



The Fire Service

Sports and Athletics

Association

National Angling Section

2024 NATIONAL ANGLING SECTIONS REPORT TO FSSAA AGM

I start this report for the Angling Section with a small obituary.

At the end of 2023 one of our most supporter of Fire Service Angling and Fire Service Sport in general sadly passed away.

30th November Malcy Ward, Strathclyde now Scotland Fire Service, sadly passed away. Malcy was our longest serving member of the Angling Sections Executive. He worked tirelessly to promote Fire Service Sport and Angling in particular. He was never frightened to express his views and his support was unquestionable. he has crushed my hand many times in his traditional handshake and will be missed by this section and myself.

Also, in January this year, 2024, our Treasurer, John Conley, sadly passed away. John was a great friend to me and in the forty odd years I knew him he has supported Fire Service Sport in Hertfordshire and in recent years Nationally.

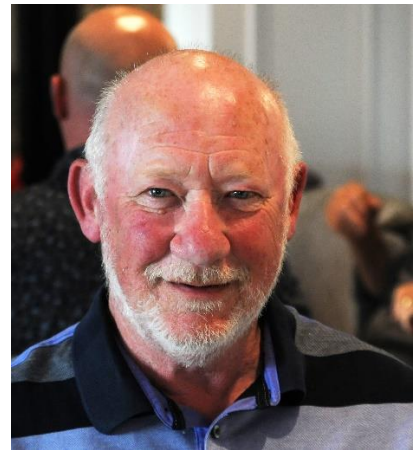
Both of these people will be sadly missed not only for their promotion to Fire Service Sport but their friendship and support to the Angling Section.

Rest in Peace Malcolm and John.



Malcolm Ward

John Conley



This year, 2023, has been another rebuild year following the 'Pandemic'.

We hoped to organise and run our 6 National competitions but in truth we only managed to run three.

April saw our Northern Ireland Coarse National take place. We have been running this event for about 39 years and we are the one of the oldest festivals in the area second only to the famous 'Classic' Angling Festival.

Again, we were greeted with open arms to the area and had one of our most successful competitions in Northern Ireland for years.

Shortly following the Northern Ireland National in May we held the Game National on Grafham Water, Leicestershire. We had teams from as far as Wales, Cleveland and Dorset involved.

Our next event was the Coarse National held at Messingham Sands Fishery, Doncaster. This was the biggest event with 84 competitors taking part. Up by over 2 teams, 8 anglers.

We had a representative match, the Public Services Coarse Angling event. We had 2 British Fire Service teams involved. This year it was our turn to organise the event.

Our other National events did not come to fruition due to lack of organisers and still a general 'hangover' from the pandemic' and the general high cost rise's we have endured.

This year, 2024, we have already organised and completed two Nationals at time of writing this report with the Coarse National to be held in Monmouth on 27th June. We have an organising Brigade outing the finishing touches to the Sea National in October. Meaning we will have, hopefully, run four National events and entered, organised and 'won' a representative event.

The two Nationals already held have seen numbers up on last year and the numbers for the Coarse National this year are also up.

I am hoping that next year we can increase the numbers of National Competitions and the amount of competitors supporting those events.

Although our account looks very healthy, we still have two National competition's to run. These are our most expensive competitions. We are also looking to review our 'perpetual trophies as these have not been reviewed or renewed for some time.

We request a grant of £1600 to allow for this to happen.

Regards

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Secretary
FSUK National Angling Section.