

LARGE TROUT FOR 2006

Phillippe		10 lbs 02 oz
Rene Parklaan	Belgium	8.00 lbs
Jean F. Cascio	Corsica	6lb
Colin Folan	Ireland	4 lbs 02 oz
Steve Sherlock	England	3 lbs 08 oz
Gerd Buckert	Germany	3 lbs 08 oz
Tapio Rantanen	Finland	3 lbs 05 oz
M Canney	Ireland	3 lbs 04 oz
Manfred Paetzke	Germany	3 lbs 02 oz
Tapio Rantanen	Finland	3 lbs 01 oz.

LARGE PIKE 2006

Canney,	Portarra Lodge	113 cm
M. Canney	“ “	112.cm
Bart Bullinga	Holland	110 cm
Ron Lawlor	U.S.A.	110 cm
Paul Malpaard	Holland	109 cm
Martin Valk	Holland	109 cm
Jeffrey Herbert	England	107 cm
Jeffrey Herbert	England	105 cm
Mr. Martin	France	105 cm
Jeffrey Herbert	England	104 cm
Jeffrey Herbert	England	104 cm
Ron Lawlor	U.S.A.	104 cm
Sam Hewitt	Nth Ireland	104 cm
Paul Malpaard	Holland	103 cm
Joan Kalff	Holland	103 cm
H. Van der Kaap	Holland	103 cm
Robert Storey	Nth Ireland	102 cm
M Canney P	ortarra Lodge	102 cm
Robert Storey	Nth Ireland	101 cm
Fred Genot	France	100 cm
M Canney	Portarra Lodge	100 cm
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Jeffrey Herbert	England	99 cm
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Jeffrey Herbert	England	98 cm
M Canney	Portarra Lodge	98 cm
Bjorn Wiene	Germany	98 cm
Bjorn Wiene	Germany	98 cm
M Canney	Portarra Lodge	98 cm
Ben Genot	France	97 cm
M Canney	Portarra Lodge	97 cm
Bjorn Wiene	Germany	97 cm
Roger Derwael	Belgium	97 cm
Josef Burcksen	Holland	97 cm
Frans De Smit	Holland	97 cm
M Canney	Portarra Lodge	96 cm
Lorraine Storey	Nth Ireland	96 cm
Mr. Paladini	Italy	96 cm
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Jack Mc Gee	U.S.A.	95 cm
Ron Lawlor	U.S.A.	95 cm
Lorraine Storey	Nth Ireland	95 cm
M Canney	Portarra Lodge	95 cm
Phil Bellhouse	England	95 cm
Gerry Aiston	England	95 cm
Bjorn Wiene	Germany	94 cm
Rene Parklaan	Belgium	94 cm
Gos Burcksen	Holland	94 cm
Mr. Paladinin	Italy	94 cm
Sam Hewitt	Nth Ireland	94 cm
M Canney	Portarra Lodge	94 cm
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Fred Genot	France	94 cm
Lorraine Storey	Nth Ireland	93 cm
Bobby Keane (9 yrs)	Irl.	92 cm
Robert Storey	Nth Irl.	92 cm
Bjorn Wiene	Germany	92 cm
Bjorn Wiene	Germany	91 cm
Jeffrey Herbert	England	91 cm
Ben Genot	France	91 cm
Erik Cascio	Corsica	90 cm
Bjorn Wiene	Germany	90 cm
M Canney	Portarra Lodge	90 cm
Erik van Ardle	Belgium	90 cm
Arant Tesbner	Belgium	90 cm
Paul Malpaard	Holland	90 cm
Ben Genot	France	90 cm
Reuben Hewitt	Nth. Irl.	89.5 cm
Jack Mc Gee	U.S.A.	89 cm
Jeffrey Herbert	England	89 cm
Ben Genot	France	89 cm
Joseph Chambers	Irl.	89 cm
John Weir	Ireland	88 cm
Bart Bullinga	Holland	88 cm
Lorraine Storey	Nth Irl.	88 cm
M Canney	Portarra Lodge	88 cm
Corrie Zootjens	Holland	88 cm
Mr Paladini	Italy	88 cm
Alan Murtagh	Ireland	88 cm
M Canney	Portarra Lodge.	87 cm
Roger Derwael	Belgium	87 cm
Paul Malpaard	Holland	87 cm
Tim van der Kaap	Holland	87 cm
Tom Brown	U.S.A.	87 cm
Jack Mc Gee	U.S.A.	87 cm
Ron Lawlor	U.S.A.	87 cm
Jeffrey Herbert	England	87 cm
Monaghan **	Irl.	87 cm
Jean F. Cascio	Corsica	87 cm
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Jeffrey Herbert	England	86 cm
Mr Paladini	Italy	86 cm
Ken Derwael	Belgium	86 cm
Tim van der Kaap	Holland	85 cm
Robert Storey	Nth Irl	85 cm
Yan Zijderlaan	Holland	85 cm
Tom Brown	U.S.A.	85 cm
Jeffrey Herbert	England	85 cm
Johnny Derwael	Belgium	85 cm
Josef Burcksen	Holland	85 cm
Gos Burcksen	Holland	85 cm
Tim van der Kaap	Holland	85 cm

