

# FISHERY REPORTS

## IDEN WOOD FISHERY - Iden, Rye, East Sussex

Since Christmas most of the fishing has been confined to matches, but some reasonable weights have been recorded. Top carp weights of 38lb and 32lb have been taken with mostly maggot fished to features. Roach and skimmers have also shown on the Match Lake with an impressive 30lb taken off peg 12.

Carp anglers have had some success providing they keep their baits small. **Callum Stubberfield** from Westfield took a 21lb mirror on worm, and **Harry Tugwell** also from Westfield took mirrors of 20lb 14oz and 19lb 3oz on fake corn over pellet. The Specimen Lake has produced the best carp this month, a 28lb 6oz mirror taken by **Darren Clarke** from Hawkhurst on halibut pellet.

## GABRIELS FISHERY - Edenbridge, Kent

This time last year we were all talking about the deep snow and 100mm thick ice on the lakes. This year, 'what a difference'. We have seen daytime temperatures of 16 degrees and only two nights in the month has it fallen to below freezing. The fish think that they have gone on holiday to the continent because they too are enjoying the warmer water.

**SILVER LAKE** - just to prove the point about the mild weather, a match was held on Silver Lake and everyone caught fish. The bottom weight was 8lb of mainly roach, rudd and perch. The top weight was 46lb with the catch consisting of again roach, rudd and perch but also chub, bream, golden tench and a few carp. The largest of the carp were 9lb. The day was gorgeous with everyone who sat in the sun took their coats off, admired the kingfishers and enjoyed the fishing.

**HARE LAKE** - the warmer water has been producing perch of all sizes. They have been caught on maggot or worm close in the margins. Chub, gudgeon and a lot of roach to 1lb have been landed.

**OAK LAKE** - this warm winter has created the opportunity for many people to try out their new Christmas fishing presents. **David Johnson** from Croydon got a beautiful bend out of his rod when he landed a 24lb common carp just after breakfast on a 24hr session using a barbless anti-eject rig, no8 hook and scopex boilie. "The fish had been close to the reeds when it was hooked and made a direct bid for freedom by swimming into the deep water. The bite alarm sounded the activity and the fish realised its mistake and returned to the reed bed. With quick thinking (I think I was skilful) and good work made of the new rod, the fish turned into the swim and came to the surface with a big swirl of water. Then powerfully swam into the deep water where it played for some time before surfacing and going through the whole routine again. Eventually the fish tired and came to the landing net. The condition of the fish was perfect. The scales on the fish were so even. It's back was dark and somehow the whole fish was golden with a lovely orange tipped tail. This wasn't the biggest fish I've caught, but it was the best. I'll be back for more of this". Thank you David, for sharing your enjoyment with all of us, good luck and good fishing.

**ADMIRAL LAKE** - **John Anderson** fished 12hrs midweek with three rods and blanked. Then returned two days later, fished the Saturday and landed two mirror carp one at 24lb and one at 26lb.

**SWALLOW LAKE** - this has seen small carp and roach on the bank. The comment was 'good fishing, considering the time of the year'.

**RIVER EDEN** - on the narrow section below the weir a good number of roach and a few small chub have been caught. Despite the boards being removed for the protection against winter flooding (we have not had a lot of rain yet, so it must come soon), above the weir on the first meander two large pike have been landed both in the high teens but no real details have been received. On the second meander 6lb, 8lb and 9lb jack pike have been recorded and the chub are still biting.

## DARENTH FISHING COMPLEX - Darenth, Kent

After a month of varied temperatures here at the complex, we have still seen a good number of dedicated anglers.

**WILLOW** - **Rowland White** pole fished this lake and had a good number of F1s, two carp of 9lb and 11lb, also a good quantity of large roach.

**CHAPEL** - this lake has also been fishing well with a good number of F1s as well as skimmers and roach making up the bag. A good area to try seems to be around the pump with bait being corn and maggots.

**CLUBHOUSE** - day angler **Dave Banbury**, had four carp of 9lb, 11lb, 13lb and 16lb, all taken on Ace Baits (who are based here on the complex) along with **Kevin Freeman**, who landed 3 carp of 8lb, 12lb and 15lb, **Steve** (the fireman) who landed 7 carp with the largest being a 20lb common, **Steve** (owner of Ace Baits) had a very nice 2lb 4oz perch and finally **Vic Whitewick** landed many roach over 1lb, and an impressive 4lb tench which was very good for this time of the year!

**TERRAPIN** - again has fished well throughout the winter months and has seen many anglers landing carp over 20lb. **Steve Evans** was responsible for 2 carp at 20lb and 21lb, with **Lee Bury** having a 12lb bream, along with a 9lb and a 14lb carp.

**GOLD** - this lake has seen a number of anglers having good catches with F1s, Bream and large Roach. Angler **Paul Jones**, landing an impressive 10 F1s, and two carp of 10lb and 12lb, with **Steven Hall**, doing well with 8 bream to 9lb and 3 carp of 6lb, 8lb and 11lb.

**MASONS** - double maggot seems to have been the bait of choice as there have been large roach, along with skimmers being landed. Look for the deeper areas for the carp now that the colder weather has arrived. **Simon Clarke**, had 6 carp to 14lb.

**BASILS** - Big swims with plenty of room for kit or two bivvy's, as well as being able to fish from only one bank, avoiding anglers casting toward you. Lots of the large fish come from the far margin but if the weather is cold then the best option is to try down the middle in the deeper water. **Gary Hills** after doing a 24hr session had carp of 11lb, 14lb and 22lb. **Scott Roberts**, after a day session also managed to land carp of 16lb, 18lb and 21lb.

Well done, and thanks again to all the anglers who visit the complex.

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