting of 2lb 7oz. Below are the Fish of the Month winners to date.

With Fish of the Month entries being generally on the decline in recent years, I have enclosed details (see separate sheet in Newsletter) of proposed changes to the Award scheme which we are looking to implement in 2009. I welcome your comments.

Shore

Month	Name	Club	Area	Fish	Weight	%
Dec 07	D Spear	BCC	D	Conger	41lb 11oz	166.75%
Jan 08	G Gavey	BCC	S	Conger	37lb 4oz	146.53%
Feb 08	J Butcher	Portland	D	Pouting	11b 8oz	100.00%
Mar 08	J Butchers	W Wight	E	LSD	2lb 11/2oz	83.75%
Apr 08	C Wyatt	W Wight	E	Bass	17lb 2oz	180.26%
May 08	R Instance	Cornish Fed	A	Bull Huss	16lb 1oz	134.37%

Boat

Dec 07	G Roper	Cornish Fed	A	Flounder	4lb 1oz	203.10%
Jan 08	R Quinn	PM	D	Flounder	3lb 1oz	122.50%
Feb 08	No Entries					
Mar 08	No Entries					
Apr 08	D Saunders	Christch'ch	D	Turbot	24lb 4oz	161.66%
May 08	R Chapman	Cornish Fed	A	Grtr Weaver	11b 14oz	150.00%

Ray Ashby
Fish recorder

Membership Registrar's Report

Having now been on the Committee for the last six months, having attended the meetings and been copied all the emails to and from Committee members, I can confirm the amount of work undertaken behind the scenes on your behalf by the Committee is tremendous and far more than I ever imagined. I am the new boy on the Committee getting to grips with my new role as Membership Registrar and I have done very little to alleviate their work load, but I will endeavour to become more active in the future. As I mentioned before, the Committee puts a lot of time and effort into making your fishing pleasurable and making EFSA England the best Section it can be. Therefore, it is paramount that there are no positions left vacant on the Committee and you should think hard about the running of your Section and make the commitment to help out, as I have, so that their work load can be reduced, because without them there is no EFSA England.

My role over the last six months has been to up-date the addresses and contact details of the Membership as this has not been done for some time. Those of you that are Life Members would have received a form to complete and return. This was extremely successful and highlighted many incorrect details and, sadly, a few members who are no longer with us. The form also asked if the Life Member still wished to be part of EFSA as our Section pays an annual levy of £8 for each Life Member to EFSA HQ which is an unnecessary drain on our finances if that member is no longer interested. Thankfully, most are either actively taking part or wished to remain part of EFSA England with only a few declining membership due to ill health - or they are no longer interested in fishing. I did have a few members phone or write expressing concern that Life Membership means for life - and it does. The purpose of the form was to ensure that Newsletters were not being sent to incorrect addresses, to identify members who have passed away or to identify members who no longer wished to receive them. I am sorry if the letter was misinterpreted to mean anything else. That said, I also had some very pleasant conversations with some of the members including one with Patrick Hillard who joined EFSA back in 1962, fished his first European in Denmark in 1964 and wishes to remain a member and may come along to the next AGM to catch up with old friends. May I also say a big thank you to some of the long standing Life Members who made donations to our Section, though this was not the purpose of the letter.

Lapsed members were also sent letters asking if they would like to rejoin. This was also successful to some degree with several lapsed members taking up the offer and some just grateful for the reminder (old age). It also brought to light some members who were not lapsed, but just absent from the Membership List and this has now been rectified.

Annual Members' details are updated on receipt of your renewal forms so please ensure as much information as possible is on the form, phone numbers and email addresses etc, as this makes communication very much easier. Those of you that rejoin by Standing Order, I am endeavouring to update your details via your entry forms when you enter EFSA fishing competitions - so again please add as much detail as possible. Whilst on the subject of Standing Orders, anyone who has, or will be setting up one in the future, please ensure that your name goes out with it and not the word `subs' or some other

indistinguishable word, as I will have no way of knowing who you are (if any one knows who “Neal 10” is please contact me). When setting up Standing Orders please send me your details and let me know, but you need to take the Standing Order Form to your own bank as they will want to verify your details. The annual Membership cost is £20 but there are still ten members only paying £15 by standing order and one member paying two lots of £15. Please, if you pay by Standing Order check your bank statements and amend any abnormalities, cost and identification before next year’s subs are due.