1ST TROUT ON CORRIB

Jan Wennstrom	Finland
Josef Burcksen	Holland
William Sherlock	England
Jean F. Cascio	Corsica
Jim Moon	England
Teresa Duckett	U.S.A.
Simon Duckett	U.S.A.
Lorraine Storey	Nth Irl.
Robinson	
Vera Stefanovica	Latvia
Len Dunne	England
Rene Parklaan	Belgium
Phillippe	Holland
Tapio Rantanen	Finland.

78 Pike In Seven Days.

Our two Belgian anglers, Roger Derwael & Erik van Aerde, were back again in Portarra Lodge in April. Per usual they fished Ross & Ballyquirke lakes were I made a boat and engine available for them. They compete against one another and this year Roger reversed the result of 2005. I will not say what the winning margin was this year, except to say that it was greater than last year. For their seven days fishing the boated 78 pike with Roger recording the biggest one at 97 cm.

Pike Numbers Up Again.

Even though the angling effort was down on last year I can report that the pike catch was up again for the second year running. With a total catch of 575 pike we were just 11 fish short of the record set in 2003. The number of “double figure” (85 cm +) pike at 102 is just 4 fish short of last year's record of 106.

MARTINE & FRIENDS



Rene with trout of 63 cm

Rules when broken when in early Spring we opened for a weekend for our very close friend Martine Leysen and her fishing friends from Belgium. Weather was calm and fishing was not good as a result. However, some nice fish were caught - Rene Parklaan caught a pike of 94 cm, perch of 39 cm and a trout of 63 cm. Arant Teubner had a pike of 90 cm. All the fish caught by the group were returned back into the lake.

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PORTARRA LODGE NEWSLETTER 2006.

Portarra Lodge 10 years old

2006 was the 10th birthday of Portarra Lodge Accommodation & Angling Centre. Back on the 8th June 1996 we had our 1st visitors to the Lodge – a group of 6 Swiss anglers who came for both trout & pike angling. In our first year also Bjorn Wiene from Weisbaden, Germany, made his 1st visit to the Lodge and is a regular ever since. Actually for the 1st four years we were open Bjorn came fishing on no less than 10 occasions and waited until 2006 before he caught his 1st Salmon on Corrib. Peter Muessle & his party, from Germany also visit the Lodge on an annual basis since 1997– see the 2004 & 2005 newsletters with Peter & his crew having a Bar.Be.Que with a full lamb. Next year, in the 3rd week in May, we plan to make the Bar-Be-Que even better by including Traditional Irish Music. In 1997 I

started keeping a record of all fish caught by guests at the Lodge and here are some of the results:-
 May 1997 – total number of Trout caught 47. May 2003 the number increased to 319.
 September 1997 – number of Pike caught 23. September 2003 the number was 329.
 This past year the trout number in May was down to 84 mainly due to the cold weather conditions and the pike in September fell to 190 due to reduced angling effort.
 During the 10 years both my wife Maire and I have met people from all over the world with some of them becoming very close friends. We wish to thank you all for your visits and support in making Portarra Lodge into the success it is today. We were



Bjorn with his 1st Salmon

very proud indeed to win the Provincial Tourism Award in 2004 as number one in the “Farmhouse and Country Houses Holiday Category”. As they say in Gaelic (Irish) “ Go mbeirimid beo ar an am seo aris” - “ That we all may be alive this time next year.”.

