

Message from the Chairman

I would once again like to welcome you all to our annual stream rehabilitation competition on Lough Sheelin. This is the twelfth year of the competition. The proceeds from the competition have helped to rehabilitate over 16 miles of rivers and streams running into Lough Sheelin. You, as our competitors and supporters deserve our gratitude. Without you none of this work would have been carried out.

Since last year there have been changes to the angling regulations on the lake. The size limit for trout is now 14 inches and there is a 2 fish bag limit. The close season for all fishing has now been enshrined by the bye law. This means that by law there is no fishing of any kind between the 13th October and the 1st March. The changes have been implemented after a very long campaign. I would like to thank you as anglers and supporters who let their views be known on this issue. The LSTPA committee worked tirelessly to make sure the bye laws were introduced. I would also like to especially thank the National Anglers Representative Association (NARA) and the Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland (TAFI) for their unceasing work and support in getting the byelaws implemented. It is a great example of what a united trout angling voice can achieve. The competition this year is again being held on **Sunday 1st October**. The entry fee is **€90 per angler**. As usual there will be an array of great prizes. We believe they are the best you will get in any one day competition.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the local fishery staff for all their efforts in keeping Lough Sheelin a **Wild Trout Fishery**. We are working with the local fishery staff to develop a rolling five year development plan for the lake and we hope to be able to report on the first draft of this plan at our AGM this year. Once again I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the Midland Fishery Fund in helping with our rehabilitation work.

I would like to thank our sponsors without whose support we could not do our work. Please support them in whatever way you can.

I look forward to meeting you all on the 1st October and I hope you have an enjoyable days fishing.

Kenneth O'Keefe
Chairman.

Your Safety on the Lake is Important.

All anglers must wear a life jacket or buoyancy aid.

Anglers must also wear eye protection and a hat.

Please ensure that before you go out on the lake that you check your boat and make sure you have all the necessary items to ensure a safe days fishing. It is essential that all boats have a functioning set of oars. Ensure that the engine is working properly and that you have enough fuel for the day.

All operations of the boat should be governed by the conditions on the day. Take into account the wind and wave conditions.

Make sure that the kill cord if available is attached to your clothing if you are operating the engine.

One person at a time should change seats.

If a person falls overboard get them alongside the boat and proceed slowly towards the shore or shallow water. Be aware of the propeller and move slowly.

If you fall overboard always stay with the boat. If there is more than one person in the water you should all stay with the boat until help arrives.

Use common sense at all times to avoid danger.

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The LSTPA would like to acknowledge the help and support of all those who sponsored prizes.

Please support our sponsors in every way.

For Accommodation or boat hire contact our website
www.lstpa.ie



**LOUGH SHEELIN
TROUT PROTECTION
ASSOCIATION**



Stream Rehabilitation Competition

12th Annual one day Boat Competition
at Kilnashard Pier, Lough Sheelin, Co. Cavan.

Sunday 1st October 2017

Fishing from 11.00am to 6.00pm.

All proceeds in aid of stream enhancement and rehabilitation.

The LSTPA would like to acknowledge the assistance of the Midland Fisheries Fund and Inland Fisheries Ireland in wild trout habitat restoration work.

€9,000 in Prizes

**First Prize: 19ft Sheelin Boat
+ Paddy Sheridan Memorial Cup**

Official Entry Form

Name (please PRINT) _____

Full Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Name of boat partner _____

Cheques and postal orders made payable to the LSTPA.
No entries accepted without Name address and telephone number.

Entries to:
Éamonn Ross
Ardlougher
Ballyconnell
Co. Cavan
086 661 9834 / 049 952 6602
Please do not send cash through the post.

**Closing date for entries is
Friday 22nd September 2017.**

Entry Fee €90 per angler including Dinner in Crover House Hotel.

Competition Rules

Fly fishing only maximum 4 flies.
All prizes will be for the heaviest fish. In the event of there being a tie for weights the longer fish will be declared the winner. All lighter fish should be returned in the interest of conservation.
Competitors to arrange their own boats and engines.
Fish must measure 16 inches from tip of nose to middle of fork of tail.
All fish killed must be weighed in. 2 fish bag limit.
Any competitor found in possession of an undersized fish will have his/her entire catch disqualified.
Any competitor found trolling lures or flies will be disqualified.
No boat may fish within 100 yards of the boat in front or cut in on the drift of another boat.
Only Brown trout will weigh in.
Boats, bags, and gear may be inspected at any time.
Boats must be inside the markers by 6.00pm.
All fish must be handed in by 6.15pm.
Each competitor must hand in his/her own fish, labelled and strung, for weighing.
All competitors fish at their own risk. The organising committee and the LSTPA will not be responsible for any accident or loss.
All entrants who are not members of the LSTPA will be enrolled as members of the Club for the duration of the competition.
Any competitor found discarding litter in boats or at landing points will be disqualified.
All competitors must wear life jackets, eye protection & hat.
No fish finders allowed.
Any disputes will be referred to a disputes committee who will adjudicate following consultation with all relevant people.
The decision of the disputes committee is final. All entries are accepted subject to this condition.
All prizes must be collected on the night of the competition.
Fishing from the shore is not allowed.
All competitors must sign in before start.
In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances the committee may at its discretion hold a lottery of all paid entrants to distribute all the prizes. The committees decision in this regard will be final.
All entries are accepted on the basis that the above rules are fully accepted by the entrant.

All entries must be received by the closing date.

Competition Prizes

- 1st** Sheelin Boat + Paddy Sheridan Memorial Cup + Tackle to the value of €350
- 2nd** 6hp Engine + Boat Seat + Fly Line + Fly Reel
- 3rd** Sage Fly Rod Electric Engine + Boat Seat Life Vest + Fly Line
- 4th** Electric Engine Life Vest + Boat Seat
- 5th** Fly Rod + Fly Reel + Fly Line + Tackle Voucher
- 6th** Life Jacket/Vest + Boat Seat + Fly Line + Fishing Tackle
- 7th** Like jacket/Vest + Fly Line + Fishing Tackle
- 8th** 2 Nights BB + Boat Hire Crover House + Fishing Tackle
- 9th** Fishing Tackle to the value €150
- 10th** Fishing Tackle to the value of €100
- 11th** Fishing Tackle to the value €80
- 12th** Fishing Tackle to the value €75
- 13th** Fishing Tackle to the value of €70
- 14th** Fishing Tackle to the value €60
- 15th** Fishing Tackle to the value €50

Special Prize for best club member.
The committee reserve the right to change prizes to ones of equal value.

Anglers who have difficulty in arranging a boat should contact (after 6pm)

Thomas Lynch Secretary LSTPA
and Boat Manager
at 087 913 2033