

Youth report for 2017

Youth team Chairman's report

Each year we are asked to give a report on our various departments and each year the reports are much the same, how the training went, the weather, the behaviour of young people within the youth team.

Well the training went well, the weather gave the team enough problems to deal with, and the behaviour of the teenagers is just what we expect.

The Home International in Wales was as expected - hard work, but the team worked hard and in spite of a week of foul weather, leading to a restricted match, the young Scots dug deep to win the gold medal. Sadly, this was hardly mentioned back home, a cheer and a well done would not go amiss.

The two national heats this year could not have been more different. The first heat at the Lake of Menteith went very well with plenty of fish caught. The second heat at Carron Valley Reservoir had to be called off due to bad weather, but since everyone was already there it was decided to carry on with the match at the nearby small water fishery owned by Carron Valley Fishery. Although this was not to everyone's liking, the match went ahead and we got a result and a new team for next year.

The coaching weekends and training days do cost a lot of money but we manage to keep the cost down thanks to the generosity of our sponsors namely Forbes of Kingennie our main sponsor, Rob Roy Hotel, Lake of Menteith and Carron Valley Fishery. Donations from various clubs, fisheries and fundraisers go a long way to help keep costs down but it is all worthwhile just to see the faces of our young anglers when they get a result. Sadly

Sadly, winning gold medals does not seem to be enough because we still have critics. Positive constructive criticism is welcome, but negative unfounded comments can do a lot of harm to youths, parents and coaches who have given a lot of time, effort and money into making it a success.

A full programme of events has been arranged for next season with a few others still to be added. The Youth team relies on outside donations in many forms - can you help?

Listed below are the names of people and companies we would like to thank if I've missed you I am very sorry but we know who you are thank you all very much.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Wilkie
Chairman

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