



Competition Newsletter Season 2018

1. Watten, Skye, & Wild Trout Challenge – Qualifiers Competition

The first competition of the season is held on **Saturday the 21st of April**. Fishing for club members only - starts at 09:30 and finish at 16:30. Boats allocated on a first come first serve basis, the charge to help costs will be £5 per head. This selection competition is for - **2** anglers to represent the club at the charity competition on Loch Watten; **2** anglers to represent the club at the Iain Urquhart Memorial competition on Skye; and **2** competitors to represent the club at the Wild Trout challenge on Shin.

Competitors must inform the club secretary Okain MacLennan as to which competitions they are entering before competition starts and can also put their name down as a competition reserve. (Lead Committee Member Okain MacLennan) Details of each competition are in paragraphs 3, 5 & 6 below.

2. Meig Open.

This will be held on **Saturday 26th May**. Fishing to start at 09:30 and finish at 16:30. Entry is £30 per team. If you need to hire an outboard, the cost will be an additional £10 including fuel. The Meig Open is a **three (3)** in a team competition but in the interest of safety, only **two (2) anglers are allowed to be fishing at any one time**. Team names & members should be notified to the club chairman by 30th April.

To end the day, a finger buffet, in the Cottage Bar, Maryburgh, will be included where the **Billy Bartlet trophy** will be presented to the winning team. The **Meig Cup** will be presented to the rod with the heaviest bag & the **Strathconon Cup** for the heaviest trout. For the Meig Cup, as this is a 3-person team event – and in the interests of fairness - any angler in a 2-person boat will be handicapped by a deduction of $\frac{1}{3}$ of any individual's bag weight, for the Meig Cup only. (Lead Committee Member Stephen Dowds)

3. Charity Competition Loch Watten.

To be held at Loch Watten on **Saturday 12th May (date confirmed)**. This competition has replaced the old federation day out and is now a charity event run by the Thurso British Legion. Any club member wishing to represent LAAC must attend the qualifier on 21 April when exact details of the competition will be available. (*Club representatives from Qualifier make own arrangements*)

4. Danfoss Shield & Achonachie Quaich (Provisional)

Provisionally to be held on **Saturday 9 June**. The venue planned provisionally for this year is the **Badanlochs**. The Achonachie Quaich which will be presented to the top rod and the Danfoss shield is for the heaviest trout in the winning team. If you catch nothing, or get picked on by the mob, a wooden spoon lurks in the shallows and could be yours. Cost £30 per head for bus, permit and a fish supper in Brora. (Lead Committee Member TBA)

5. Portree All Nighter Competition.

This competition is for the Iain Urquhart memorial cup. We will be invited to put a two-man team into this competition on the Storr Lochs, held on Friday the **22nd of June**. This midsummer venue is the famous Storr Lochs and starts at 18:00 with the weigh in at midnight. Those wishing to take part must attend the qualifier on the 21 April. (*Club representatives from Qualifier make own arrangements*)

6. Loch Shin - Clynelish Highland Wild Trout Challenge

To be held over one **or** two days, **provisionally** on either Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th or Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th of July. Saturday will be from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday 9 am to 4 pm. All those wishing to compete should attend the qualifier on the 21st of April. All entry costs for this competition will be met by the club for those who qualify. (**UPDATE** – *The Lairg club are reviewing whether this will in fact continue as a 2 day event and will decide at their AGM in March*)

7. Loch Shin Open - The Shin Cup

The Shin Open competition will be held on Saturday 14th or 21st July, starting at 10:00 and finishing at 18:00. All members who fancy fishing this open competition should contact the club secretary at Lairg AC. The main and extremely prestigious award is none other than the shin cup, which will be presented to the heaviest bag. The cost for the day will be no more than £15 per head, which includes boat, fishing and a meal back at the clubhouse.

(Achonachie Members wishing to compete should contact Lairg Angling Club in good time to book in)

8. Beaully Angling Club Watten Open Competition

To be held on Loch Watten on **Saturday 21st July** (this is a **confirmed date**). Price and entry arrangements still to be finalised but pairs will need to provide engine. (*Neil MacKenzie has boats booked for five pairs from LAAC.*) (Competitors contact **Okain MacLennan** to book boat - then make own arrangements including travel & outboards)

9. Junior & Inter Club Competition

To be held on Loch Inch Fishery **if available** on **Saturday 1st September**. All senior and junior members to gather at the Stathpeffer Square by 08:00. Juniors may bring more than 1 rod but can only fish 1 rod at a time, fly only for seniors. **All juniors not accompanied by a parent must sign a disclaimer form, which can be obtained from the competition secretary.** (Lead Committee Members TBA)

10. SGL Competition

Another excellent club outing to be held on **Saturday 8th September** at Lochs Veyatie & Cam in Wester Ross. Again we will be looking for all the support we can get. If you can make it, please come along. Cost £30 per head, which includes bus, permit and a fish supper in Ullapool. (Lead Committee Member/s TBA)

11. Loch Achonachie Members.

As the title suggests, a competition for Loch Achonachie A.C. members only, from the boat on Loch Meig. To be held on **Saturday 6th October**. Start at 09:30 and finish at 16:30, 2 fishing per boat. To cover the cost there will be an entry fee of £20 per rod, which also includes a meal at the cottage bar in Maryburgh. After the meal, the **Hydro Quaich** will be presented to the angler with the heaviest bag, the **Sports & Model Shop** trophy for the biggest fish and the **SGL** quaichs for the 2 anglers in the best boat. (Lead Committee Member Stephen Dowds)

12. Loch Achonachie Winter League 2018-19

This competition is increasingly well attended, good fun and hotly contested - starting in October and running throughout the winter. The venues are various trout fisheries throughout our region. The last leg is in March before we open our home waters.

Full details of the competition will be issued with the end of season newsletter **agreed dates** and **provisional** venues are:- Achagour **Saturday 27 October** ; Mill of Kellas **Saturday 17 November**; Lagg - **Saturday 8 December**; Lochter - **Saturday 5 January**; Achagour **Saturday 2 February**; Mill of Kellas - **Saturday 2 March**; Lagg - **Saturday 23 March**. For bad weather cancellations **each immediately following Saturday** is used as a fall back date. *One of the legs will be used for Junior Competition.* (Lead Committee Member Neil MacRitchie)

Competitions are an established part of the club's activities with many fun days spent pitting our skills against other anglers from throughout the highlands. It is always gratifying to see new faces at any of our competitions so if you want to have a go please get in touch. The club's new website will launch in March carrying full details and reports of Competitions and much more.

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