

Role of Honour

NFA LADIES WORLD FRESHWATER ANGLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

FINAL POSITIONS

TEAMS:

England 24.5
France 35
Italy 55
Portugal 56
Hungary 57

INDIVIDUALS:

Sandra Scotthorne (England)

Wendy Locker (England)

Luana Almeida (Portugal)

Wendy Lythgoe (England)

Isabella Hawryhuck (France)



OUTSTANDING

THE WHITE ACRES SPONSORED NFA LADIES TEAM ENGLAND SWEEP THE OPPOSITION ASIDE AS THEY CLINCHED DOUBLE GOLD IN THE 10TH LADIES WORLD FRESHWATER ANGLING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT FURZETON LAKE, MILTON KEYNES.

They sparkled all the way to the rostrum leaving the other 14 teams from Europe reeling and while our lasses took team gold reigning World Champion Sandra Scotthorne did it again winning the individual gold medal with two section wins.

Wendy Locker also celebrated individual silver with a section first and second. Section wins on day one from Wendy Lythgoe, Sandra Scotthorne and Helen Dagnall, a section second from Wendy Locker and 6.5 points from 16-year-old Emma Pickering put the girls 2.5 pts ahead of France and 9.5 ahead of fancied Italy. On day two section wins from Sandra Scotthorne, Wendy Locker and Emma Pickering backed by 4 and 6 points respectively from Wendy Lythgoe and Helen Dagnall was once again unbeatable and the crown was retained.

"It's great to win an individual gold but the event is all about winning a team medal and I just feel on top of the world" said Sandra Scotthorne the only person to ever achieve six consecutive perfect section scores in the Ladies World Championships.

England coach Tom Pickering commented: "This victory was down to grit and determination. The team practised whenever they had a spare moment and they worked hard for this victory. After the presentation ceremony I called the team together and thanked them for what they had achieved and told them the best is still to come. We have a terrific new sponsor in White Acres and what a way to thank them for their confidence in us – two gold medals and a silver in their first year!"



WHAT a summer for women anglers - with the double success in the Ladies World Freshwater Angling Championships and individual champion Sandra Scotthorne also winning the prestigious Declic Peche open finale in France.

What's more White Acres have announced plans for a women's only festival next year with an anticipated £1500 top prize, it's open to any female anglers and is planned for early July subject to confirmation of dates.

"At White Acres we recognise there are a number of women anglers



who fish in male dominated matches and we feel that the time is right to give them a festival of their own," said the park's general manager Allister Wilson.

The format is to be finalised but will run along

normal festival lines catering for 40 entrants, it's time for the women to show their match skills," he added.

It is intended that this will become another established aspect of the White Acres match calendar.

"In conjunction with the NFA we are hoping to have members of the England Ladies squad on park to help with a couple of days coaching before the event is fished probably over three days," revealed fishery manager Clint Elliott.

for more details goto www.whiteacres.co.uk.

WE'LL BE BACK

TOP CLASS

LADIES World Freshwater Angling Champion Sandra Scotthorne (Daiwa) was crowned Declic Peche Open Champion 2003 after casting aside a world class 48-peg field at Senecy near St Quentin, France with 50 kilo 060 gr worth a cool €5000.

Super Sandra put on a class display of slider fishing in 12 ft of water netting bream to 4 lb beating a field that contained several former World Champions!

Ironically it was her husband, thrice world champion Alan Scotthorne's birthday and while he struggled on the barren 'graveyard' bank, Sandra brought a smile to the big man's face as he watched her net about 30 bream on the way to a victory!

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