

Saturday 18th July 2009

Workshops

10.00 am – 2.00pm at the Butler Pool

Spey Casting with Glenda Powell

Spey Casting has become increasingly popular in the last few years, particularly with the availability of truly lightweight dedicated spey casting rods from the major manufacturers. Glenda will be demonstrating the essential skills required for both single and double handed casting. (session €10)

11.00am – 2.00pm TechAmergin and the Cill Rialaig Centre

Fish Cookery with Ivor O'Connor

Participants will learn about the proper preparation of fish, filleting, home curing and smoking and inovative and delicious ways to prepare your catch. How to choose the most suitable wines to go with your dish. (session €10)

10.00am – 1.00pm Tech Amergin

Flytying for Seatrout

This three hour session will introduce participants to the essential patterns used in Lake Fishing for Seatrout. (seesion €10)

2.00pm – 4.00pm Tech Amergin

Flytying for Salmon

An introduction to the distictive tying of Irish Salmon Flies.

7.00pm Foyer Tech Amergin

Official Opening of the Festival and Exhibition

Dr Ed Fahy will formally open the Festival and an Exhibition of Paintings and Photographs by some of Ireland's top Artists. and describe the Unique nature of the Seatrout in the Waterville System.

8.30pm The Auditorium Tech Amergin (admission €15 / €10)

Concert

An evening of song, poetry and readings with poet Paddy Bushe, well-known local traditional musicians, Ardú and nationally acclaimed musicians, Garry Walsh, Christy Leahy and Donncha Moynihan.

Sunday 19th July 2009

Workshops

10.00 – 12.00 Assembling Tech Amergin then on to Lough Currane

Boat Fishing for Seatrout with Neil O'Shea

An introduction to boat fishing on Lough Currane, with tuition on safety afloat, basic boat handling and essential fly fishing methods from a drifting boat. (session €10)

10-00 am – 12.00am Assembling Tech Amergin then to the Butler Pool

Single Handed Fly Casting with Glenda Powell

Glenda will be talking about the importance of selecting the correct fly rods and lines and then will demonstrate and tutor the casting techniques which enable longer casts with heavier flies (session €10)

12.00- 12.45

Illustrated Talk by Dr Edward Fahy

Edward Fahy is a biologist who worked with An Foras Forbartha and various local authorities on environmental matters and on the management of freshwater and marine fisheries for government departments and latterly, the Marine Institute. Currently, he is a journalist writing on biological and resources issues. He will be talking about his research into:

'The European Seabass'

1.00pm – 1-30pm

Illustrated Talk by Dr Paddy Gargan

Paddy Gargan has been working as a biologist with the Central Fisheries Board for the past 20 years, having previously managed the Gowla and Inver Sea Trout Fisheries in Connemara and latterly the Galway salmon fishery. He is now the Senior Research Officer for the Central Fisheries Board and a member of the Standing Scientific Committee of the Salmon Commission. He is also a keen salmon and trout angler. Paddy will introduce:

' The Celtic Sea Trout Project'

1;30 – 2:00

Illustrated Talk by John Murphy

John Murphy has been the manager of the Waterville Fisheries Development Group for the last seven years ----

'The Management of the Waterville Fisheries- A view from the front line'

2.30 – 3.30pm

A visit to the Hatchery guided by John Murphy

(Contributions toward the upkeep of this wonderful asset will be welcomed)

3.30

A guided walk around the upper lakes

