



The River Dee Trust Auction 2012

Restoring and conserving the lifeblood of the valley

The River Dee Trust

Research, Restoration and Education

The River Dee Trust is a community-based charitable company guided by the principle of understanding and improving the River so that we may look after it for this and future generations.

The River Dee is an internationally important environment for wildlife and is afforded the highest level of recognition at a European level for its populations of Atlantic salmon, otters and freshwater pearl mussels. Along with the River Dee, the Trust also works to support the neighbouring Rivers Cowie and Carron.

Our remit is focused on achieving two objectives. Firstly, we improve our knowledge of the ecology and associated fish stocks of the River Dee so that we can deliver practical improvements and restoration of the River and its wildlife; often in partnership with those that have the well-being of the River at heart. Secondly, we deliver educational information to schools, organisations and individuals (young and old) living in the North East of Scotland.

The River Dee Trust must raise sufficient funds to achieve these ambitious objectives. With your support we will be able to meet our aims and continue looking after the Dee and the surrounding area, for many years to come. To find out more about the River Dee Trust, visit www.riverdee.org

The proceeds from this auction will go to further our delivery of our education programme, support our up-and-coming tree planting project in the Upper Dee and help fund further easements of man made barriers to fish migration.

The River Dee Trust is a charity registered in Scotland, No. SC028497

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The Trust is tasked with restoring and conserving the River Dee, taking a holistic approach to the wellbeing of this Scottish River and its inhabitants. Under our care is the iconic Atlantic salmon, which along with their close cousins the sea trout, have occupied the length of the Dee since the last ice age. The most prized of these fish are the spring running salmon, which venture in from the sea during the depths of winter through the spring months. Unfortunately, these are the most vulnerable of our salmon stocks, having declined dramatically in recent decades. Our work is driven to protect these fish along with other vulnerable inhabitants of the Dee (including prehistoric lamprey, otters and freshwater pearl mussels), to the benefit of all wildlife, the countryside and those people that depend upon it.

The factors affecting these animals are changing and their populations continually have to adapt to the modern environment. The main cause of this change is mankind who has impacted on these species by exploiting them as a natural resource, destroying or altering their habitat, causing changes to water quality and quantity and on top of this, the wider climate changes. These impacts on migratory fish like salmon are not just delivered through the freshwater environment but through the oceans as well. As man is the main cause of these pressures it is up to the people who live, work, visit or just marvel at the River Dee to help look after it.

The Trust offers a vehicle to deliver protection and restoration of the River Dee, for the benefits of all of its inhabitants. We have been active in improving stream habitat by installing buffer strips, allowing migratory fish access to spawning grounds through the removal of man made obstructions, along with the very important task of educating the future generation. In 2010 our Conservation of Atlantic Salmon Scotland Life Project Award saw the River Dee given the highest accolade by Europe as being one of the 'best of the best' conservation projects across 27 countries. This has given us the confidence to develop another large project to plant trees along the riparian corridors in the Upper Dee catchment, to restore natural habitat and mitigate against the effects of climate change on the productive streams that flow through the area. These works are only possible due to the hard work of our dedicated staff and volunteers and our generous supporters such as you.

The Trust's monitoring programme shows improving numbers of juvenile fish in areas that have been opened up by removal of obstructions and where habitat works have been carried out. However, we cannot be complacent because of the increased losses of salmon at sea as a result of changes in the marine environment. We have much work still to do and this will go some way to compensating for the uncontrollable changes occurring in the Atlantic Ocean.

We are extremely grateful to all of the donors for their great generosity and continued support. I hope you can also support our work to protect and restore the iconic River Dee by digging deep and placing a bid, or two! **Our future generations require that we act now to protect their River.**

With Thanks



Ian G Scott, *Chairman*



Lot 1.
 Salmon fishing on the
 River Dee at Park

The Foster family (of Park Estates) have donated three day's fishing (Mon 18 – Wed 20 June 2012) at Park on the River Dee for six anglers. The lot includes full board and accommodation in the elegant Georgian Park House, providing delicious food and a wine cellar that's calling your name.

Park is renowned for the quality of its fishing. Its catch in 2011 was 809 salmon and 79 sea trout. Traditionally Park is a 'big fish' beat with most seasons seeing numerous fish landed up to 30lbs. Fishing in June provides the opportunity for visitors to fish for salmon and have a cast for sea trout in the long evenings after dinner. Wading is generally easy. This is a unique and superb venue that is extremely popular with both very keen sportsmen and well known celebrities.

