

# Fishery Reports

## Beaver Fishery Lingfield, Surrey

First and foremost Ben and I hope you all had a good Christmas and we wish you all a Happy new year!

We thought we would write a quick review of what has happened over the year.

**JANUARY** saw the first new stockies banked on Snipe Lake to just over 17lb. Also, we continued our on-going water treatment of Snipe Lake by completing another chalk/lime mix that was introduced into the lake to help the overall health of the lake. We also saw the first tench of the year landed on Eden Pond. Pike from Majors Lake were banked to just over 17lb. January also saw the opening of the newly stocked Daughters Lake and it didn't take long for the fish to be banked to mid doubles.

**FEBRUARY** saw plenty of carp banked on Snipe Lake to an impressive winter weight of 32-6. On Tuscany Lake the first cats were banked up to 36lb. Daughters Lake continued to fish well with the new stockies being banked. Majors Lake showed pike to 18lb 8oz. We also treated Moat Pond, Daughters Lake and Eden Pond with the chalk/lime mix to improve the water quality so we should see some benefits of this come spring time.

**MARCH** saw Snipe Lake produce carp to mid 20's. Tuscany Lake produced cats to 68lb. The first Jeff's Lake Open of the year results were 1st 16lb 8oz, 2nd 13lb 6oz and 3rd 12lb 6oz. Daughters Lake produced more new stockies to mid doubles and grass carp to 16-08. Eden Pond produced perch to 2-08.

**APRIL** saw Snipe Lake produce carp to 28-02. Tuscany Lake started to show plenty of cats to 68lb. April's Jeff's Lake Open results were 1st 83lb, 2nd 62lb and 3rd 60lb 4oz. Moat pond started to fish well with carp to 7lb. Daughters Lake continued its good form with carp to low doubles. Eden Pond saw the tench feeding well and being banked to 5lb. Majors Lake saw the carp wake up and they were banked to 19lb 14oz.

**MAY** saw Snipe Lake fish well with carp being banked to upper 20's and also saw the lake record broken when **Matthew Rustermeier** landed the big mirror at 34lb 2oz. Tuscany Lake produced an amazing amount of catfish up to 70lb. This month's Jeff's Open Match results were 1st - **Richard Williams** with 49-02, 2nd - **Harry Haggett** with 46lb and 3rd - **Mark Hathway** with 36lb. Moat Pond continued to fish well with anglers getting multiple catches to 7lb. Daughters Lake did well again this month with lots of anglers amongst the fish to low 20's. Eden Pond was still the place to go for some tench with lots being banked to 5lb. Majors Lake saw a few anglers get in on the carp action banking them to mid doubles and tench to a massive 8lb 1oz.

**JUNE** saw Snipe Lake again fish well with carp out to 32lb and then the fish decided to start spawning so we did the right thing and shut the lake for a while. Tuscany Lake saw the cats feeding well again and again Ben and I just couldn't keep up with all the catches. Low doubles to 69lb 9oz and lots in between. This month's Jeff's Lake Open was a bit more hectic and the results were 1st - **Mark Hathway** with 68-08, 2nd - **Martin Charnock** with 41lb and 3rd - **Dan Szupienko** with 35-04. And as with every month, we have lots of anglers are catching all different species on Jeff's Lake and it is perfect if you are new to fishing and want to catch some nice fish quickly. We closed Daughters Lake this month as the carp decided to start spawning but before we did a few fish were being caught up to and including a 23lb grassie. In Eden pond the average size tench has risen this month and the biggest caught was 6lb. Majors Lake was producing a few good carp to 18lb 3oz and some lovely tench to 5lb and a couple of decent crucians too.

**JULY** and the heat of the summer was well and truly upon us now. Snipe Lake re-opened after spawning then a few weeks later we shut again as they decided to have another last go but during the open period carp to 28lb 12oz were caught. While on Tuscany Lake the cats were coming thick and fast to weights of just under 66lb. This month's Jeff's Lake Open results were 1st - **Alan Ringwood** 95-08, 2nd **Adrian Bell** 79-06, 3rd - **Harry Haggett** 63-00. Also Warlingham A.C started there 3hr evening matches and the best weight was 93lb. Not bad for 3 hours fishing. We also held the Guru Junior Masters Match and on a scorching hot day and the competitors managed to fish through the 3 hour match on the hottest day of the year so far. Well done to all that took part. The top 3 were:-1st place - **Alfie Martin** with 46-11 - 2nd place - **Billy Kirk** with 29-12 - 3rd place - **Tommy Clark** with 19-12. July also saw us shut Daughters Lake as a few late spawners were having ago. We also purchased a solar aerator and placed it in Daughters Lake so we could maximise the amount of oxygen in there. Even with the low water levels in Majors Lake the carp continued to feed and we saw them banked to mid doubles and the tench were enjoying the warmth and being banked to just under 6lb.

**AUGUST** saw Snipe Lake produce carp to just under 27lb. Tuscany Lake was again doing superb for the cats with them being banked to just over 65lb. This month's Jeff's Lake Open results were 1st - **Adrian Bell** 41lb 8oz, 2nd - **Bob Beal** 38lb 4oz, 3rd - **Dave King** 36lb 12oz. Also this month the fountain stopped working on Jeff's Lake so we purchased a new paddle wheel aerator to keep the fish happy in the extreme heat we were having. Ben and I also made the decision to shut Daughters Lake as it was suffering from an algae bloom which the fish didn't like at all. Whilst the lake was shut we introduced barley straw bales, algae busting chemicals and pure barley extract to combat the problem but sadly we lost some of the stock. It was heartbreaking for us both, especially after all the hard work we put in to the lake over the winter. Eden Pond produced carp to just over 9lb. while on Majors Lake carp were being banked to mid doubles and some nice tench banked too.

**SEPTEMBER** saw Snipe Lake again produce carp to 32lb and Tuscany Lake gave up cats to just under 64lb. This month's Jeff's Open Match results were 1st - **Pawel Lesniak** 30lb 6oz, 2nd - **Trevor Pavitt** 24lb 2oz, 3rd - **Sam Beckinsale** 21lb 4oz. Moat Pond did well with carp to 9lb. Eden Pond produced tench to 5lb. As like the last few months, Maze Lake has been doing well for the bream with plenty being caught to 8lb. Majors Lake threw up one of the larger carp this month at 22lb.

**OCTOBER** saw Snipe Lake fish well with carp being banked to 30lb. Tuscany Lake saw cats out to 63lb 11oz. The Jeff's Lake Open saw these results 1st place - **Harry Haggett** with 71-06, 2nd place - **Les Parker** with 28-10, 3rd place - **Sam Beckinsale** with 27-12. Moat Pond saw carp banked to 7lb and a crucian banked at 4lb 6oz. Eden Pond saw the tench slow down as the water got colder but the carp were caught to just over 9lb. Maze Lake produced carp to 10lb and some

