

IRISH GAME FAIR & Fine Food Festival

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FINE FOOD FESTIVAL



NI ANGLING SHOW

organised by **Country Lifestyle Exhibitions Ltd**

Features :

NI Angling Show including 'Put & Take' Fishery

Feedwell International Retriever Tests

Red Mills International Spaniel Tests

Gundog Demonstrations by Tim Crothers & the Irish International Gundog Team

Fine Food Festival sponsored by North Down Marquees and part of the NI year of Food & Drink 2016

Living History Village: Battle of Antrim encampment sponsored by the Ulster Scots Agency

Top Clay Shooting Competitions

Feedwell 29th All Ireland Terrier & Lurcher Championship Racing

Nutts 29th All Ireland Terrier & Lurcher Championship Showing

Red Mills Master McGrath International Challenge

Feedwell Five Nations Whippet Championships

Main arena programme

'CountrySports in Action' Arena

Music by Stonewall and Stephen Beckett

Pipe Music by Cleland Memorial Pipe Band

Dog Agility and Horse Drawn Vehicle Displays

Bygones section – including old time threshing and sheepdog displays

CAI Game Fair NI Stickmaking Championship

Keith & Cole Mathews – the Dog Gurus

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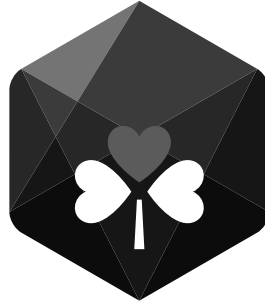
**Shanes Castle, Antrim Sat 25th & Sun 26th June 2016
FREE PARKING - Opening Times: 10am - 6pm (both days)**

Foreword by Eddie Rowan, Events Manager Tourism Northern Ireland

Tourism Northern Ireland is pleased to support the Irish Game Fair & Fine Food Festival, held in the beautiful Shanes Castle Estate.

Events such as this fantastic fair are now firmly established within our tourism fabric, adding value to the positive perceptions and profile of our destination. Moreover, events have been recognised as having an important role to play in contributing to the economy with the ability to deliver a competitive advantage for Northern Ireland, benefitting not only our image, but also enhancing our reputation as a destination to live, work, study and visit.

With a varied programme on offer for all to enjoy, whether a country sports enthusiast or a family looking for a great day out, the Irish Game Fair will add to our amazing portfolio of activity



in Northern Ireland giving visitors from near and far an even better choice of things to see and do.

In addition, the event will celebrate Northern Ireland's Year of Food in 2016 by enhancing the authentic Northern Ireland food and drink experience for visitors.

It is down to the dedication and hard work of Albert and his team that has produced a high quality festival that is the Irish Game Fair that we know and continue to enjoy today. On behalf of the Tourism Northern Ireland, I would like to wish all the visitors and participants an enjoyable and memorable Game Fair.

Eddie Rowan
Tourism Northern Ireland Events Manager

A welcome to Ireland's International Game Fair by Director Albert J Titterington

As we approach our 59th Irish Game Fair I look back to when Michael Dickey, Stanley Scott, the late Major Brownlow and myself took the decision to launch the first sustainable Irish Game Fair at Clondeboye Estate in 1979. It is with some pride that I state that this was the most important decision ever taken to promote and defend country sports in Ireland.

The fairs have been a major force in promoting country sports and the rural way of life throughout Ireland and many of the events which are now regarded as commonplace were first introduced and promoted or popularised at the Fairs; these include gundog tests, terrier & lurcher shows; ferret & falconry demonstrations; living history and conservation exhibits etc. Most of the major organisations also drew strength, support and members from our events.

I am proud to have been part of a team that has developed the Great Game Fairs of Ireland to be not only the premier country sports events in Ireland but also increasingly of an international standard.

The fairs, even during the dark days of 'the troubles', were an oasis of peace & tranquillity where sportsmen and women from all over Ireland came together on a truly cross border, cross community basis and guns were on display for their legitimate purposes. We are proud to have helped good community and fraternal relations through our two fairs.

As usual at this time of the year I would like to thank all who have helped us over the years and remember those who are no longer with us, in particular, three fellow fair directors the late Philip Lawton; John McClelland and John Beach.

I particularly wish to thank our hosts Lord and Lady O'Neill and the Rt Hon Shane O'Neill for the use of this very beautiful and historic Shanes Castle Estate. In my opinion it is the perfect setting for a Game Fair. I would also like to thank our sponsors



including the Tourism Northern Ireland, the Betterhomesgroup, the Ulster Scots Agency and Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council.