Kindly donated by the Foster family, Park Estates, www.park-leisure.co.uk

Guide Price £6,000



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Lot 2.
 Salmon & sea trout
 fishing in the Outer
 Hebrides

A chance to fish and live like a king. Salmo Fishings have donated three days (Mon 30 Jul – Wed 1 Aug 2012) prime time fishing for one person on the prestigious Amhuinnsuidhe Castle, North Harris Estate in the Outer Hebrides. This package includes 5* private accommodation in the castle, along with all meals, lunches and accompaniment by the head guide when fishing. The experience of traditional Hebridean loch fishing on the world famous Loch Voshmid, Loch Scourst and Loch Halladale amongst others will be unforgettable.

Salmo Fishings is a young, innovative outfitter that has been providing top quality fishing at the best locations throughout Scotland, including the River Dee and they are delighted to support the River Dee Trust: "If it was not for the drive, passion and effort that the River Staff show in looking after this wonderful river then it would not be the success that it is today".

Kindly donated by Salmo Fishings, www.salmofishings.com

Guide price £2,000



*The prestigious Amhuinnsuidhe Castle,
 North Harris Estate*



Lot 3.
Sea trout fishing on the
Rio Grande, Argentina

Roxtons Fieldsports have donated six days fishing for two anglers on the Rio Grande in Tierra Del Fuego, Argentina, in 2013. This lot includes fully guided fishing, fully inclusive accommodation (twin bed) in the luxurious Estancia Maria Behety lodge and fishing licenses. This sea trout fishery lands fish of up to 30 lb every year and those under 15 lb don't even make it into the lodge records! Clearly the fishing experience will be amazing but also consider the backdrop, with condors soaring overhead, guanaco's grazing the riverbanks, beavers beavering away and the finest Argentine vintage wines.

Roxtons Fieldsports is the largest sporting agency in the UK and have been instrumental in developing some of the world's leading salmon fishing destinations. They are "delighted to be able to support the fantastic work of the River Dee Trust in restoring the River Dee to its former glory".

Kindly donated by Roxtons Field Sports, www.roxtons.com

Guide price £12,000



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Lot 4.
Salmon fishing on
Scotland's River Naver

A highland adventure for up to eight people courtesy of the world famous Altnaharra Estate! This lot includes salmon fishing on the famous River Naver for two anglers plus fishing for a further two anglers on the river Mudale, loch Naver and various other hill lochs. The fishing is for six days, from 4 to 9 June 2012. It also includes accommodation in a modern four bedroom, self-catering house (able to sleep four couples).

The river Naver is 18 miles long comprised of six fishing beats. Each of these beats will be fished for a day and there will only be two rods to a beat; the sound of your accompanying ghillie will be the only peace-breaker. Being able to fish the Naver at this time in the season is normally only available as 'dead man's shoes'; it's an opportunity not to be missed.

Kindly donated by Altnaharra Estate Ltd

Guide Price £4,400



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Lot 5.
**Salmon fishing on the
 Gaula, Norway**

Television fishing personality Matt Hayes has donated this 'money cannot buy' auction lot for two anglers to fish the magnificent Gaula River in Norway with Matt as their exclusive guide. The lot is for four days salmon fishing (Fri 1 – Mon 4 June 2012) with full board accommodation at Winsnes Lodge. Officially ranked as Europe's number one salmon river, the Gaula offers both quantity and quality of salmon - your next cast could provide a forty pounder. The early season in Norway sees the salmon arriving fresh from their feeding grounds, so expect a fight on your hands.

Matt has fished the River Dee in Scotland a number of times and is proud to "support the River Dee and all the vitally important habitat improvement work restoring the river to its former glories".

Kindly donated by Matt Hayes (Winsnes), www.gaulasalmon.co.uk

Guide Price £2,000



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Lot 6.
**"CRYSTAL", an
 original painting by
 Howard Butterworth**

"Crystal" is a framed original acrylic painting on handmade heavy watercolour paper, size 33" (H) by 40" (W). It is a snow scene from last winter of the River Dee at Invermuick near Ballater, not far from Howard's home in Glenmuick. This painting portrays his passion and respect for nature and symbolises the Dee's spirit and power. The River Dee often features in Howard's paintings; one of which is owned by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, so you will be following in royal footsteps if you own Crystal.

Howard is keen to continue his "support for the 'cutting-edge' technical expertise of the Trust and its modern approach to involving the community for the well-being of the Dee. Mitigating the effects of man on the 'life-blood' of Royal Deeside will allow future generations to enjoy the beauty of this glorious river".

Kindly donated by Howard Butterworth, www.howardbutterworth.com or www.thebutterworthgallery.com

Guide Price £7,000



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Lot 7.
Fishing the East Ranga
River, Iceland

LAX-Á has donated two rods for three days (4 – 7 July 2012; noon till noon) on the East Ranga River in Iceland. This lot includes full board accommodation in East Ranga Lodge (one room per angler), assistance from a top guide plus flight transfers within Iceland. The East Ranga River has been one of the most prolific salmon rivers in Iceland for a number of years.

