



Tulchan News

The latest news from Tulchan Sporting Estate

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Tulchan delivers best fishing for a decade

2015 has been an excellent year for fishing on Tulchan, and all the signs are good that next year will provide equally exciting sport on the estate. Bookings are now open for the 2016 fishing season, and securing rods early is highly recommended (see page 2).



With fish running the river right throughout the spring, summer and early autumn, Tulchan has seen its best results since 2006 with catches matching those of 2008 - over 700 salmon caught and, in addition, it was our best sea trout season since 2002.

Catches were evenly spread across all four beats and fifteen names have been added to the Tulchan 20 Club

membership roll during 2015, with July seeing Mr Campbell landing a 30lb salmon on Upper Bog Pool on 'C' Beat.

The river has been fishable throughout the season. As a result of the first wet summer for five years, fish have been plentiful throughout the four beats, having not had to wait in Spey Bay, at risk of predation, for favourable water conditions.

One of the most exciting features of the 2015 season has been the surprisingly good catches enjoyed during August and September – not traditionally regarded as a Spey highlight. This now provides more opportunity for seasoned Tulchan clients and new visitors alike to enjoy some of the best salmon fishing in Europe and see Scotland in all its late summer glory.

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2016 PROSPECTS

A number of factors make the prospects for fishing in 2016 look promising. Continued careful management of the Tulchan beats is matched by fishermen returning 97% of all catches to spawn, maintaining and improving stock levels.

The final survey results for the Tulchan and Advie burns suggest that last year's spawnings have done well, helping to increase stocks.

Coastal netting, which resulted in a declared catch of 16,000 fish in 2012, is to cease from 2016, giving fish unrestricted access back to their rivers of origin – a positive decision and good news for fish stocks on the Spey.



To check on availability and to reserve your fishing for 2016, contact us via the website www.tulchan.com or by phone 01807 510200 or email lorrainemacdiarmid@tulchan.com

Tulchan awarded Wildlife Scotland accreditation

The impressive work of all on the estate in the management and conservation of wildlife at Tulchan has been recognised by Wildlife Estates Scotland. Over 250 land and estate based businesses have currently signed up to the initiative but Tulchan is one of just 27 organisations across Scotland to achieve Accreditation by WES which aims to promote best practice in game and wildlife management.

The WES Initiative was launched on 23 November 2010 by the then Scottish Environment Minister. A successful pilot scheme was tested with 12 estates across Scotland ranging from North-West Sutherland to the East Borders, paving the way for launch of WES accreditation in February 2013.

To achieve accreditation, Tulchan was judged by independent assessors on its management of a range of factors including:

Commitment to best practice

Adoption of game and wildlife management plans that underpin best practice

Maintaining species and habitats records

Conservation and collaborative work

Integration with other land management activities (such as farming, forestry and tourism)

Social, economic and cultural aspects (such as employment, community engagement and communications)



Says Giles Litchfield: *"We have always been committed to responsible and sustainable management of the estate. It is rewarding that the hard work of all the team has now been independently recognised by Wildlife Estates Scotland and we look forward to working with them to improve on the excellent standards we already achieve."*





Tulchan delivers best fishing for a decade - in pictures.



Robert Mitchell, 'D' Beat Ghillie



Mr Marvin



Mr Roger Potter with 9lb fish at the Tail of Wood



Mr Dirk Pittaway



Mr Alasdair Campbell, 30lb+ Salmon, on Upper Bog Pool



Mr Jack Morris & Mr Alan Morris, first fish, 11lb on March Pool



Robert Mitchell, 'D' Beat Ghillie



Mr Edward Litchfield



Mrs Litchfield



Shooting 2016 - fully booked!

Tulchan's reputation for offering excellent sport, including one of the finest pheasant shoots anywhere in the UK, is now firmly established, and that is reflected in the fact that the 2016 season is now fully reserved.

The estate has over forty drives in mixed and mature woodland and the glens adjoining the Spey Valley provide the ideal terrain for presenting high pheasants offering testing and varied shooting in beautiful surroundings.

The Tulchan and Cromdale moors extend to some 15,000 acres and provide the ultimate challenge of driven and walked-up grouse shooting whilst the woods, glens, and low ground of Tulchan provide the perfect natural habitat for roe deer, which abound on the estate.

If you wish to shoot on the estate in future years, or would like to be considered for any cancellations in the 2015/January 2016 season, contact Chris Excell at Tulchan Estate to register your interest.



Roe buck at Glenmore

Home away from home



Knocktulchan

Tulchan Estate offers an excellent range of accommodation options, for individuals, groups and families, right throughout the year.

Enjoy the splendour of The Lodge, with its thirteen superbly appointed bedrooms and all the facilities you would expect from one of the country's foremost sporting lodges. The estate also houses seven beautiful cottages providing discreet accommodation for groups from four to nine with Knocktulchan offering first class accommodation for groups of up to twelve.

Cottages and Knocktulchan are available on a self-catering basis, or guests can benefit from the estate's catering service with almost 100% of the provisions sourced locally and a significant proportion of it grown or farmed on the estate itself – part of our commitment to quality and sustainability.

For details of accommodation and availability, contact Lorraine MacDiarmid on 01807 510200.



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