This year we have more and better quality trade stands including an extended Fine Food Pavilion; the Living History Village includes a Battle of Antrim encampment, we continue to add an international focus to our competitions which through the generosity of our sponsors have prize funds unrivalled in Ireland; we have

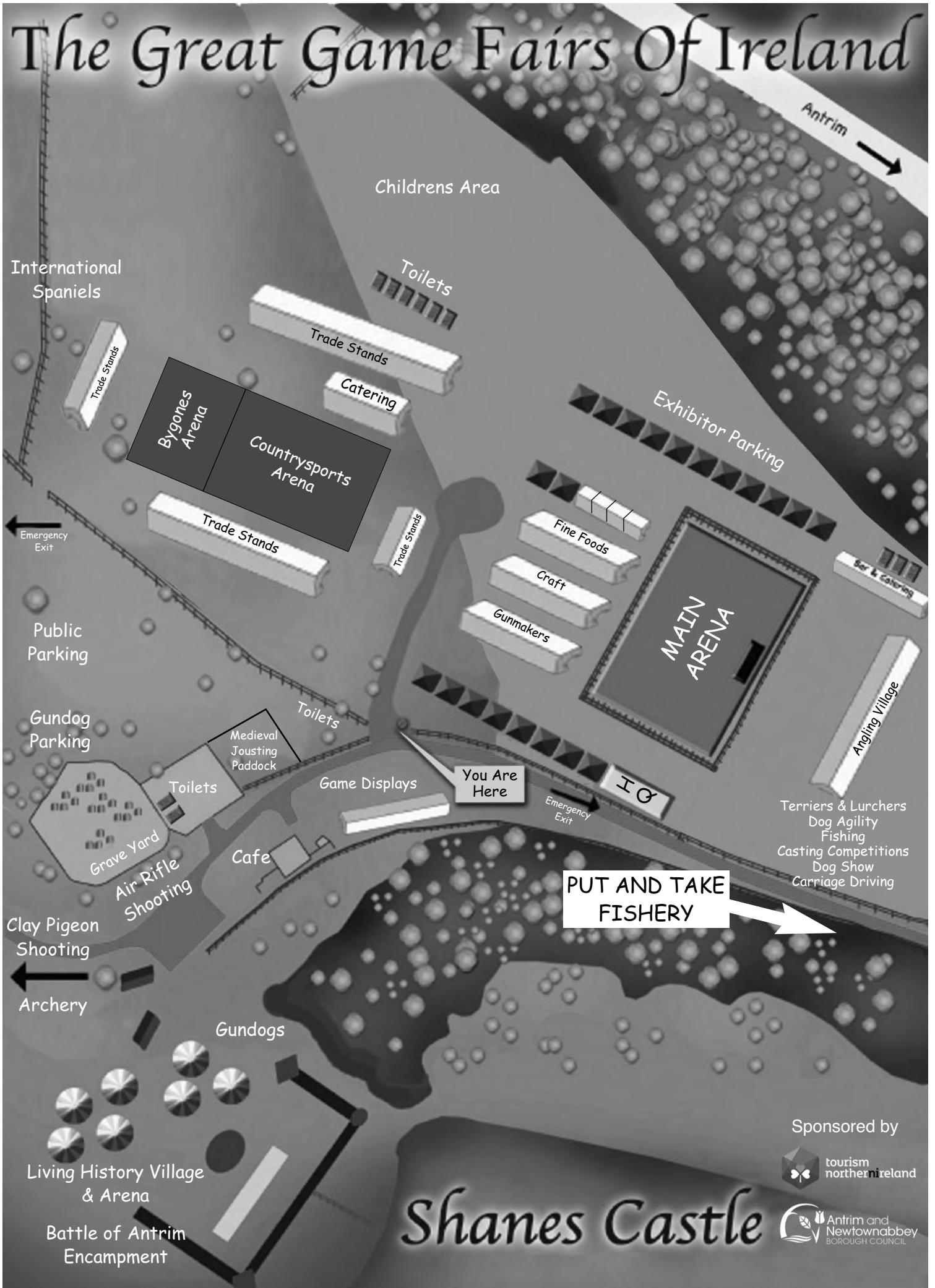
the best arena programmes of any events in Ireland and both these and our competitions are at least the equivalent of any event in the UK; and throughout the show we have added and improved most facets. Finally we have taken up the challenge to develop, with DAERA and the angling bodies support, an Angling Show within the Fair in a similar fashion to the manner in which we have developed the Irish Game Angler as a 'magazine within a magazine' within our Irish Countrysports and Country Life magazine. This is a work in progress but particularly pleasing is the 'Put and Take' fishery organised by Mark Tierney and his colleagues from NSN. Working with the UAF and APGAI Ireland they have put together a fair programme where the young can learn to tie a fly, learn to fly cast and then try to catch a fish, There is no better way to involve the young safely in our sports.

