

North & East Yorkshire Branch



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Great Yorkshire Show, 12-14th July 2011, S & T A Stand Newsletter

In spite of some pre-show rain and some short heavy showers during the three days the ground was good and attendance was well up on last year at 135,086 only 25 people short of the 2006 record.

Overall our gross takings, well over the £1,000 mark plus prize sponsorship etc hit a new high, which after expenses and costs will see a significant contribution for Regional funds. Again "Fly-fishers Flog It" was well supported thanks to the generosity of members who raked through their tackle bags and lofts and brought along items to sell, several donating all of the proceeds. Anybody wishing to have their unsold tackle returned and not rolled over into the next sale should get in touch with me. If you sold anything at the Show your cheque is enclosed. Tuition income was good and we managed to fit in over 120 sessions, exact numbers are not available as not all sessions were recorded after the normal close time. Thanks to our professional casting instructors, David Henderson, Graham Stephenson and especially Jeff Metcalfe and the training volunteers for their unstinting efforts. Sheelagh Ellison was, as ever, a tireless helper and was there for set-up and for all three days of the show, as was Robert Craig and Barry Hutchinson with his brilliant fly-tying.

Our competition "Where was the Yorkshire Trout Caught" did well with a sterling performance from our new non-fishing volunteer, Jack Tye, on the Thursday helped keep the numbers up!

Prizewinners this year are **Mr Tim Coy** of Holmfirth who correctly guessed the spot where the trout was caught on the River Ure and **Mr Reece Williams** of Monk Bretton won the Tackle Prize in the "Fly in the Hoop" Prize Draw. Congratulations to both of them and thanks to Hooks & Tackle of York for assisting with the tackle prize and the Yorkshire Agricultural Society for their generous sponsorship.

Barry Grantham who though not in the region is always a willing volunteer and helps with the security and assisting on the stand with the second hand tackle etc. Roger Beck as ever did an excellent job with his demonstrations, apparently his final appearance! **NB** *I shall also be unable to run the S & T A stand next year, I think after over 20yrs some new blood is needed anyway, so a volunteer is necessary for 2012, please contact me as soon as possible.*

More improvements to video arrangement (thanks to our helpful joiner Jeff Smith) allowed us to show some excellent local video footage thanks to the generosity of Oliver Edwards and Mark Gardner his Director/Producer.

My usual final plea, any suggestions, ideas, comments and criticisms are always welcome so please get in touch if you wish to be involved or have ideas.

Finally many thanks to all who helped and supported this event, now and in the past, it is very much appreciated and without all your efforts we would not be at the Great Yorkshire Show.

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