EFSA England Membership

October 2007	March 2008	June 2008
91 Life Members	93 Life Members	76 Life Members
03 Hon Life Members	03 Hon Life Members	02 Hon Life Members
95 Annual Members	93 Annual Members	98 Annual Members
05 Affiliated Clubs	05 Affiliated Clubs	06 Affiliated Clubs

You will see from the comparisons above, Life Membership has reduced despite two annual members transferring. This, in the most part, is due to the fact that some members were totally un-contactable despite a considerable effort on my part and have also not been seen by any of the Committee for many years. If they make contact in future then they will be reinstated, as would any of the Life Members who resigned their membership with the Section for whatever reason. Affiliated clubs has increased to six with the promise of three more in the pipeline. There are four more lapsed on the list and I will contact them shortly. The Annual Membership has increased slightly but for the most part is in equilibrium with those leaving. Hopefully, with the aid of a bit of advertising, we will be able to increase the membership still further.

As you now know, I am also looking after the EFSA Stock, so if you require any please send me the form in the Newsletter - not forgetting to enclose the correct postage cost. Alternatively, items can be purchased at any of our competitions or at the AGM, as I will be taking stock to each. I will increase the amount taken to the next venue as I sold out of many items at Plymouth. I have also taken on board requests for larger sizes and by the time you read this, the subject will have been raised at the Committee meeting.

Thank you for reading my report - I feel much better now that I have all that off my chest. Now let’s go fishing!

Gary Galbraith

Shore Championship of the British Isles

The Welsh Section hosted this year's Championship that included participants from Ireland, Scotland, England and, of course Wales. The part of the Welsh coastline selected for the competition was in the South West with beaches within easy reach of the picturesque town of Camarthen, which was the Championship HQ. There were International teams from England, Ireland and Wales along with a number of individuals but numbers were unfortunately down, due possibly to a need to move the competition from the original planned date. Nevertheless, the organisers worked hard to produce a well-planned and friendly competition, sharing their local knowledge to all those able to keep up with a late hour at the bar.

Day 1 was, from an angler's point of view, a disaster with most struggling to find a sizeable fish. The organisers were mystified as during the weeks leading up to competition the catch rates had been fantastic. The old “you should have been here yesterday” line comes to mind but our very own Dave Lovelock had practiced on the beach recently and had done very well. However some of our anglers did get something on the scorecard and Budge Booker, Dave Lovelock, John Campbell and Reg Clough did well to wrinkle something out. When the organising committee added up the scores Wales A had capitalised from the poor fishing and England was 7 points behind in 2nd place with Ireland A in 3rd place.

Day 2 and with the benefit of some timing changes from the organising committee, was slightly better with more anglers catching. In the main Flounders and small Bass made up the catches with the odd Weever to keep us on our toes. All the English anglers managed to weigh in with Budge leading the way. All the English team members did well and when the results were posted we had overhauled Wales A and were leading by the slenderest of margins – 1 point.

Day 3 was on Pendine Beach where the anglers drove a few miles along the beach and the fishing was done chasing the water a long way out! The first hour of the match saw many anglers catching LSD's, good Bass, small Bass and Flounders. Once this bit of action was over the fishing was patchy but some anglers, notably our own Section old boy Budge Booker, consistently caught throughout the match easily winning the section and providing the gossip up and down the beach. Dave Lovelock, Reg Clough, Pete Campbell, P'Nuts Flack and myself all did well with either section wins or seconds which meant that we had increased on our overnight lead.

The presentation was at the very comfortable Ivy Bush Hotel, which had been the competition HQ. After a lovely meal the organisers presented the prizes and pins to the successful anglers. It was great to see our anglers featuring so well and back into winning ways.

Budge Booker was the Championship and Gold Pin Winner.

Michael Quinn (Eire) was in second place and Silver Pin.

Dave Lovelock came in 3rd place and received the Bronze Pin.

The rest of the team members and individuals did very well with Pete Campbell using his local knowledge to good effect in his first outing as a Section Team member. Most of our Section members benefited from the fantastic prize table that the EFSA Wales organisers had put together with the help from their sponsors.

