



National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland

Inland Fisheries Ireland- NCFEI Junior Interprovincial 'A Resounding Success'

Saturday the 9th of July saw the NCFEI reinstate for the first time in many years the Interprovincial competition for Junior Anglers sponsored by IFI and in association with Tubertini and Dawia.

The six man/women team event was fished one of Ireland's most prolific and best know carp lakes, Gaulmoylestown Lough near Mullingar, it was chosen for both its fairness of venue and its central location for all teams.

The day started off quite cool but as the day went on with some heavy showers and a mixture of sunshine the carp responded well to the international rules fishing, this was a new type of fishing to many of the anglers due to the relativity short notice they had to practice on the venue but they gave it their all.

The idea of this event as with so many of the NCFEI initiatives is to both raise the profile coarse angling and begin a process which will eventually see a Junior Ireland team compete at the highest level. The NCFEI are committed to bringing the joys of coarse angling to all and this is just one aspect that has seen our federation become second to none when it comes to coarse angling and matters relating to coarse angling.

By the time of the "All Out" it was all over bar the all important weigh-in and our hearts go out to one particular young angler that spent 35 minutes playing what would have been the biggest fish of the day only to lose it before he could get it in to the landing net.

The 'weigh-in' saw a very strong Ulster Team win 4 out of 6 sections and saw them claim the IFI- Junior Interprovincial Title in addition Aaron Hutchman (27-05lb) from the East Belfast Angling Club claimed the individual title with his team mate from the Erne Anglers Angling Club, Ciaran Haughian (20-08lb) in second, rounding off the top three was Mark Connolly (19-15lb) from the Royal Enfield Coarse Angling Club and Team Leinster. Second in the team event were Leinster with Munster and Connaught coming third and fourth respectively.

The NCFEI are also delighted to announce that Inland Fisheries will be sponsoring Junior Team Ireland for their trip to the Celtic Cup in Magisicroft, Scotland. This will hopefully be the start of a long term partnership that will see the NCFEI regularly send a Junior team to world events for many years to come.

Following the highly successful Junior Interprovincial competition Team Manager, Gavin Walsh has named a nine man squad to attend the Celtic Cup this August, the team are as follows (in no particular order):- Arron Hutchman (Ulster), Mark Connelly (Leinster), Ronin Minogue (Munster), Ciaran Haughian (Ulster), Robert Kavanagh (Leinster), Kieran Kelly (Ulster), James O'Doherty (Ulster), Robert Smithers (Leinster) and Joshua Kelly (Connaught). Congratulations to you all and no doubt you will do us proud.

The NCFEI would like to thank all the support show by the provincial Federations we would also like to thank both Tubertini and Diawa for the excellent prizes for both the individuals and teams, a special thank you must also go to Niall Purcell and the Gaulmoylestown Lough Angling Club for preparing the venue and again allowing

the anglers fish for free. We also must not forget all the parents, team managers and of course the participants themselves.
Well Done!