LAX-Á is the largest sporting outfitter in the world, hosting fishing operations in Scotland, Norway, Russia and Argentina. Join in their philosophy: "Invest in our soul – go fishing". This lot will make your soul feel even better as it will also be an investment in the River Dee. LAX-Á has been fishing on the Dee for around 25 years and relishes "her powerful salmon, beautiful surroundings and friendly atmosphere. Therefore supporting the River Dee Trust to restore this fantastic river was an easy decision for us".

Kindly donated by LAX-Á, Iceland, www.lax-a.net

Guide Price £4,000



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Lot 8.
Salmon fishing the
Reisa River, arctic
Norway

FishNorway and Roar Olsen (owner of Reisastua Lodge) have donated one rod for one week's fishing on the Reisa River, northern Norway, including a guide and riverboat transportation, full board accommodation at Reisastua Lodge and local transportation. The fishing is to be taken between 8 July and 19 August 2012.

The last three seasons have all provided salmon of 50 lb+ and sea trout can reach 40 lb. Roar and his team extend to you a very warm welcome at Reisastua Lodge, positioned close to the river and providing first class cuisine; so all in all, everything is set for an experience of a lifetime.

FishNorway and Roar have donated this lot to recognise that "The River Dee Trust have shown a great willingness to help Norwegian river management groups by sharing the secrets of their success in river management and stock restoration".

Kindly donated by FishNorway, www.fishnorway.co/salmon-fishing/reisa-river and Roar Olsen, www.reisastua.no

Guide price £4,500



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Lot 9. Fishing the Yokanga River, Kola Peninsula, Russia

Fly Fish Yokanga is offering one rod on the Yokanga River for the week of 4 - 11 or 11 - 18 August 2012. This lot includes seven nights at Yokanga Lodge on a full board basis with six full days fishing (licences included) and fantastic scenery.

The Yokanga River is home to the genetically largest Atlantic salmon on the Kola (source: PINRO), providing challenging and invigorating fishing for the chance of catching a fish of a lifetime. The trip will be an adventure from beginning to end, but one that you can experience in the comforts of Yokanga Lodge, with its en-suite bathrooms and bar stocked with Russian Vodka.

Fly Fish Yokanga and the Fly Fisher Group as a whole are delighted to support the River Dee Trust. The Dee "has provided special memories and very much look forward to casting a fly to a Dee salmon in 2012".

Kindly donated by Fly Fish Yokanga, www.flyfishyokanga.com

Guide Price £3,500



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Lot 10. Fishing on the River Mörum, Sweden

With this lot you will have some spare change for a celebratory drink. Sveaskog and Mörrums Kronolaxfiske, who manage the famous River Mörrum in the South East of Sweden, are offering three days fishing (4 - 6 September 2012) for two rods and four nights (also including 3 September) in self-catering "Laxodlingen". Guiding can easily be arranged additionally.

The River Mörrum is known for its big sea trout, averaging 13 lb and sea trout above 20 lb landed every year, whilst spring fishing sees huge Baltic salmon normally above 25 lb, with monsters of 40-50 lb each year. This lot will see you on the Mörrum in prime time sea trout season with the chance of a huge salmon too.

Kindly donated by Sveaskog and Mörrums Kronolaxfiske, www.sveaskog.se

Guide Price £750



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Lot 11.
Guideline salmon
fishing equipment

Comprises a 14 ft 8 inch double handed Guideline Reaction fly rod rated 10/11, a Guideline Quadra fly reel and two Guideline triple density shooting head fly lines.

This is premium fishing equipment. Guideline reaction rods are built to exacting standards using the finest materials available and the elegant Guideline Quadra reel has become a best seller. It is extremely strong and lightweight - aerospace grade aluminium no less. It is top balanced with a smooth, strong brake system which ensures reliability.

Guideline's market-leading shooting head concept has undergone its most substantial improvement ever (triple-D concept with advanced taper and density design, for those who like jargon). The triple-D shooting head fly lines supplied are Float/Hover/Intermediate and Float/Intermediate/Sink 2. Cover up a weak cast by bidding for this lot.

Kindly donated by Stein Thorvaldsen, www.guideline.no/

Guide Price £1,200



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Lot 12.
Oil painting by
Chris Sharp

This oil painting, "Upstream to the Redds", 46" (W) x 28" (H), is by sporting artist Chris Sharp who is famous for his paintings in field sports, wildlife landscape and all aspects of game fishing – including in particular salmon fishing. This original oil painting shows stunning attention to detail and is just as good (or better) viewed close-up.