In closing I would like to remind you that our 60th event the Irish Game & Country Fair, takes place in the magnificent surroundings of Birr Castle, Co Offaly on the 27th & 28th August and then we return to the beautiful Montalto Estate, Ballynahinch, Co Down on the 24th & 25th September for our Game & Harvest Fair.

We thank you for your attendance at Shanes Castle and look forward to welcoming you to Birr Castle and Montalto Estate.

Albert J Titterington,
BSc, MBA Game Fair Director

The Great Game Fairs Of Ireland





MAIN ARENA PROGRAMME

Arena Director: Johnnie McCoy Senior Steward: Tom Fulton

Saturday 25th June

- 10.00 hrs** The Muzzle Loaders
10.20 hrs Fly Casting Demonstration by Glenda Powell, Stevie Munn & APGAI Ireland team
10.40 hrs Free Flying Falconry display by John Carmichael of the NI School of Falconry
11.10 hrs Derek Davidson with His Scottish Terrier Roadshow
11.40 hrs The Muzzle Loaders
12.00 hrs Medieval Jousting Demonstration by the international group the Knights of the North
12.30 hrs International handler Tim Crothers with his Feedwell Spaniel Display
13.00 hrs Official Opening by Councillor John Scott, Mayor of Antrim & Newtownabbey and Danny Kinahan, MP, followed by horse drawn vehicle display
13.50 hrs Horse and Hounds with the Killultagh, Old Rock and Chichester Foxhounds
14.20 hrs Keith Mathews – the BBC's Dog Guru together with the Mini Guru – Keith's 9yo son Cole with a training class sponsored by Countryside Alliance Ireland with prizes for best child, lady & gent handler.
15.00 hrs Free Flying Falconry display by John Carmichael
15.40 hrs Medieval Jousting by the Knights of the North
16.20 hrs The Victorian Poacher
16.50 hrs Sheepdog Display by Shannon Conn winner of 'One Man and His Dog'.

Sunday 26th June

- 10.00 hrs** The Muzzle Loaders
10.20 hrs Rabbits, Lurchers & Long Nets with Steven McGonigal
10.50 hrs Free Flying Falconry Display by John Carmichael from the NI School of Falconry
11.10 hrs Fly Casting Demonstration by Glenda Powell, Stevie Munn & the APGAI Ireland team
11.30 hrs Medieval Jousting with the Knights of the North
12.10 hrs Horse and Hounds with the Killultagh, Old Rock and Chichester Foxhounds
12.30 hrs Battle of Antrim Re-enactors
13.00 hrs Gundog Demonstration by the Irish International Team
13.30 hrs Free Flying Falconry Display by John Carmichael from the NI School of Falconry
14.00 hrs Derek Davidson with his Scottish Terrier Display Team
14.30 hrs Medieval Jousting with the Knights of the North
15.20 hrs The Victorian Poacher
15.50 hrs Keith Mathews – the BBC's Dog Guru together with the Mini Guru – Keith's 8 yo son Cole with a training class sponsored by Countryside Alliance Ireland with prizes for best child, lady & gent handler.
16.20 hrs Dog Agility Display with Glandore Dog training Club
17.40 hrs FEEDWELL FIVE NATIONS Whippet Championships
18.00 hrs Close

COUNTRY SPORTS IN ACTION ARENA

Arena Director: Steven McGonigal Arena Steward: Paul Robinson

Saturday 25th June

This is an arena where you can discuss their sports more personally with any of the performers demonstrating in the main arena. You can ask in depth questions and get advice and perhaps even instruction.

