

Fishing – James beats pain barrier to land big win

James Ogilvie (pictured) won the first pre-season match organised by Bass Rock Shore Angling League, the pensioner landing three flounder fish for 66cms to take first place in the measure and return match at Seacliff Beach near North Berwick.

His achievement was all the more remarkable as the retired painter dislocated his left shoulder in a fall only five days previously and he is in a wheelchair having lost his left leg.

The 66-year-old admitted that his body suffered a few hours later after his pain killers wore off.

And the pain was still acute for the Haddington-based angler the next morning but he was buoyed by the success.

James used mackerel bait on a three-hook flapper on an outside peg on the picture-postcard beach and he admitted it was a boost ahead of the new Winter League season which starts soon.

The club are always looking for new members and fish throughout the winter at various venues in East Lothian. See the Bass Rock Shore Angling League Facebook page.

Meanwhile, just used the new SlickCast line supplied by Rio Products for the first time.

It was the RIO Perception Elite model (WF5) with SlickCast coating and it casts like a dream. It is also claimed to be the most durable line on the market.

Lift off the water, easy back, smooth acceleration forward to a stop and zing, out it goes. So, with no real effort, I have added yards to my casting.

Rio Products brand manager Simon Gawesworth said low friction makes it easier to shoot line, resulting in longer casts, easier distance and feeding of slack into extended drag-free drifts.