

WHAT'S **NEW** SPECIAL

Tom Doc Sullivan reveals the new season's offerings for the game angler from Hardy.

HARDY EWS MARK 2 WATERPROOF CLOTHING

2010 sees Hardy launching its new range of EWS Mk II clothing. This range sees the introduction of the latest in laminate technology material which gives us a fabric which is highly waterproof – hydrostatic head 10,000 mm – and fully breathable. The Mark 2 range sees Hardy reverting to the more traditional olive shading as can be seen from the photograph. Included in the range are a ¾ length jacket, wading jacket and bib and brace and is available in six sizes from small right up to XXXL. The clothing has been designed in-house in Alnwick purely with angling in mind and as a consequence incorporates many features to suit the angler, for example articulated hood design for visibility, articulated elbow construction so as not impede casting movement, internal cuff and external cuff fastener, hand warmer pockets, reinforced neoprene seat on trousers – perfect for the Irish boat angler – articulated knee design for ease of movement and an innovative design of boot access zip so as not to catch your fly line when casting. Prices: Jacket £299/€350, wading jacket £249/€290, bib & brace £199/€230



DEMON RODS

Due to popular demand, the highly successful Demon rod range has been switched from three-piece to four-piece. With most anglers not being fortunate enough to live by the water, the four-piece is much easier to store for air or car travel this will make the Demon rods far easier to transport.



ST GEORGE TROUT REEL

The reintroduction of Hardy Classic reels sees the re-release of the Hardy St George trout reel. This beautiful reel is 100% made in Alnwick in England and is perfect for use with the smaller trout rods on streams and rivers. It is made from bar-stock aluminium and is available in two sizes, 2 1/4in and 3in, right or left-hand wind and comes in two colours, black or spitfire. It is a piece of fly-fishing nostalgia manufactured to the highest standards. This reel comes at a price of £499/€600.



UNIQUA RODS AND REELS

The launch of the Uniqua rod and reel range by Hardy is a big step in the fly market. This range is the entry level and sees the opportunity for the fly-fisher to buy into the Hardy brand and quality at an affordable level. There is an extensive range available in the rods, with 15 single-handed models and three double-handed models on blanks that are easy-loading with a fast recovery with an attractive dark pine colouring.

The single-handed rods range from 7ft 6in, 3-wt to the 10ft, 8-wt. Within this range there are a 9ft, 9-wt and a 9ft, 10-wt which will cater for the ever growing number of pike and saltwater fly anglers here in Ireland. The double-handed ranges has three models, a 13ft, 8-wt, 14ft, 9-wt and 15ft, 10-wt.

All rods are four-piece with anodised aluminium reel seats, Fuji guides with hard chrome snake intermediates, and come with a rod bag and carry tube.



Reels

Hardy reels have stood the test of time for well over 100 years and have always been to the fore in design and innovation. The Uniqua range sees the chance for the angler to have a Hardy reel and the associated quality at a good price.

These stylish reels are constructed from aerospace grade aluminium which makes them light and have a beautifully polished, black anodised finish. The hardened carbon fibre disc drag system is easily adjustable and it is a quick and simple procedure to change the reel from left hand wind to right hand. There are five reels in the range that will accommodate all, starting from 2/3/4 up to 11/12.

Prices: single-handed rods from £169/€200 to £249/€290,

double-handed £349/€410 to £399/€465

Reels: from £149/€175 to £199/€235