

# Davies beats the clock to claim heat win

**Greig Davies celebrated winning the first heat of this year's Kingdom Fly Championships, but he achieved his goal by edging a rival by minutes.**

Davies, a previous winner of the coveted title, landed his first trout at Ballo Reservoir near Leslie on Sunday at 9.34am.

Jason Walls landed his first at 10am and time became critical as both anglers weighed in 24lb 4oz of fish. Third was Paul Cushnie with 21lb 2oz and all three received Snowbee vouchers.

Organiser Scott Mudie said there are still a few spaces for the second and final heat at Eden Springs on Sunday, August 4, and any anglers from the first heat can also enter for a practice and would also be eligible for prizes on the day.

The final is at Eden Springs on Saturday, September 28 and other sponsors of the popular event are Flybox.co.uk, Fly Fishing Giveaways, Allt Fishing and Waldos Troot Flees.

Moving to sea fishing, and more than 40 anglers fished the East Fife Open, with boundaries from Elie Harbour to St Andrews, but only 15 weighed in after the five-hour match.

Organiser Mike Horn said a big swell all along the Fife coast made it a real struggle for all the anglers. Best bait on the day was peeler crab.

Denis Thompson from Whitby won with four fish for 6lb 5oz and he took home an Anyfish Anywhere rod and £210.

Kirkcaldy angler, Chris Horn, a Scottish international, landed two fish for 5lb 15oz and Gordon McKay from Cellardyke also hooked into two fish but for only 5lb 7oz.

Arbroath-based Stewart Falconer caught the heaviest fish, a cod of 3lb 6oz.

PICTURE: Kingdom top three (left to right): Greig Davies, Jason Walls and Paul Cushnie at Ballo. Contributed by **Scott Mudie**