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LADIES WORLD FRESHWATER ANGLING CHAMPION **SANDRA SCOTTHORNE** HAS COME A LONG WAY IN THE SPORT SHE LOVES. IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH **NEWSREEL** SHE TALKS ABOUT LIFE AS A SUCCESSFUL FEMALE ANGLER...

Sandra is no stranger to success, married to three times World Freshwater Angling Champion Alan. Gold medals are quite common in the Scotthorne household so winning her own Gold medal at the Ladies event in 2002 was not so surprising. A highly successful businesswoman designing and manufacturing high quality garments for anglers as well as a

wide range of corporate clients her Halkon-Hunt name is synonymous with quality made to measure Goretex waterproof garments. Daiwa backed Sandra, the leading light in the White Acres NFA England Ladies squad took time out to talk to us...

NR: When did you first become involved in angling?

SS: Aged 11 I went fishing with a cousin. I won my very first match with one 13lb 8oz eel. The late Jack Purchase saw me struggling and helped me net it. Then I joined Doncaster young anglers until I was about 17. From 18-21 college work for my fashion degree came first although I still managed to fish while at Trent Poly!

NR: What is it that appeals about fishing?

SS: Both competing against the fish and competing against other anglers. Watching that float go under for the first time is a buzz.

NR: Why do you think there are not enough women in angling?

SS: Most women I know don't want to get dirty, let alone touch maggots or chop up worms. Yet all the girls I've known that have a go, do it again. The first time you pick up a rod you're hooked!



NR: What would encourage more women anglers?

SS: The facilities at commercial venues like White Acres are ideal. Women can have a few hours of fun fishing with clean baits like meat and corn in a safe environment. I would like to see more women coaches on the bank with the **White Acres** England Ladies team to encourage more girls and families into the sport.

NR: How focussed are you on the world championships?

SS: It's what I live for, once you've fished for England your life revolves around it - practising and preparing.

NR: How difficult is it for the ladies team to be competitive?

SS: Last year we almost missed the World Champs because of a lack of funding. Sponsorship like the backing from **White Acres** helps enormously with travelling and accommodation, so we can arrive relaxed and refreshed. We can put in more practice and be more professional in our approach.



NR: How do you rate the teams chances this year?

SS: If the backbone of the team is the same team as last year, then we have a very good chance, because we have an excellent bloodworm team already established.

NR: How important is it to retain your individual title on home shores this year?

SS: I've been training hard to perfect my technique but I've got to get selected first! Mum and dad have never seen me fish in a World Championships so that would be absolutely brilliant.

NR: As the boss of your own successful company how do you find the time to compete at such a high level?

SS: It's very difficult, I'm a hands on boss covering quite a lot of jobs myself. I'm working to delegate more so I can join my husband match fishing four days a week!

NR: How much has being married to Alan helped your fishing?

SS: It helps no end, but it's a two way thing. We have a large tackle room where we spend more time hours than watching TV, where we throw ideas at each other. Someone said his fishing would go down hill after he started fishing with me, but he went out and won three World Championships!

NR: What advice can you give women who are thinking about having a go?

SS: There are now lots of professionally qualified coaches, and it's easy to book an afternoons fishing. Give it a go!

NR: Thank you Sandra and very good luck from all at Newsreel for this years World Championships...

STAR PROFILE

FACT FILE

Sandra has represented the **England Ladies** at the **World Championships** eight times in nine years

She has achieved an individual **Gold medal** and **Bronze** (twice). Five team medals including two **Team Golds!**

Sandra's **biggest fish** is a 20 lb pike

Sandra's **biggest catch** is 64 kilos in the **Declic Peche** open in France 2000

She was the **Ladies National Champion** in 1990 and has been third four times

Sandra has won the **Fish 'O' Mania** Ladies event twice!

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