



# A Boyle View

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Anthony Scally from Mullingar was the winner of last weekend's angling competition in Boyle, with a pike weighing exactly 30 lbs. Pic courtesy of Michael Conroy.

## Large turnout for annual Easter Pike Angling Festival

Boyle and District Angling Club hosted the 18th Annual Easter Pike Angling Festival over the weekend in reasonably favourable weather conditions.

A large number of anglers, spectators and well wishers attended at Doon Shore on both days of the competition. The competition also marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boyle and District Angling Club and the celebrations included on-shore entertainment and regular updates from DJs Richie Burke and Martin Walshe.

Chairman of Boyle and District Angling Club told Roscommon People, "The weekend went very well, with very favourable weather conditions. 213 anglers in total took part and everybody was satisfied with the event. The numbers of fish caught were down on previous years, probably due to the cold snap."

"There were big fish

caught, including a 30 lb pike caught on the Corrigeenroe end of the lake. Anthony Scally, this year's winner, was a boat partner to the man who won it last year, Paddy O'Neill. The two have fished together many times over the years.

"I want to thank everybody particularly the sponsors in the current climate. Everyone in the town of Boyle stood by us and the sponsorship was a big help in the running of the competition. To everyone that helped over the weekend, in whatever way, be it patrolling the parking, the on-site barbecue, they all helped to make it a wonderful event.

"Thanks to everyone that came on board for the huge effort. I would also like to thank the visiting anglers and we hope that they enjoyed their two days in Boyle and look forward to meeting them again next year. I also want to thank Sean O'Dowd of real-boyle.com and all the local

and national media that covered the event."

As usual the ladies at the BBQ and catering marquee ably helped by Jordan Maye, did themselves proud with the range of foods they provide to ensure that no angler or spectator went away hungry. Members from the regional fisheries board attended at every weigh station to verify correct weights for participating anglers. Trained first aid officers were on duty but were thankfully not called into action.

The Boyle and District Angling Club patrol boat and crew kept a watchful eye on proceedings throughout the two days, promoting fair play and ensuring the safety of all participating anglers.

### Results

Junior competition, sponsored by Noel Daly Tiling. 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Hughes, 7 lbs 1 oz; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tyrone Nulty, 6 lbs 8 oz; 3<sup>rd</sup> Donal Commons 4lbs 13 ozs.

All other junior anglers received a selection of fishing baits and equipment sponsored Terry Mann's Jamestown Tackle.

Ladies section sponsored by the family of the late Paddy Sharkey: 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Chapman, 5 lbs 7 oz; 2<sup>nd</sup> Helena Mulligan 2 lbs 10 oz; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sheila Corish, 1 lbs 4 oz.

Club Members' Prize: An electric outboard engine sponsored by the Boyle and District Angling Club and the Genesis Bronze Statue sponsored by Moonstone Jeweller, won by Tony Egan Snr, 17 lbs 5 oz. There were also ten anglers who received additional prizes to the value of €100.

Main Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup>, winner of a cheque for €3,500 and the Moonstone Jewellers Perpetual Cup, Anthony Scally, Mullingar, 30 lbs; 2<sup>nd</sup>, winning a cheque for €2,500 Marc Egan, 20 lbs 8 oz; 3<sup>rd</sup>, cheque for €1,250, Charles Stewart, 17 lbs 11 ozs.

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#### ■ Table quiz

A fundraising table quiz will take place on Friday, 23rd April, in the Mayfly, Ballinafad at 9.30 pm in aid of the Niall Mellon Trust. Refreshments served and raffle on the night. Everybody welcome. Your support for this worthy cause would be much appreciated.

#### ■ Golf lessons

Boyle Golf Club will hold an introductory evening for Ladies who would like to learn about golf and Boyle Golf Club on Monday 12th April at 7.30 pm. Go and hear about the proposed subsidised professional lessons and favourable membership fees for beginners. Any enquiries please contact Lady Captain, Peggy Feely, (086) 2577059.