PAUL MAKES THE METER

It was our pleasure once again this year to have Bart Bullinga, Alkmaar, Holland, back at Portarra Lodge. I am glad to say that Bart is getting better and by 2007 I think he will be almost back to 100%. Bart was accompanied by his very close friend Paul Malpaard and this year the women let the lads off on their own knowing full well that we would look after them here at Portarra Lodge.



Paul with pike of 109 cm

Although they came pike fishing in June, not a very good time for Exos Lucius, they managed to record some very good fish. On day 2 Bart was 1st to strike a big one at 110 cm and Paul had one at 90 cm. I personally would have preferred it the other way around as Paul was in search of his 1st meter fish. However two days later Paul's dream was realised on two occasions with pike of 103 cm & 109 cm. The smile of pleasure and excitement on Paul's face said it all. For their 5 days fishing they boated 18 pike with 6 of them in the “double figures”.

JEFFREY HERBERT STILL AFTER THE 20 POUND PIKE

My good friend Jeffrey Herbert (The Prof.) is still in chase of the pike of 20 lbs. On his trip this year he gave it his best shot and together, Jeff and I, we boated 84 pike – 26 of which were in the “double figures”. Although recording a personal best on two occasions with pike of 18.75 lbs and 19.00 lbs Jeff is still waiting for the 20 pounder. You will notice later in the newsletter that I have featured quiet often in the list of large pike for 2006. This is due to the fact that I was Jeffrey's guide for most of his extended visit this year.



The “Prof” with 19 lb pike.

The Canney Family wish you all Peace, Health & Happiness in 2007 when we hope to see you again.

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TROUT CATCH POOR IN 2006.

Early trout fishing here at Portarra Lodge was badly hampered with the very cold Spring. Fishing the "Wet-Fly" during the Duck Fly & Olive periods did not yield the catches of other years. The hatches of fly were not consistent enough to keep the trout near the surface. The pattern persisted on through the May Fly and many anglers were somewhat disappointed. However "Maggot Fishing" (ie. fishing Buzzers while using drogues or anchors), proved to be more rewarding than the traditional Wet Fly fishing. Here at Portarra Lodge we do not condone the

use of Drogues or Anchors as it is not a very sporting method of angling. Should the angling authorities be serious about conserving the indigenous wild brown trout stocks in the Great Western Lakes they should take immediate steps to ban the use of such Drogues & Anchors. The Great Western Lakes are not "put & take" fisheries and should be treated accordingly by banning this "greedy" angling practise.



Ennis Angling Club VIPs Phillip Comber and John Weir

Brendan Madden R.I.P.

The 10th November 2006 marked the sudden death of a man who really loved Lough Corrib and would stop at nothing to preserve it not only for ourselves, but for our children's children. Brendan, at the ripe age of 74, lived life to the full and living in Carramoreknock, Roscahill, was literally looking out on Lough Corrib. He was a founder member of Collinamuck Angling Club



Brendan & Maire Canney

which was initially formed to combat Gill Netting on Lough Corrib by the local fishing authority – the then Inland Fisheries Trust, later to be replaced by the Western Regional Fishery Board. The Authorities argued that the Gill Nets were there to remove Pike, but Brendan would say that those nets killed all species (except eels) and that there were no nets manufactured or designed to kill Pike only. His courage to tell the truth and condemn the supervised neglect of our great lakes often got him into "hot water" and on one occasion resulted in him being expelled from The Lough Corrib Angling Federation.. Having known and befriended Brendan for some 15 years I found him to be very well read with a fantastic knowledge of history in general. He believed in free speech and would say that "silent meeting" were dangerous. He was very often critical of anglers and angling bodies for their silence on matters that adversely affected his beloved Lough Corrib. He honestly believed that when politics entered the angling arena that it was the lake and the fish that suffered. On many occasions he would quote Voltaire – that great 18th Century French author – who is famous for his saying - "I may not agree with what he says, but I will fight to the death his right to say it." Brendan has now moved on to Fiddler's Green (where fishermen go when they don't go to Hell) where he will join up with his former fishing relations, cousin Gerry and uncle Jimmy – two people he so often mentioned and were always close to his heart. If I was asked to describe Brendan in a "one liner", it would be "OH CORRIB HOW I LOVE THEE" Brendan is survived by his wife Olga and daughters Grace, Joan, Abbey and their families.