The International Team results were:

1st - England

2nd - Wales "A"

3rd - Ireland "A"

The English Section results were:

1st Budge Booker

3rd Dave Lovelock - Team

4th Reg Clough - Team

6th Pete Campbell - Team

10th Paul Curtice - Team (Captain)

12th John Campbell - Team (Reserve)

15th Brian "P'nuts" Flack - Team

20th Dean Hilton

The competition was fished in a competitive but friendly atmosphere and our thanks go to the organisers who did everything they could to put on a successful Championship and were only undone by the dreaded "Easterlies".

And finally.....I couldn't finish without mentioning the quote of the Championship's from one of our new members Dean Hilton who walked off the beach at the end of a very hard first day and described it as the "*Great trolley dash*"!! You really needed to be there to understand it but a number of people had new trolleys on the beach the next day!

The 6th running of the Species Championship was awarded to Section Belgium who chose the port of Oostende as the venue. With a total entry of 83 anglers competing from 10 Sections this was a Championship completely in the spirit of an EFSA event; friends and family gathered to celebrate another Championship and much socialising supported the serious side of the angling.

Most of the competitors stayed either in or near to the excellent H.Q. Europa Hotel in Bredene A/Zee. Due to extensive roadworks and limited parking a coach was provided to take anglers to and from the boats at the Royal Yacht Club of Oostende (RYCO), and a formal Civic reception in the Oostende Town Hall on the Saturday evening. All competitors appreciated the coach transport meaning anglers could park for free in Bredene and would not need their cars again until departing for home. Fifteen boats were used all proudly flying the EFSA burgees, and providing the competitors with a good insight into the professionalism of the boat Skippers and their extensive knowledge of the fishing grounds.

Many members had arrived earlier in the week and fished the Friendship cup on the Thursday where the weather had been wet and cold with the winning angler recording 28 fish. From registration on Friday until most competitors left on the Monday, the weather could not have been nicer with flat calm seas and high temperatures making the event a really pleasant experience. Bait provision was naturally the same for all anglers and consisted of large quantities of fresh Ragworm, Blow Lugworm and gutted Black Lugworm.

Day 1 saw the boats heading well out to sea where lots of Whiting and Dabs kept everyone busy until lines up. The catches were numerous although the Flatfish were generally small with many failing to make the required size limits. Catches were efficiently recorded at the RYCO and results were promptly displayed both there and at the H.Q. Hotel.

Prior to selecting the area for angling on day 2 the Organisers and Skippers got together to consider the options and made the decision to return to areas much closer to shore for the Sunday, this proved absolutely spot on with far bigger fish.

Day 2 and the battle was on to see who would emerge as Champion, 15 boat winners from Saturday started as joint favourites knowing they needed another boat win and a good catch to win in a likely countback. When the day was finished 5 anglers had managed to win their boat on both days; 3 from England , Kim Bowden , Gary Galbraith and Mike Smith and 2 from Belgium , Andre Machiels and Ronny Cleyman.

At the prize ceremony the EFSA Flag and Species banner provided a fine backdrop for the photographs of all the competitors. Willy Van Renterghem, Chairman, Section Belgium and Hamish Holmes , General Secretary, EFSA H.Q. presented the prizes and Pins. The individual prize table stretched down to 34 th place at the suggestion of Willy Van Renterghem so every competitor in the top half of the results received a prize and all competitors were in addition presented with commemorative embroidered polo shirts.

Individuals:

Gold Pin; Gary Galbraith, England

Silver Pin; Kim Bowden , England

Bronze Pin; Andre Machiels, Belgium

Section Teams:

Gold Medal; Belgium A

Andre Machiels, Dennis Cooreman, Luc Morreel, Henri Jungers, Ronny Cleyman.

Silver Medal; England A

Richard Russell, Gary Galbraith, Colin Searles, Mike Smith, Ray Barron

Bronze Medal; England B

Helen Verrall , David Clark, Brian Moss, Matt Osborne, Kim Bowden

Four Man Team:

Martin Bobbett, Gary Galbraith, Mike Smith, Matt Osborne.

