

PRESS RELEASE

Recreational Angling Ireland (RAI) sponsored and hosted a Training Day last Saturday (21/4/07) at Gulladoo Lake, Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim. Twenty four beginners in the sport of Angling attended and received **Free** instruction, given by RAI approved instructors.

RAI is a non profit making, voluntary organisation financed by the Central and Regional Fisheries Boards and the Irish Sports Council. As part of its programme, RAI organises Angling Tuition throughout the thirty-two counties of Ireland and covers all types of fishing.

The structured 'Programme for Beginners' included a talk by David Browne on Safety, the importance of Angling in Ireland and the Country Code. This was followed by instruction by local expert, Tony East, on rod and tackle assembly, appropriate for the local area.

Fishing, with individual tuition, produced pike, roach, bream and hybrids. All fishing was carried out on a 'Catch and Release' basis. Carmel Mc Govern caught the largest fish, a pike of eight pounds.

Each participant received an RAI cap, personalised Certificate and a 'Goodie Bag', (mostly rods or reels) at the conclusion. David Browne (RAI director and Project Manager) thanked Mrs. Mc Glynn the local co-ordinator, Ann and Frank Mc Govern of Greenville House and Fishing Tackle who subsidised the fishing prizes, Seamus Mc Govern, - Ann Reilly the local nurse and Tony East, Bob Swift and Seamus Mc Govern who gave the shoreline instruction. The Northern Fisheries Board was represented by Ted Sweeney and local Councillor Paddy O'Rourke also attended.

Further dates in the area are:

Lough Bo (near Balinafad) on 19/4/07 for rainbow trout fishing

Donamon (near Castlecoote) on 26/5/07 for coarse fishing

Dunmorán Strand (near Ballysodare) on 2/6/07 for sea fishing

Contact David Browne 087 9249346 for application forms. All Training Days are **FREE**.

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D.W. Browne (Project Manager)