First Corsican Visitors

The second week in September saw the arrival of our 1st ever guests from the Island of Corsica. An angling trip to Portarra Lodge was a 40th Birthday present for Jean Franck Cascio from his family in Corsica. Jean F. was accompanied by his brother Erik. First day out on the lake and the "birthday boy" on his very 1st cast caught a beautiful brown trout of 6 lbs. Erik was also in form and landed a nice Corrib pike of 15 lbs. The two men really enjoyed themselves and will be back again. They were very interested in how the fishing is managed in Ireland as there is nice trout fishing also near where they live in Corsica. On their very kind invitation I visited the Cascio family at their Holiday Complex at Sagone in Corsica. I travelled there during the first two weeks of October and the weather was just right at 23 to 28 degrees. The water was very low in the rivers and the trout fishing was closed. I hope to travel there again next year when the water level rises and try my luck with Corsican Wild Trout. The Complex is situated in the Mid-Western Region of the island – 1.5 km from the coast and the town of Sagone. It is very well laid out and there are very many activities to suit all ages. You can visit their Web Site at www.camping-sagone.com



Cascio brothers with 6lb trout

JUVENILE COMPETITION

This year the new local Carramoreknock Angling Club held its 1st competition for juvenile anglers.

The competition was cancelled on two occasions on account of inclement weather and it was third time lucky on August 27th. In all 12 young anglers of both sexes took to the water and with the help of Club members they were treated to a day's fishing on Corrib. All the young

participants caught fish and with the wonderful array of prizes, very kindly sponsored by Gowan & Bradshaw, everyone was a winner. Some large pike were caught and once they were weighted and photos taken were released back into the lake. The planned Bar-Be-Que after the competition was cancelled due to the wet evening. Pressure is on already for more such competitions next year.



Alan Murtagh & Joseph Chambers

Pike Records Broken 3 Times on Same Day

The Belgian family of Frans Quick, Inga and son Ewout has held the record for the greatest number of pike caught by one boat in a day's fishing. The record was set in 2003 with a catch of 23 pike. On 23rd October this year that record of three years was broken twice. Bjorn Weinen, Weisbaden, Germany and Gary Aiston, West Yorkshire, England had a catch of 27 pike, while Phil Bellhouse, from the same area of England as Gary, and myself beat them by one with a catch of 28 pike.

The grand total by the four anglers of 55 pike in one day also beat the old record of 42 set back in September of 2003 also.



Bjorn, Gary, Michael and Phil

Airline Fees On Rod Cases

Due to the recent practise introduced by some airlines in charging extra for rod cases I have a good selection of fly rods, spinning & dead bait rods available at the Lodge. The rods are free of charge to repeat customers. Even though I have reels also I would suggest that anglers bring their own where possible. To ensure that there is one here for you I would suggest that anyone wishing to avail of rods etc should say so when making a reservation.

Trout Hatchery

For the last 21 years the Oughterard and surrounding area have given up their spare time to prepare the Angler's Trout Hatchery at Oughterard and then proceed to lay the net twice daily at 7.00 am & 3.00 pm, and continue this process until the required number of trout are captured to fill the trays at the Hatchery. Alas this year, due to adverse weather conditions, the net was a little late going down and we had to make do with a reduced number of brood hen fish. None the less the stripping has been carried out successfully and there are about 350,000 eggs in the trays. With little or no egg loss after two weeks in the Hatchery, and all going well, there should be something in excess of 300,000 fry to be released into the Corrib system in 2007. I will take this opportunity to thank all the anglers who bought Share Certificates (Voluntary Permits) as the money so collected greatly assists the wonderful work at the Trout Hatchery.



"Liath" (gaelic for grey) with filly foal "Lana"