

Fishery Reports

Elphicks Fisheries Horsmonden, Kent



Freddy Simmonds - 18lb - Kettles Lake

NORTH LAKE is fishing well. **Tom Shelley** had a 33lb mirror. **Tom Smith** had a 26lb mirror. **Graeme King** had a 30lb mirror. **Chris Shelley** had a 30lb mirror. **James Bishop** had 3 mirrors at 34lb, 35lb, 36lb, and a 36lb common. **Nick Parkinson** had a 30lb common. **Jason Middleton** had 2 commons 31lb and 40lb. **Chris Brook** also had 2 commons 31lb and 43lb. **Michael West** had a 36lb common. **Barry Connelly** had a 35lb common. **Derek Adams** had 2 commons at 31lb and 39lb. **Allan Right** had 4 mirrors at 27lb, 32lb, 33lb and 38lb.

PLANTATION LAKE has been fishing well. **Jim Saunders** had 2 mirrors at 14lb and 29lb. **Ryan Hemsley** had a 30lb mirror and 2 commons of 31lb and 32lb. **Liam Hemsley** had a 32lb mirror and a 31lb common. **Nick Sheridan** had a common of 33lb and a mirror of 31lb. **Stu Munnery** had a 17lb linear and a 17lb mirror. **Dave Lee** had a 33lb mirror.

PRAIRIE LAKE has fished well since opening. **Jude Edwards** had a 30lb mirror. **Jay Edwards** had a 25lb mirror. **Alan Dean** had 2 mirrors at 19lb and 21lb, a 24lb leather and a 27lb ghost carp. **Scott Cook** had his **PB** with a 31lb mirror. **Reece Wickens** had two 30lb mirrors, a 26lb common and a 17lb ghost carp. **Dan Wickens** had four mirrors at 19lb, 22lb, 22lb and 24lb. **Keith Smart** had a 27lb mirror.

SANDWICH LAKE is now predominantly carp ranging from 5lb to 15lb and is fishing well. Good numbers of carp being caught. Bottom Baits and surface baits both producing carp. **Simon Green** had 9 carp to 14lb and 4 bream to just over 4lb. The Paddy Timms party - **Paddy, Malcolm, Colin, Ian** had 63 carp between 5lb and 13lb. **Jason Rogers** had 9 carp to 14lb and 11 bream to 4lb.

KETTLES LAKE is fishing well. **George Fagg** had a 22lb common, a 20lb mirror and a 10lb ghostie. **Jed Fagg** had 7 carp to 18lb. **Simon Long** five mirrors at 9lb, 13lb, 14lb, 17lb, 18lb and a common at 19lb. **Allan Long** had mirrors of 17lb, 18lb, 18lb and commons at 9lb and 14lb. **Richard Cutts** had 2 mirrors at 20lb and 21lb. **Matt Robinson** had 2 ghost carp at 12lb, 16lb a 19lb mirror and a 10lb common. **Peter Watkins** had 4 mirrors 5lb, 10lb, 14lb, 15lb and 2 commons at 4lb and 13lb.

PULLENS LAKE is still fishing well. **Paul Carter** had 2 mirrors at 28lb and 37lb. **Angus Attenborough** had 2 mirrors at 26lb and 29lb. **Simon Trill** had 2 mirrors at 29lb and 33lb. **Daz Chelton** had a 34lb mirror. **Kevin Travis** had 3 mirrors 27lb, 48lb and 52lb. Robert Davis had a 33lb mirror.



Chris Brook - 43lb 8oz - North Lake



Jay Edwards - 25lb 1oz - Prairie



Dave Lee - 33lb 5oz - Plantation Lake



Dan Wickens - 24lb - Prairie Lake



Daz Chelton - 34lb - Pullens

WEST END LAKE is still producing well Paul Carter had 2 mirrors of 34lb, and 38lb, Tim Carter had a 34lb mirror, Tom Goody had 2 mirrors 34lb and a 47lb pb. Mr Forshaw had 2 mirrors at 38lb and 40lb.

Kevin Travis - 48 hours at Elphicks



52.02, 48.08, 27lb for Kevin Travis and 34lb for Daz Chelton. Fantastic 48hrs from 10th November on Pullens lake at Elphicks. Arrived early Friday, lake was empty and decided to set up on the end of the wind after a few shows. Within an hour Daz Chelton Landed a 34lb Mirror on a single Live system from the center of the bay where fish had shown. An hour later Kevin Travis picked up a 27 Mirror on a bag of Maggots from a similar area. Great start to the 48 but it then went a bit quiet despite fish still being in the area. The Water level was down so we were avoiding the margins but after repeated shows on the far bank up on the shelf I decided to bait a spot under a tree. Maggots, hemp, Maize and a few live system were fed without fishing it. All day it was topped up and on inspection in the clear shallow water throughout the day it was clear fish were visiting. I kept it topped up all day and on the first night fished a live system over the top but with no success. The Saturday carried on pretty much the same with a group of fish (two of which were considerably larger than the pack) could clearly be seen coming in on the shelf and feeding all day. More maggots, hemp & Maize were added and the fish never left the area. Great to watch but frustrating as no takes despite watching them feed and doubting the presentation. I changed to a single grain of Maize as the hook bait and fished just one rod on the spot. Nothing all day and topped up after dark. The Lead was cast to the far bank and I walked round and dropped it in on the spot with a small PVA mesh of hemp and Maize to protect the hook. At 7pm the rod went off in the dark and what appeared in the net after a hefty fight was clearly a fish that would smash by PB. It turned out to be the lakes largest resident weighing in at 52.02LB and possible a new lake record, verified by 2 other anglers and has put on 2lb since its last visit to the back 8 weeks before - completely unbelievable. Pictures done although not doing it justice in the dark I was not even going to put the rod back after that fish of a lifetime. A UK 50!! After a break and coffee I decided to put on a fresh rig and another single grain of Maize. I knew it was 13 wraps so cast the rod back on the spot this time as best as possible in the dark and went to bed (but couldn't sleep!!) Eventually dropped of early hours and at just before 7am at first light on remembrance Sunday the same rod woke me up with a very slow take. I pick up the rod and it was solid. I thought i was snagged somewhere but couldn't quite see in the half light. A 25 minute battle ensued with something very heavy and powerful that eventually pulled over the net cord. Unbelievably it looked every bit as big as the 52 and eventually weighed in at 48.08lb. Perhaps the second largest in the lake. Just surreal to see those two fish the day before leading the pack and both took the bait within 12hrs. It just doesn't happen to likes of us. Thanks Very Much to Elphicks Fishery. A 48 hours I will never forget and probably never top. A place dreams are made with helpful staff and a wonderful non crowded environment to fish. Can't wait to get back next year. **Kevin Travis**