Two Man Team:

Gary Galbraith, England , Mike Smith, England.

Day 1 Winner: Henri Jungers, Belgium

Day 2 Winner: Kim Bowden , England

Top Lady: Sigridur Kjartansdottir , Iceland

Top Junior: Jokull Skarphedinsson , Iceland

Life Member: Gary Galbraith, England

Senior: Gerard Ameloot

Heaviest Flatfish: Jos Cooreman , Belgium , Plaice 1.47kg.

Heaviest Dab: John O'Connor, Wales , 0.44kg.

Heaviest Sole: Jos Cooreman , Belgium , 0.38kg.

Heaviest Flounder: Kim Bowden , England , 0.58kg.

EFSA Section Belgium, wish to thank all the sponsors for their generosity and most importantly all the anglers and their families for contributing to such a friendly and successful event.

English Section members final placing:

1st Gary Galbraith 200%
2nd Kim Bowden 200%
5th Mike Smith 200%
14th Billy Cann 177.89%
16th Matt Osborne 171.63%
19th Richard Russell 170.67%
22nd Brian Moss 161.7%
23rd Dave Clark 161.19%
25th Martin Bobbett 156.77%
27th Ashley Curie 151.1%
28th Andy Smith 148.45%
29th Chris Pucher 148.29%
33rd Rob Quinn 140.23%
35th Colin Searles 138.54%
38th Tony Hudson 132.63%
40th Neil Cottington 130.83%
45th Ray Barron 122.5%
48th Neil Bryant 120.11%
49th Rolf Marschalek 116.9%
50th David Styles 116.45%
68th Marcus Weust 89.37%
74th Helen Verrall 70.8%
79th Jim Phillipson 56.58%
82nd Keith Scaggs 38.3%

English Boat Championship 2008-Plymouth.

It was good to be back in Plymouth again although for us oldies it took some getting used to being on the other side of the harbour. Apart from a couple of hiccups with no early breakfast and one van breaking down taking the tackle round to the boats it was an excellent competition. First day we fished the East Rutts where there were plenty of Ling and Conger but some of us struggled to get the Pollack. The ones who got their five maximum pointers early on had time to target the bigger scoring Congers.

Boat winners on day one were Martin Bobbett, Gary Galbraith, Mike Patton, Rod Adamson and young Darren Latimer, fishing Plymouth for the first time. The Sunday draw put Rod, Gary and Darren head to head on the same boat and it was the cheerful Welshman who triumphed after a close match with Ray Barron, who was also on the boat, and Gary. Darren was unfortunately drawn on the wrong side, fishing under the boat from number two position. Martin Bobbett came close to another boat win but his 97.96% was enough to give him his first EFSA pin. Boat winners on the second day were Rod, Dave Oliver, Mike Smith, Tony Hudson and second day winner Paul Hart.

We tried having drawn teams only at this Championship which was met with mixed reaction, mainly positive. We somehow ended up with a trophy for the longest Gurnard! Colin Searles caught the only one over the two days, just making the limit of 20cm. He assures me he caught it on his special Gurnard rig.

Individual results

1 st	Rod Adamson	200.00	Gold Pin	
2 nd	Martin Bobbett	197.96	Silver Pin	
3 rd	Gary Galbraith	191.89	Bronze Pin	
4 th	Ray Barron	175.47	5 th	Mike Patton 174.51
6 th	Dave Oliver	173.08	7 th	Richard Russell 172.38
8 th	Mike Smith	169.97	9 th	Rolf Marschalek 166.67
10 th	Paul Hart	161.54	11 th	Colin Searles 157.30
12 th	Steve Clements	157.24	13 th	Tony Hudson 157.14
14 th	Brian Moss	153.31	15 th	Kev Sampson 150.98
16 th	Darren Latimer	148.94	17 th	Ken Smith 147.60
18 th	Andy Deaven	144.10	19 th	Roy Shipway 143.58
20 th	Billy Short	137.57	21 st	Dave Clark 137.46
22 nd	Ray Evans	134.96	23 rd	Kim Bowden 131.61
24 th	Billy Cann	127.53	25 th	Neil Bryant 126.24
26 th	Brab Hallowes	126.11	27 th	Steph Baker 124.42
28 th	Rob Quinn	120.66	29 th	John Fissell 116.52
30 th	Marcus Wuest	115.79	31 st	Ian McLean 112.24
32 nd	Matt Osbourne	110.82	33 rd	Rob Troy 100.26
34 th	Roger Whiting	96.16	35 th	Barry Senior 95.27