#### ■ Singers' Circle

Boyle Singers' Circle meets on the third Saturday of every month in Dodd's Crescent Bar, Boyle. All singers and listeners welcome. Next session: April 17th at 9.30 pm.

#### ■ Carrick cinema

Just before last Easter, special attractions of interest to Roscommon people included Paul Young's award winning 'The Secret of Kells' and Boyle native Chris O'Dowd in 'The Boat that Rocked'. This year 'The Secret of Kells' has gone on to Oscar nomination glory, (and is still available to Boyle/Carrick Cineplex customers for special schools shows, etc.) and we await two new Chris O'Dowd pictures, 'Hippie Hippy Shake' and 'Gulliver's Travels' later in the year. Meanwhile another familiar face in the North Roscommon area, and major Boyle/Carrick Cineplex fan, Brendan Gleeson, will be on screen in two new films 'Green Zone' and 'Perriers Bounty' over the next few weeks.

#### ■ Fit for life

Are you a road walker or runner? Do you have insurance? North Roscommon Athletic Club may be able to assist. Join their 'Fit for Life' programmes where groups will be made up on each 'Meet and Train' session, according to fitness level and profile. Membership provides you with full cover to enter all Athletics Ireland approved events. Membership of €20 for the year (2010).

#### ■ King House

King House, Boyle, is now open for the 2010 season, Tuesday through Saturday (closed Sunday/Monday) from 11 am. Last admissions at 4 pm. King House will be open for visitors on Bank Holiday weekends through the 2010 season. By 1788 the house was sold and converted into a barracks for the Connaught Rangers. After the Civil War in 1923 the barracks passed into the control

of the Irish Free State Army and was occupied by the Irish Military until 1947. Take a tour of the house with the aid of audio guides, discover life-sized historical figures and hear voices from the past. Enjoy hands-on family activities that bring the building and its residents alive!

#### ■ Art Auction

The auction will be conducted by John de Vere White on Monday April 26th 2010 at the D4 (formerly Berkeley Court) Hotel, Dublin. Viewing will take place on Saturday April 24th from 1 pm to 5 pm, Sunday April 25th 11 am to 5 pm and Monday April 26th from 9 am to 4 pm. Organiser Fergus Ahern from Boyle said, "the response from artists and collectors has been extraordinary in its generosity and work continues to flow in from both sources".

#### ■ Spoken Irish

A new Irish language course will be held in St. Joseph's Hall, Boyle next summer from Monday June 25th to Saturday July 10th. The course will mainly be directed at 12-14-year-old students and will concentrate entirely on spoken Irish in formal and informal sessions. With only about 15 students per class, it will be a golden opportunity to improve student's standard of Irish and improve their grades. Students will speak only Irish during the course to achieve this. If interested please call (086) 3442808 for more information. The course will be run by Michael O'Toole, BA, HDE, (a native Irish speaker and also gives grinds in Irish language) with the assistance of Caoilfhionn Dodd and Sarah Callaghan.

#### ■ Congrats

Congratulations are extended from everyone at Boyle GAA to the panel and management of the Roscommon U21 team, and especially to Ciaran Cox, on winning the Connacht Championship against Sligo on Saturday. We eagerly look forward to a battle with the Dubs on Saturday week.

#### ■ Boyle GAA

The Club meitheal, in preparation for the opening of the new clubrooms on 1st May, will take place on Saturdays the 17th and the 24th April, although the timing of the U21 All Ireland Semi Final may militate against a full day's work on 17th. All Club members are asked to come along and ensure that our grounds are looking their best for the opening.

#### ■ Golf Classic

The final arrangements are being made for the fundraising golf classic for Boyle GAA, which will be held at Boyle Golf Club on Saturday and Sunday next. Those who have yet to enter should contact (086) 8122084 immediately.