

FISHERY REPORTS

ELPHICKS FISHERIES - Horsmonden, Kent

PLEASE USE AN UNHOOKING MAT AT ALL TIMES

NORTH LAKE - continues to fish well with plenty to report **Ben Breakwell** having a cat of 62lb 2oz, a mirror of 22lb and a grass carp of 16lb. **Kris Baxter** and **John Adams** had a 4 day session and managed to catch thirty-one fish between them all between 21lb and 30lb+, five of the fish were over 30lb. All fish caught on Elphicks No1's. **Lee Anderson** and **John Barker** had thirteen fish between them, all caught on LT94. **Lee** had three carp 17lb 2oz, 22lb 13oz and 26lb 4oz. **John** had seven carp up to 31lb 4oz which was a **PB**. One linear 14lb 2oz and two cats to 39lb. **Ryan Rowley** using cell fusion had eight carp up to 26lb 8oz which was a mirror and a common of 24lb 8oz, he also had a small cat of 12lb. **Malcolm Thoham** a mirror of 34lb 12oz. **Martin Ford** using his own homemade boilies had sixteen carp up to 31lb 8oz. **Dominic Sidonio** had two nice mirrors of 28lb and 24lb. **John Barker** had eight carp to 31lb 4oz and a cat of 39lb. **Richard Earle** had a nice 25lb mirror off the top on dog biscuit. **Tom Warner** had two commons of 18lb and 20lb and a mirror of 30lb. **Baz Bignall** had a 63lb cat, seven 20lb+ carp up to 26lb 10oz, a 20lb grass and 20lb ghost. **Andy Lewis** had a cracking session with thirty-six fish in total including carp up to 32lb 4oz and a cat of 40lb - well done **Andy!** **Adam Button** had eight carp up to 30lb. Some very good catches this month.

PLANTATION LAKE - has slowed down a bit this month, but, in saying that there have still been several good fish caught. **James Cooke** had a mirror of 18lb 5oz on crab pellet. **Mr A Flint** had a good session with three x 20lb, one x18lb and one x 17lb all caught on Elphicks No1. **Rowland Koch** and **Callum Brown** had six nice mirrors topped by one of 28lb 13oz, Rowland's best was 25lb 13oz. **Alex May** had mirror's of 21lb and 12lb and a ghost of 18lb all caught on tutti fruiti. **Richard Tatnell** using fusion strawberry had three mirrors of 16lb, 23lb and a **PB** of 30lb. **Jeff Prior** using sweetcorn had two mirrors 12lb 8oz and a **PB** of 21lb 8oz and one common of 13lb 8oz. **D Selden** had two mirrors 26lb and 18lb. **Jon Robertson** had a fully scaled Ghostie of 22lb 5oz.

PRAIRIE LAKE - DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF KETTLES LAKE THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT FISHING ON PRAIRIE. WE HOPE THIS WILL ALLOW US TO GIVE PLACES TO THOSE DAY TICKET ANGLERS THAT HAVE MADE THE EFFORT TO BE AT THE GATE EARLY. Prairie continues to fish well using mainly small feeders and pellet or sweetcorn, quite often the carp can be taken off the top using a floating bait give it a try. Young **Ben Read** fishing on the pole had twelve carp 8lb to 18lb all caught on sweetcorn, well done! **Tom Nichols** who was fishing with him also had a good session with six carp between 10lb and 13lb well done to you as well.

SANDWICH LAKE - is still fishing well. Lots of roach to 11/2lb and bream to 3lb, crucians to 2lb and carp to 8lb. All fish are being caught on the float or feeder with maggots, corn and pellet being the most productive this month. Always remember regular feeding brings the best results.

KETTLES LAKE IS NOW CLOSED.

PULLENS LAKE - is up and down with the weather, **Carl Conrad** had a nice mirror 34lb 1oz. **Mick Smith** had two mirrors of 20lb 4oz and 21lb 11oz. **George Wing** had a common of 19lb 4oz, **Denise Williamson** had two mirrors on artificial sweetcorn weighing 31lb 8oz and 29lb 6oz. **D Bain** had three mirrors using the same 15lb, 18lb and 29lb 2oz and **S Tutt** had a mirror of 9lb also on artificial corn.