36 th	Jim Whippy	95.02	37 th	Neil Barnes	94.26
38 th	Tom Worthy	93.68	39 th	Ash Currier	87.50
40 th	Alan Bird	86.27	41 st	Graham Latimer	75.49
42 nd	David Styles	70.36			

Two man drawn team

1 st	Paul Hart & Martin Bobbett,	359.50pts.
2 nd	Gary Galbraith & Kevin Sampson,	342.87
3 rd	Dave Clark & Rod Adamson,	337.46

Four Man drawn

1 st	Brian Moss, Colin Searles, Ken Smith & Mike Patten,	632.72
2 nd	Brab Hallows, Mike Smith, Steve Clements & Ray Evans,	588.28
3 rd	Billy Cann, Gary Galbraith, Alan Bird & Rolf Marschalek,	572.37

Life Members

1 st	Martin Bobbett,	197.96,
2 nd	Gary Galbraith,	191.89,
3 rd	Ray Barron,	175.47

Day 1 winner, Rod Adamson, 100% (74pts)

Day 2 winner, Paul Hart, 100% (57pts)

Norman Witt Trophy for longest Gurnard, 20.5cm, Colin Searles

English Species Festival Dover 2008

We arrived at the Grand Burstin on Thursday for the registration and to draw our peg numbers and noted that there was concern over the weather forecast for the weekend which gave a 5 to 6 - locally 7.

At breakfast there was a good 5 – 6 blowing but, as we hadn't received any calls from Dover SAA, we made our way to the Dumphead Pier to be greeted by Alan Edgington with the good news that we were on.

The fishing was manic to say the least and I have never caught so many Dogfish and Pouting. The scales masters could not keep up with the amount of fish caught, even though we had three sets of scales on the go! We caught mainly Dogs and Pouting but there were Bass, Codling, Dab, Eels, Smooth-hounds, Whiting, Scad and Pollack, with Peanuts taking the day with a monstrous ½ lb Tadpole fish.

Day 2. arrived with a forecast of force 7 and pouring rain but the boatman said that we were in the middle of the storm and the sea was as flat as the proverbial pancake - so off we went again. The fishing was not as frantic as day one, but I never had one cast on the outside that was not a double or treble shot. If we had been fishing a normal top weight match, the winner would have needed 30 lb of fish.

Once again, lots of different species were caught, with Gerry Knight having 2 lobsters but John Campbell put the icing on the cake with a wonderful 1lb 7oz Golden Grey Mullet.

I must thank Alan Edgington and his team from the Dover SAA for their hospitality, advice and help providing us with drop nets for the bigger fish. It was a pleasure to be permitted to fish there. Once again a big thank you to Andy for all the superb prizes and to all the members who acted as weighmasters.

Results :-

1 st .	John Champbell	Golden Grey Mullet	107 %
2 nd .	Reg Clough	Pouting	62 %
3 rd .	Brian Flack	Tadpole fish	60%
4 th .	Gary Galbraith	Most species	6
5 th .	Dean Hilton	Scad	58%
6 th .	Jerry Knight	Lobsters	2
7 th .	Budge Booker	Scad	57%
8 th .	Peter Campbell	Dogfish	56%
9 th .	Martin Sherwin	Dab	49%
10 th .	John Ryder	Smooth hound	45%

SWEDISH LUPUS SUMMER COD FESTIVAL 2008

Hot of the press and just back from Sweden we have our new Zero to Hero - our very own Mr Neil Cottington who took a magnificent 5th place from a field of 106 anglers. Neil fished really well beating many established Swedish pirk specialists with a nice 8.5kg fish amongst his haul. last year he blanked both days (and don't I know how that feels).

I must also mention Charlotte Selby who came 2nd in the Ladies Class beating some very good ladies. Luckily someone in the Selby household can fish. Also in the prize table was Stu Pennock who was part of the team that came second in the 3 man drawn team.

