

## PRESS RELEASE

### GRAYLING COMP. – SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2008

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 20 hardy fly anglers gathered to fish the superb Maelor beats of the River Dee for the Severn Trent Rivers Championship. Places for the English National Rivers Final were also up for grabs.

Despite the river being 2 feet above normal level the grayling fed avidly. On the day a total of 159 grayling, the largest 44 cm, were caught and carefully returned.

The top 3 anglers employed contrasting tactics to great effect. Winner Martin Dixon targeted areas well away from other anglers and fished small bugs close in on a tight line. The ever consistent Dave Critchlow from Stoke was second with a team of small bugs fished on a longer line swung into bankside lies. Young gun Phil Dixon came third with his aggressive style of deep (scary!) wading and Czech nymphing using a very heavy controller fly to get his lighter, smaller fishing flies down to the fish.

Special mention must be made of Shrewsbury's Paul Hopwood. Paul was a late entrant who had never even walked the beats used. He came 4<sup>th</sup> catching 16 grayling.

Winner Martin Dixon said after the event "the real winner today was the River Dee - fantastic fishing!".

#### Final Results – Top 10 placings:-

1. Martin Dixon	29 fish	2 place points
2. Dave Critchlow	11	4
3. Phil Dixon	18	5
4. Paul Hopwood	16	5
5. Tim Burn	11	6
6. Graham Willis	8	6
7. Mark Macleod	8	6
8. Gary Owen	14	8
9. Mike Dixon	7	8
10. Gary Hedges	8	11

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**Group 1 Results**

**UPPER BEAT AM**

**LOWER BEAT PM**

ANGLER	FISH CAUGHT	FISH POINTS	PLACE POINTS	FISH CAUGHT	FISH POINTS	PLACE POINTS	TOTAL OF PLACE POINTS
Clive Chatwin	0	0	10	4	174	7	17
M Manson	1	51	7	3	132	8	15
Philip Price	0	0	10	7	293	5	15
Paul Hopwood	7	353	2	9	414	3	5
Martin Dixon	12	551	1	17	719	1	2
Gary Owen	6	251	4	8	335	4	8
Gary Hedges	3	123	5	5	224	6	11
Phil Dixon	6	325	3	12	466	2	5
Trev Colclough	2	85	6	3	109	10	16
Paul Dunstan	0	0	10	3	122	9	19

**Group 2 Results**

**LOWER BEAT AM**

**UPPER BEAT PM**

ANGLER	FISH CAUGHT	FISH POINTS	PLACE POINTS	FISH CAUGHT	FISH POINTS	PLACE POINTS	TOTAL OF PLACE POINTS
Tim Born	9	413	1	2	89	5	6
John Holtom	1	55	7	0	0	10	17
Paul Cooke	1	55	7	0	0	10	17
Mike Dixon	4	145	5	3	140	3	8
Mark Lindsey	0	0	10	0	0	10	20
John Lindsey	2	92	6	0	0	10	16
David Citchlow	6	257	3	5	225	1	4
Tim Twist	1	53	8	1	48	6	14
Graham Willis	6	276	2	2	103	4	6
Mark Macleon	4	186	4	4	172	2	6

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## OVERALL RESULT

## MORNING RESULT

## AFTERNOON RESULT

ANGLER	FISH CAUGHT	FISH POINTS	PLACE POINTS	FISH CAUGHT	FISH POINTS	PLACE POINTS	TOTAL FISH POINTS	TOTAL OF PLACE POINTS	FINAL POSITION
Martin Dixon	12	551	1	17	719	1	1270	2	1
David Citchlow	6	257	3	5	225	1	482	4	2
Phil Dixon	6	325	3	12	466	2	791	5	3
Paul Hopwood	7	353	2	9	414	3	767	5	4
Tim Burn	9	413	1	2	89	5	502	6	5
Graham Willis	6	276	2	2	103	4	379	6	6
Mark Maclean	4	186	4	4	172	2	358	6	7
Gary Owen	6	251	4	8	335	4	586	8	8
Mike Dixon	4	145	5	3	140	3	285	8	9
Gary Hedges	3	123	5	5	224	6	347	11	10
Tim Twist	1	53	8	1	48	6	101	14	11
Philip Price	0	0	10	7	293	5	293	15	12
M Manson	1	51	7	3	132	8	183	15	13
Trev Colclough	2	85	6	3	109	10	194	16	14
John Lindsey	2	92	6	0	0	10	92	16	15
Clive Chatwin	0	0	10	4	174	7	174	17	16
John Holtom	1	55	7	0	0	10	55	17	17
Paul Cooke	1	55	7	0	0	10	55	17	18
Paul Dunstan	0	0	10	3	122	9	122	19	19
Mark Lindsey	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	20	20