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2013 National Rivers’ Fly Fishing Championship 14th July

What a day! Temperatures of over 30 degrees and the National River’s Fly Fishing Championships were being staged on the top of Dartmoor. Thirty two of the country’s top river anglers accompanied by 32 volunteer adjudicators, who would see fair play, were on the upper reaches of the River Dart around The Two Bridges Hotel at Princetown.

Armed with copious amounts of water and sunblock these hardy people set out to decide the winner of this year’s event, the top five anglers on the day would represent England in next year’s International against Scotland, Ireland and Wales and could go on to represent England in the European and World Championships.

The anglers were met at the lunch time break by volunteers who supplied extra water and collected the score cards for the 2 morning sessions and because half of the scores were already in the computer the actual final result was calculated as the last angler handed his score cards in. The scoring in this event is quite complicated with points being awarded for each fish caught and returned safely to the water. The idea is to win the four sessions that the day is divided into and believe me that is not easily achieved. Terry Phillips from the Northern Federation managed to do it catching 35 fish in his 4 sessions and becoming National Champion. Terry caught his fish using 2 small sedge imitations on the surface.

The event was sponsored by Snowbee UK Ltd from Plymouth whose support for the work we do in this region has been amazing. Russell Weston and Simon Kidd from Snowbee UK have supported the Peninsula Federation since day one and our thanks go to them.

The top five anglers plus the official reserve were:

1st Place: Terry Phillips from Lancashire Northern Federation
2nd Place: Andy Cliffe from West Yorkshire Peninsula Federation
3rd Place: Robert Brown from Yorkshire Southern Federation
4th Place: Simon Robinson from Newcastle Upon Tyne Northern Federation
5th Place: John Tyzack from Greater Manchester Peninsula Federation
Reserve: Lee Bartlett from Cornwall Peninsula Federation

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Attached picture left to right: Clive Collier Chairman Team England Fly Fishing, Terry Phillips 2013 National Rivers Champion, Russell Weston Snowbee UK Ltd Managing Director

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