You can talk about :

- 11.00 hrs** Long Netting, Ferreting & Rabbiting with Steven McGonigal
12.00 hrs Flycasting with Glenda Powell Ex Ladies World Fly Casting Champion & Stevie Munn
1300 hrs An introduction to Falconry with John Carmichael of the NI School of Falconry
13.30 hrs Derek Davidson Terrier Display Team
14.00 hrs Tim Crothers with his Spaniel Display team
15.00 hrs Long Netting, Ferreting & Rabbiting with Steven McGonigal
15.30 hrs Muzzle loading with Dave, Ian & Bill
16.00 hrs Keith & Cole Mathews

Sunday 26th June

- 11.00 hrs** Ferret /Show Racing with Darren Moore and Graham Fyffe
12.30 hrs An introduction to Falconry with John Carmichael of the NI School of Falconry
1300 hrs Flycasting with Glenda Powell Ex Ladies World Fly Casting Champion & Stevie Munn
13.30 hrs Long Netting, Ferreting & Rabbiting with Steven McGonigal
14.00 hrs Problem Dogs with Keith Mathews
14.40 hrs Derek Davidson with his Scottish Terrier Display Team
15.00 hrs Gundog Training with Tim Crothers
15.30 hrs Muzzle loading with Dave, Ian & Bill
16.00 hrs Long Netting, Ferreting & Rabbiting with Steven McGonigal

These timings are indicative only.

All changes will be announced.

Fair Organising Team

Directors: Albert & Irene Titterington (Marketing & Planning); Liz McCracken (Operations & Planning); Edwin Dash (Operations & Equestrian); Paul Robinson (Sales & Marketing), Johnnie McCoy (Main Arena), Steven McGonigal (Development & Countrysports in Action Arena), Paul Pringle (Press) & Peter Ayre (Maintenance)

Gundogs Director: Joe Johnston/Geoff Peoples Assisted by Eugene McGregor Retrievers. Spaniels: Ken Lindsay/Danny O'Neill/William Thompson

Displays: Tim Crothers, Keith Mathews, and the Irish CLA Gundog Team

Gundog announcer: Roy Rea

Angling: Casting Competitions – **Angling Director:** Glenda Powell

Demonstrations: Glenda Powell and APGAI Ireland

Fly Tying Demos: APGAI Ireland **Coaching:** Glenda Powell and APGAI Ireland

Put & Take Fishery: Mark Tierney and the NSN Team

Clay Pigeon Shooting Director: Kenny Thomas, Ballydugan Clay Pigeon Club

Archery: Lough Cuan Bowmen

Fine Food Pavilion: Davy Kerr

Living History Village Director: George Logan, Living History Ireland

Great Game Fairs of Ireland Chef: Emmett McCourt

Falconry: John Carmichael

Ferrets: Darren Moore & Graham Fyffe

Pugs & Drummers: Steven McGonigal

Game Display co-ordinator: Bill Storer

Dog Show: NIGFSS

Terrier & Lurcher Events Director: Tom Barry

Dog Agility Show & Demo's: Glandore Dog Training Club

Hounds: Tom Fulton

Main Arena Director: Johnnie McCoy

Chief Steward: Tom Fulton

Countrysports in Action Arena: Steven McGonigal

Steward: Paul Robinson

Security: Crowd Management Company Ltd

First Aid: St John Ambulance

Health & Safety: Pass International

PR: Future Image

Hon. Veterinary Surgeon: Firmount Veterinary Practice

Continuous Events (10.00 am to 6.00pm):

GO for GAME Game & Fish Cookery Demonstrations by Emmett McCourt in the Flogas Kitchen in the Fine Food Pavilion; APGAI Ireland carrying out fly casting and fly tying demonstrations and Ingrid Houwers carrying out taxidermy displays in the Salmon & Woodcock Pavilion; Living History Village situated amongst the towers and battlements of the old Shanes Castle including Battle of Antrim encampment and re-enactment of a skirmish from the battle at 16.50 pm Saturday 25th June.

All of the main Irish country sports organisations are exhibiting either in their own pavilions (CAI, SACS, CI) or in the 'Salmon & Woodcock Pavilion' supported by DAERA; including FISSTA; UAF; NSN, APGAI Ireland plus a number of clubs and conservation bodies.

Ongoing Activities:

Dogs: The Largest and most varied Dog Weekend in Ireland featuring: a problem dog clinic by Keith Mathews, BBC's Dog Guru and Gundog displays by Tim Crothers and the Irish International Gundog Team.

Gundog Competitions (Directors Joe Johnston/Geoff Peoples /Ken Lindsay/Willie Thompson) Saturday: Feedwell Unclassified, Novice and Open Retriever Tests. Red Mills International Springer Spaniel Novice, and Open and Team featuring ROI, England and NI.

