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The Deveron, Bogie and Isla Rivers Charitable Trust

Newsletter 37, summer 2019

Welcome to the 37th newsletter of the Deveron, Bogie & Isla Rivers Charitable Trust.

The Trust's objectives are to 'conserve, protect and rehabilitate salmon, sea trout and trout and other indigenous species of animal, bird, insect and plant life and more generally to promote the ecological cycle for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Deveron'.

Sundown on the Deveron 14th Sep 2019

To commemorate the International Year of the Salmon, the Deveron, Bogie and Isla Rivers Charitable Trust is holding a dinner auction to celebrate the iconic Atlantic Salmon and raise funds for local conservation initiatives.


Sundown on the Deveron
Charity Dinner Auction - 14th September 2019
Banff Springs Hotel, Banff



Come and join us for a fun evening with the opportunity to bid on a number of exciting and exclusive auction lots comprising a number of prime fishing lots including the Macallan Estate on the river Spey, as well as lots from The Marcliffe Hotel, Ardoe House Spa, Aberdeen FC, Craft Gins (including the limited edition, River Deveron Gin Batch #1), Barbarian rugby tickets, Art, fine wines, exclusive golf lots, pheasant shooting days, roe stalking and many more! Please check **www.deveron.org** for full auction lot list or have a look at our 'at a glance' guide on the back page.

- Drinks reception (18:30)
 - Two course meal
 - Charitable auction
- £25 (inc vat) per ticket; £200 (inc vat) per table of eight
Dress code: smart casual
Tickets/Tables available. Contact 01466 711 388 or office@deveron.org

The evening is sponsored by BOWLTS Chartered Surveyors.

Family Fly Fishing day

In May we teamed up with Loop Tackle to hold an introduction to fly fishing session at Artloch Fishery. With the guidance and tuition of David Mateer, Matthew Will and Neil Scowen, 30 people, including 16 youngsters, had a chance to learn how to cast and then spend some time fishing. A number of fish were landed over the day to the delight of all the new anglers. We'll be looking to arrange more sessions next year!

LOOP
TACKLE DESIGN



Markie Water - Habitat Restoration

BEFORE WORKS



The Trust recently completed a habitat restoration project in collaboration with Edinglassie Estate on the Markie Water (Upper Deveron). A section of the Markie Water bankside had become badly eroded, which resulted in this section of the river channel becoming silted, unnaturally wide and shallow. During July, the Trust installed a section of 'green bank' engineering, using large woody debris to protect the bank from further erosion and improve the river habitat. This technique replicates what would happen naturally when undermined trees end up in the channel. Large trees were installed securely and pinned along the foot of the eroding section of bank. The tree branches (pictured) were left attached to the trunks and will slow the flow, further reducing erosion as a result. The installation of large woody debris will improve instream habitat for fish and invertebrates by providing shelter from predators and shade from ever increasing summer temperatures. This project was funded by the The Agri-Environment Climate Scheme (AECS).

AFTER WORKS



Pink Salmon capture 2019

A Pacific pink salmon (pictured) was recently caught on the lower Deveron (Wrack). If you catch one, please remove it from the river and record:

- Date of capture or sighting
- Location of capture (grid reference if possible) and details of the site
- Method of capture
- Sex of fish

Please then report to Deveron fisheries office on **01466 711 388** or office@deveron.org

Please also be vigilant for any early or unusual spawning activity – particularly during August and September, when any pink salmon present are likely to be active in spawning areas – shallow, gravelly glides and runs.

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Scottish Invasive Species Initiative – update

We've finally reached the end of hogweed control season for another year and, despite the mixed weather, with the help of the beat proprietors, farmers, contractors, land managers, ghillies and volunteers, we again achieved good control coverage across our entire district (1496 km²) – thanks to everyone who has helped out. We also developed a brand new landowner partnership along the Rosy Burn to collaboratively control the hogweed and have set up a new control site using sheep at Kirkside Farm (Macduff), which with the help of Aberdeen University, we'll continue to monitor going forward.

We have also been very active with education and outreach over the past few months, spending two days with Cairnie School, and further days with Fyvie School and Bracoden School, working with all of the children in each school. There have also been multiple other talks and outreach events with Deveron Projects' Slow Marathon,

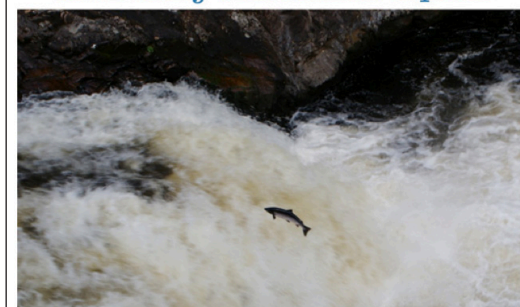


Volunteer Matthew Will tackling a flowering Giant Hogweed

Gardenstown Community Hub, Rhynie Sheltered Housing, Wild about Aden and Macduff Aquarium. We also held an invasive species training course as part of the Scottish Countryside Rangers Alliance 2019 training programme.

Our attention turns to American mink now and so if anyone would like to help monitor a mink raft please get in touch!