We had a party of 8 anglers with two Irish anglers joining us, Paul Tully and Chris 'Paddy' Pucher. Both these anglers had a claim to fame as they were the only ones to blank over the two days. At the prizegiving they were given a choice of kiddies rod & reel to wind in. On Paul's was a bottle of Malt whiskey and Chris reeled in a free entry ticket to next years event!

The event was well run once again with a fantastic buffet presentation. On the fishing side, some of the boats struggled, apart from Thomas on Vandia, who found good numbers of fish for all the anglers (apart from one).

Just some information for anglers that fish these events. There is serious talk about banning cod fishing when the fish are in roe and this leaves a gap between July and September which will seriously decimate fishing in the Scandinavian countries.

ENGLISH COD MERSEY 2008

This year's Cod Festival will make a welcome return to the Mersey over the weekend of 8th and 9th of November. We plan to load from the new marina where the hotels are situated (Details of HQ hotel will be sent once entry has been received).

This is a two hook event i.e. you can use a pennel rig (counts as two hooks) or two single hooks. There are no bait restrictions as lug and squid are plentiful and are the main baits (details of bait suppliers with entry confirmation).

You will also see on the entry form that we are changing the team events slightly by having the drawn team with 3 good top prizes i.e. 1st 2nd and 3rd and the open teams with 1st prize only. The prizes will be proportionate to the entry. Places are limited to 40 anglers - so get your entry in fast.

Andy Selby

English Shore Championships 25th - 28th. September 2008
Ferry Bridge, Chesil Beach

The competition will be fished to the west of the Adelaide wreck or wherever possible to peg. We will book in and draw pegs on Thursday 25th. September at 9pm

On Friday we will fish 12.30pm to 5.30pm

Saturday we will fish 1.00pm to 6.00pm

These times and venues may change due to weather conditions .

Species we will catch :-

Whiting, Codling, Trigger fish, Garfish, Mullet, Smooth-hound, Black bream, Gurnard, Pollack, Rays, Plaice, Sole, Pout etc.

No ground baiting will be allowed

You may slide a float down with a grip lead .

Only 2 Garfish may be weighed in.

Any bait can be used

We will fish catch and return using our Length to Weight Chart to EFSA size limits. All eels and fish over 45 cms must be weighed at the scales.

Accommodation and HQ will be the Premiere Travel Lodge Weymouth

More details of this will be on the web site when available.

2008 EFSA European Shore Fishing Championship
Westkapelle, The Netherlands - 19th to 23rd November 2008

All the relevant information and entry form is on our web site.

Your entry form must be sent to Ray Barron.

European Line Class and Boat Championships, 2009, Orkney, Scotland.

The official brochure will be available for these events at the conclusion of this year's events in Cobh, Ireland. Any member requiring a copy can either obtain them from the English Section Secretary, or preferably to reduce costs, by downloading direct from the Scottish Section website, details available from the EFSA HQ website.

Accommodation in Orkney is quite diverse and members are advised to talk to English Section members who have fished the event previously for an inside view of the pros and cons of the different options; initially please consult either Ray Barron, Gary Galbraith, Andy Selby, Neil Bryant, David Styles, Paul Hart, or Richard Russell, all contact details are available within the Newsletter.

European Species Championships 2009, Plymouth May 28th/30th 2009

The Organising Committee are well under way with the organising of the Championship. We are confident that this will be a fantastic event and we expect a lot of entries from many Sections. As we all know, the Conger is one of the mystical fish in our oceans and many anglers appreciate the battle the larger ones can give. Fishing from Plymouth from both wrecks and reefs, we are assured of plenty of action with very experienced skippers.

The Committee have pre-booked 80 spaces for the event and do have another 40 reserved spaces on other boats from Dartmouth and Looe, so we are confident that we can cope with the expected number of competitors.

We have produced a small brochure and entry form and these will be available to download from our website within a few weeks - we also enclose an entry form with this Newsletter. The cost for the event is £170 (£85 juniors) to include the usual opening reception, entry, bait and buffet prize presentation. We have secured the registration/welcome and prize giving at the Royal Western Yacht Club (RWYC), Queen Anne's battery which is where the boats also load and unload from. The main HQ Hotel where we expect most of the visiting people to stay is the Premier Inn, Sutton Road that is only a short walk to the RWYC.