WEST END LAKE - has been fishing very well and most of the fish have been caught on Elphicks No 1's. **Angus Attenborough** had five mirrors 33lb 11oz, 37lb 9oz, 17lb 11oz, 21lb 7oz and 25lb 2oz. **Daniel Fletcher** using proactive pineapple had a 27lb 10oz mirror. **Daniel Montier** had twelve mirrors from 17lb 8oz up to 29lb 15oz. **James Bumstead** had six mirrors from 15lb up to 30lb 8oz. **Daniel Hadfield** using maize had two mirrors 28lb 8oz and 28lb 2oz. **Phil Rankin** and **Angelo** also using maize had two 25lb and 19lb. **Tim Carter** had two mirrors 26lb 5oz and 15lb 4oz. **Paul Carter** had two mirrors 24lb 8oz and 21lb. **Dean Smith** had a very good session using No 1's and cell he had eighteen fish up to 34lb 2oz with another two going over 30lb - well done **Dean**.

JACK HENDERSON at STRAWBERRY FIELDS

For the last three seasons a lot of my fishing has been done at Strawberry Fields, nr Frant, Tunbridge Wells. Despite it's a relatively small size venue and certainly doesn't give up it's residents easily and with only a couple of weeks until I start my college course on fishery management, I've been trying to get in as much fishing as possible. Everybody knows that August isn't generally accepted as a good month for big fish but as the old saying goes, 'you've got to be in it to win it.' With that in mind I've sat through some real dog days with the only bites I've been getting coming from mosquitoes!

Then a couple of weeks ago there was a small window of opportunity when the weather forecast predicted an area of low pressure moving in, conditions sure to get the fish feeding. Arriving at the lake my suspicions were confirmed as I saw a number of fish head and shoulder out the water. To cut a long story short the first 8 hours of the session was the stuff dreams are made of, almost before the bobbins had settled I had a common of 12lb, and then a couple of hours later another steady run resulted in an immaculate common of 35lb. As the evening drew in I had another take, this time it was obvious it was one of the big girls. After a heavy fight I slid the net under a big mirror, one of my target fish. At 42lb 8oz it capped off a memorable few hours. Reflecting on the previous few hours sport over a cup of tea with fishery owner Len, we speculated that one of the really big fish could make an appearance. In particular the common known as 'Lee Jackson', who hadn't been bankside for almost a year. An upper forty the last time it was caught, it was widely speculated that it could hit the magic bull's-eye next time out. Alas, it was not to be and the rest of the session passed without further incident.

Then last week another low pressure moved in and I knew I had to be at the lake, only to arrive and find that most of the swims were taken as other anglers had obviously seen the forecast. Despite conditions looking perfect the fish were a lot slower to respond with only a few doubles caught in the first 48 hours. At the dawn of the third day some of the other anglers packed up which gave me the opportunity to have a look around. Sure enough I found what I was looking for, feeding fish including a big common. I moved my gear round to the swim and introduced some bait, keeping well back from the waters edge I decided to not cast my rods out to give the swim a chance to settle down. A few hours later I felt it was time to get the rigs out and positioned. It was around 7pm I received a finicky take, as the line went slack I picked up the rod and it was fish on. It was only a few minutes into the fight the fish rolled on the surface, straight away I knew which fish it was 'Lee Jackson' a fish I'd been after for over 150 nights, what followed was the longest 15 minutes of my life. When the net was finally slipped under her it was the best feeling in the world. She tipped the scales at 50lb 1oz, I was speechless. This fish was stocked in the 93/94 season at 5lb. I caught the fish using a Nash Hooligan 12ft, 21/4lb rod, Shimano 8000 reels, 10lb Gt80 line, size 12 Kamasan carp maxx hooks, Rig Marole hydrolink hooklink, Rig Marole 2oz lead and introduced 2 kilos of mainline cell.



FRAMFIELD PARK FISHERY - Uckfield, East Sussex

SPRING LAKE - Fishing extremely well with weights in excess of 200lb plus needed to frame in club matches. Pleasure anglers also enjoying excellent sport with carp to mid-doubles showing. Best baits are paste and carp pellet when fished in the margins. Other productive baits include luncheon meat and sweetcorn.

BROOKHOUSE LAKE - Similar tactics required with swims on the car park side very productive. Carp to low doubles showing especially when fishing paste or meat in the margins. Pole or waggler presented baits are the best option with feeder or bomb fished close to the islands.

BURYWOOD LAKE - Most pegs producing with the car park side the most favoured. Carp to 20lb showing especially when fishing sweet flavoured boilies or luncheon meat.

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