Swimming Upstream an evening with salmon experts



Macduff Marine Aquarium
September 26th - 6:30-9:30 pm

- Explore Scotland's salmon: past, present and future.
- learn about the rich history of Scottish salmon fishing,
 - hear about current conservation practices,
 - watch exciting salmon footage
 - and ask your own questions

Tickets: £7.50 adults | £4.40 under 15s

Email macduff.aquarium@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
or call 01261 833369 to buy tickets

Hosted by Macduff Marine Aquarium with speakers from:
the Deveron, Bogie & Isla Rivers Charitable Trust, the Portsoy Salmon Bothy and the Ness District Salmon Fishery Board



Lots to auction - at a glance

Below we list most of the Lots available to bid for online or at the forthcoming Buffet and Fundraiser at The Banff Springs Hotel on Saturday 14th September. It will be great to see you all there but if you can't make it and would like to place a bid please call the Trust on 01466 711388 or email office@deveron.org.

Lot	Donor	Description	Guide	Lot details
1	Mr Robert Shields DL	Barbarians vs Fiji - Twickenham	£160	A truly special rugby match. Four tickets 16th November
2	Mr A Tennant (late)	Salmon fishing at Forglen	£1200	One week's fishing for 3 rods w/c 29/06/20
3	Ardoe House Hotel	Spa day	£60	A full day use of facilities for two people
4	Mr Robert Stephen	Celebrations of Turiff lunch	£80	Lunch for 6 in award-winning restaurant
5	Mr Robert Shields DL	Derby football hospitality day	£600	Courtesy Longcliffe Quarries. Box for four people
6	Mr Nigel Hills	Taxidermy piece	£130	Glass-cased peregrine falcon tailing a wood pigeon
7	Mr Robert Shields DL	Case of choice malt whisky	£400	Six bottles 10 year-old Macduff distillery Longcliffe whisky
8	Mr Robert Shields DL Sir Andrew Walker Okeover Bt.	A truly special pheasant shoot at Okeover, Derbyshire	£3000	A day's driven pheasant shoot for 2 guns - expected bag of 250 birds. Saturday 11th January 2020. Includes dinner and overnight accommodation at Parwich Hall
9	Mr Robert Shields DL Zac Levenick	Fishing experience The Beresford Fishery	£300	Two day's fishing on an iconic beat of the Dove known by 'Compleat Anglers' worldwide. Two night's accommodation in Hartington.
10	Mr Malcolm Hay	Shooting on Deveronside	£750	A day's rough shooting at Edinglassie for three guns
11	Mr Torquil Gordon-Duff	Deer stalking, Drummur	£130	Roe buck stalk on the Drummur estate
12	Ms Sarah Cruickshank	Salmon fishing on the Deveron	£200	Two rods at Camousie, Ardmiddle and Upper Netherdale
13	Mr William Foster	Salmon fishing on the Dee	£300	Two rods for two days on Park North or South
14	Mr Iain Ogden	Book	£25	Great Salmon Pools of the Dee and Spey
15	Inverhouse	Knockdhu Distillery VIP visit	£250	VIP afternoon for two guests at the Knockdhu Distillery
16	Ms Mary Burnett Stuart	Salmon fishing on the Deveron	£300	Two rods for 6 days on Boat of Turtory and Ardmeallie
17	Mr Gordon Morison	Golf and lunch - Oldmeldrum House	£200	A round of golf with buggy and lunch for 3 people
18	Mr Gordon Morison	Dried hardwood	£150	One load of firewood - delivered within 20 miles of Turiff
19	Mr Stewart Spence	Marcliffe Hotel and Spa	£150	One night's accommodation with breakfast for two people
20	Fife Arms Hotel	Scotland's 'hottest' hotel, Braemar	£550	One night's dinner, bed and breakfast for two
21	Aberdeen FC	A bottle of Don's Dram	£100	AFC Don's Dram whisky signed by any player
22	Edrington	Macallan Estate experience	£650	A day of fishing on the Macallan estate for 4 rods plus a tour of the distillery and lunch for four.
23	Mr Rory Cooper and Mr Allan Liddle	Marnoch Trout Fishing	£80	One day guided trout fishing for two rods
24	Mr Sam Macdonald	Brown Trout piece	£400	Fish art beautifully formed out of pewter
25	Earl of Shrewsbury & Talbot DL	House of Lords	£300	Lunch or dinner for two in the House of Lords
26	Pernod Ricard	18 y/o Chivas Regal whisky	£120	Pininfarina Limited edition bottle
27	Pernod Ricard	Chivas Blending experience	£220	For four guests at Strathisla Distillery, Keith
28	Mr Robert McConnell	Château Puygueraud	£50	Magnum bottle
29	Mr Ian Sharp	Trout fishing - Loch Park	£50	Guided trout fishing for one rod from a boat
30	Deveron supporters	Fly Collection	£250	Unique collection of flies tied by 38 fly-tying experts
31	Mr Alan Twatt and Mr Andrew Morison	Roe Stalking	£130	Morning or evening stalk at Balmaud farm, Aberdeenshire

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