We have already had 15 confirmed entries from Russia, and Ireland has also intimated a number of reserved places. With a year to the event you can see the importance of booking early.

Take it from us, this will be well supported and we, the Committee, do hope to see many of you there. Remember, you only need basically one type of rig, a selection of leads and a couple of well balanced rods, so the large tackle boxes can stay at home along with the complications of multi-species fishing.

Hope to see you all in Plymouth in May 2009 and remember to book early to avoid any disappointment.

Neil Bryant

REGISTRATION FOR MONTHLY SPECIMEN FISH AWARD

To: EFSA England Hon. Fish Recorder.

Please register the following specimen fish which was caught in accordance with the rules of the European Federation of Sea Anglers.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

AFFILIATED CLUB MEMBER

NAME; NAME;

ADDRESS: ADDRESS:

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MEMBERSHIP No: CLUB:

1st WITNESS: 1st WITNESS:

2nd WITNESS: 2nd WITNESS:

SPECIES: Club Secretary: Name:.....

WEIGHT: Signature:

PLACE CAUGHT: BOAT SHORE

PORT OF DEPARTURE: DATE CAUGHT:.....

LINE STRENGTH: NFSA AREA

CAPTOR'S SIGNATURE:

If Junior Member please state date of birth.

Please give a brief description of circumstances when caught.....

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The Committee reserve the right to investigate any registration. Further details in relation to the capture may be sent on a separate sheet attached to this entry. On completion, this entry should be sent to the Hon. Fish Recorder before the 15th of the month following the date of capture.

Mr R.Ashby. 155 Stourvale Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth. BH6 5HG

If an acknowledgement is required, please complete below and enclose S.A.E.

To :

The entry of a specimen weight caught by

has been duly received and entered for the EFSA Fish of the Month Award.

Signed: Date:.....

HON. FISH RECORDER

EFSA England Supplies.

Items can be ordered from: **Gary Galbraith. 16 Hoo Common, Chattenden, Nr Hoo, Rochester, Kent. ME3 8LT. Tel: 01634 252866.**

Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to: **EFSA England.**

Please circle size for the sweatshirts, polo shirts and smocks.

Item				Price	Qty	Sub-total
Hooded Sweatshirt	40/42	44/46	48+	£23.00	()	(£)
Polo shirt	36/38	40/42	44+	£15.00	()	(£)
Fishing smock	38/42	42/46	46/50	£15.00	()	(£)
White short-sleeved shirt with logo/name (Special order only)				£23.50	()	(£)
Metal European fish bar badge				£3.00	()	(£)
Game bar hanger				£3.00	()	(£)
St George Cross Enamel Badge				£2.50	()	(£)
Shore bar hanger				£3.00	()	(£)
Cap				£6.00	()	(£)
Tie				£8.00	()	(£)
Wire blazer badge				£15.00	()	(£)
Metal lapel badge				£1.50	()	(£)
Postage Polo shirts/Smocks (<i>per item</i>)				£2.00	()	(£)
All other items				£1.00	()	(£)
				Total		(£)

Order from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: Day _____ Eve: _____

E-mail: _____

Membership renewal/application, due 1st January.

Subscription rates: Annual membership	£20.00
Juniors (under 18)	£ 5.00
Affiliated Clubs	£20.00
Life membership*	£200.00

*Transfer to Life Membership is open to any member who has been an annual member for a minimum of 3 consecutive years, and is aged over 30 years of age.

Cheques/Postal Orders should be made payable to: **EFSA England** and sent to:

Gary Galbraith. 16 Hoo Common, Chattenden, Nr Hoo, Rochester, Kent. ME3 8LT.

Membership number (if known): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone:

Day _____ Evening _____

Type of membership application (circle those applicable).

New member Junior Annual member Affiliated Club Transfer to Life

I am interested in: Boat Game Shore All

I enclose a cheque/postal order payable to EFSA England for the sum of: £_____.

N.B. Applications received after 1st September in any year will run for the remainder of that year, and all of the following year for the same price.

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your renewal.