Chris is a keen fisherman and outdoor sportsman. The inspiration for his paintings comes from the beautiful Scottish Highlands. He has had exhibitions at renowned venues such as House of Bruar, Scone Palace and many other fine establishments.

Proceeds from this auction lot will go to the River Dee Trust and also the Malawi Eye Surgery Fund, as Chris spent much of his early life in Africa.

Kindly donated by Chris Sharp, www.chrissharpart.com

Guide Price £1,600



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Lot 14.
Oil painting of red deer
by Alistair Makinson

This lot is a beautiful oil painting, "Red Deer by the Hill", which has been donated by the artist Alistair Makinson. Alistair is a renowned sporting artist and his clients include The Duke of Sutherland, The Duke of Roxburghe and The Duke of Westminster. Perhaps you would like to add your name to this list?

The painting size is 12" x 18" plus frame and qualifies for a place on the wall of any fine private house, hotel, restaurant or sporting lodge. Alistair uses Scottish rivers in many of his works and is keen to support the work on the River Dee.

Kindly donated by Alistair Makinson, www.alistairmakinson.com

Guide Price £1,000



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Lot 13.
Limited edition
salmon books

Orri Vigfússon, Chairman of the North Atlantic Salmon Fund (NASF) has donated two books. The first is a beautiful limited edition "A Celebration of Salmon Rivers", produced by NASF. This lot is book copy number 285 - boxed and signed by both Orri Vigfússon and photographer R. Randolph Ashton. The book contains a compendium of articles of classic Atlantic salmon rivers around the world and would grace any serious salmon angler's home or world class fishing Lodge.

The second book is a hardback copy of "The Tube Fly" by world famous fly tyer Ken Sawada, signed by Mr Sawada. The book shows 300 tube fly patterns and colour plate images; a good way to get your fishing fix during the close season.

Kindly donated by Orri Vigfússon, www.nasfworldwide.com

Guide Price £600



*Limited edition "A Celebration of Salmon Rivers",
produced by NASF*

Auction Terms and Conditions

The River Dee Trust 2012 Auction has 14 premier lots which are outlined in this brochure. We are hosting a live auction in London on **Thursday 1st March 2012** and sealed bids can be placed before this event.

If you can, join us on 1st March at **Savile Club** (69, Brook St, Mayfair, London, W1K 4ER) from **6.30 – 8 pm**. Each lot will go 'under the hammer' during the evening and will be accompanied by the release of the 2012 Dalmore Dee Dram, for your pleasure.

How to bid

1. Postal or electronic bid. Bids must be received by 5 pm, 29th February and will be included at the London event. Postal bids should be sent to: The River Office, Mill of Dinnet, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, AB34 5LA. Emailed bids should be sent to info@riverdee.org
2. On the final night, by attending the event. Each lot will be held up for a live auction, which will include all previously received postal/electronic bids.
3. On the final night, by phone bid. We can arrange a phone bid ONLY IF you have contacted us by 29th February to arrange this. We will phone you on the evening as your lot of interest goes to auction. However, we cannot guarantee we will reach you on the phone number you supply and cannot delay the auction if we cannot make contact with you.

Attending the event

We would love to see you at our event in London. If you can make it, please inform the River Office (013398 80411, info@riverdee.org) by Friday 24th February.

Queries

If you have queries relating to any of the lots or the auction please contact the River Office (013398 80411, info@riverdee.org). We may be able to provide you with additional information on the lots or may contact the lot donor on your behalf where necessary. Once the auction has ended and payment received, contact details will be supplied for you to make final arrangements directly with the donor.

Notification

Any bidders who send us a postal or electronic bid will be contacted after the auction has ended to confirm whether their bid was successful or not.

Terms and Conditions

1. Lots are sold as shown. No negotiations for alternatives will be entered into by either the River Dee Trust or the donor of the lot.
2. By placing a bid you are committing to buy at that price if you are the highest bidder. Bids cannot be removed once placed.
3. Fishing lots must be arranged between the winner of the lot and the donor, following the details set out in the lot description.
4. All bids must be in Pounds Sterling. Payment must be made in Pounds Sterling also.
5. Successful bidders will pay the River Dee Trust direct within two weeks. After this time, the River Dee Trust reserves the right to offer the lot to the second highest bidder.
6. Payment must be made either in cash, by cheque or by bank transfer to The River Dee Trust. We have no facility for taking card payments.
7. Reserve prices exist on some lots. If the reserve price is not met, the highest bidder will be offered the opportunity to raise their bid to meet the reserve price. There is no obligation on the bidder to meet the reserve price.