Bygones Area: Charlie Mack's threshing machine; Johnny Fee's Horse Drawn Threshing & 'Gypsy Encampment'; Lord O'Neill's Steam Organ & Banshee Truck and Spitfire and Aviation Display.

Sunday: Feedwell International team event featuring ROI, NI and Welsh teams & Feedwell International Open Test.

The top two spaniels from the Open test and the two top Retrievers from Sunday's Open Test - will meet the two top retrievers from Sunday's Open Test in a GAME FAIR CHAMPION HANDLER CHALLENGE Dog Agility Show (Saturday) and NUTTS NIGFSS Group Dog (Sunday)

Terriers & Lurchers – Saturday: The RED MILLS Master McGrath Challenge and the FEEDWELL 28th All Ireland Terrier and Lurcher Racing Championships

Sunday: The NUTTS All Ireland Terrier and Lurcher Championships Show – Qualifier for the Irish Countrysports and Country Life Five Nations International Lurcher Championships (Final at Birr). The FEEDWELL Five Nations Whippet Championships

Ferret racing & show organised by Darren Moore & Graham Fyffe The 'Ways of the Poacher' with Steven McGonigal – the Victorian Poacher – also see him pit his wits against gamekeeper Eddie 'fast hands' Dash.

Game & Animal Displays: Birds of Prey Displays by John Carmichael; Rabbits; Alpacas from Mourne Alpacas and Snakes & Spiders displays from Ecomantella.

NI Angling Show: Casting competitions organized by Angling Director Glenda Powell and sponsored by AM Angling Newtownards and Shakespeare. Fly Tying demos by APGAI Ireland and Casting clinics run by Glenda Powell and APGAI Ireland. PUT & TAKE Fishery for Kids by NSN.

Childrens Entertainment Area: Cromore Castle.

Have a Go Archery & Air Rifle Shooting beside the Old Castle.

Clay Pigeon Shooting (Director Kenny Thomas) – TWO GUNS; fabulous cuff links from Steensons jewellers and cash prizes to be won plus a trip to shoot in the British Championships.

Please note: Any changes in this programme will be announced

The other GREAT GAME FAIR of IRELAND

the Irish Game and Country Fair takes place at Birr Castle, Co Offaly on the 27th and 28th August see:

www.irishgameandcountryfair.com and our Ballynahinch Game & Autumn Festival takes place at Montalto Estate,

Ballynahinch, Co Down on the 24th & 25th September. E: irishgamefair@btinternet.com or call 028 44839167

Irish Game Fair Spectator/Participant Survey

At Country Lifestyle Exhibitions Ltd we like to know what our customers think and to use that information to constantly improve the entertainment experience we provide for you and your family. We should like you to take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire and return it to us before the **14th July 2016**. All completed questionnaires will qualify for a £5 voucher off next year's ticket and there is an overall prize of a family day out at the 2017 Fair with lunch and free children's activities.

Question 1 How did you hear about this event?

Newspaper		Television	
Radio		Magazine	
Poster in Shop		Fair Flyer	
Roadside Poster		Other Please Specify	

Question 2. What activities did you find of particular interest?

Archery		Carriage Driving	
Angling		Falconry	
Living History Village		Sheepdogs Display	
Gundog demos		Clay Pigeon Shooting	
The Victorian Poacher		Medieval Jousting	
Gundog Competitions		Ferrets	
Horse & Hounds		Fine Food Pavilion	
Keith Mathews		Terriers and Lurchers	
Dog Agility		Battle of Antrim	
Terrier Racing		Tented Village	

Any Other activity (Please specify)

Question 3. How satisfied were you with the following facets of this event

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Signage					
Toilets					
Parking					
Catering					
Range of Activities					
Range of Stands					
Overall					
Satisfaction					

Question 4 Your trip to Shanes Castle?

(a) How many people were in your Group: (a) Adults (b) Children

(b) Was it (a) a day trip (b) You stayed Over If (b) how many nights did you stay?

Question 5 Personal Details

Age	Under 18	18 – 25	26 – 39	40 – 54	55 - 64	65 +
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Question 6

Excluding Admission roughly how much did you spend at the fair?

Question 7

What did you purchase at the fair?

Name: email:

Address:

Please return the completed questionnaire to: Customer Survey, Country Lifestyle Exhibitions Ltd, 5b Woodgrange Road, Downpatrick BT30 8JE