

Beaver Fishery - FEBRUARY



Ryan Lovejoy - 11-08 - Majors

SNIPE LAKE has been very quiet for the last month. A combination of shutting for Xmas, lack of anglers and the lake freezing in December has led to the fish shutting down for the winter. The 1st carp of the year was finally caught by **Terry Woodhall** on a 24hr session. He managed 2 of the new stockies at 17-12 and 16-06 to kick start the catch reports for what will be an exciting year on Snipe.

TUSCANY LAKE - The cats are still tucked up in their bankside holes at the moment. Hopefully it won't be long until the 1st cat of the year graces the bank. There has been a few anglers trying their luck for the silvers that also live in the lake, with some good sized bream and roach being caught.

JEFFS LAKE - still produces right through the winter, with mainly bream, silvers and F1 carp being caught. A few bonus carp and tench have also been landed. With the F1's either feeding or switching off, some anglers are doing better than others. **Martin Charnock** had a great day landing 37 fish including a lovely 10lb mirror. **THE 1ST JEFFS LAKE OPEN WILL BE ON WEDS 7TH MARCH**. Please get in contact with us if you are interested.

MOAT POND - No one has fished this pond over the past month, which has enabled us to do some major maintenance. Cutting back brambles, reeds, over head branches and trees around the edges of the pond and island. Also repairing swims, applying new woodchip and removing underwater snags. Once the warmer weather gets here, this small pond will come to life as usual.

EDEN POND - has just re opened after being shut since mid November for its yearly tidy up. The pond has been quiet for anglers, with everyone waiting for the spring when the tench start to feed. We did see the 1st tench of the year banked mid January by **Livvy Ellard** on a short day session.

MAZE LAKE - again this lake hasn't really been fished over the last month. A few bream and small carp have been landed by those willing to give it a try.

MAJORS LAKE - has just seen pike anglers on its banks, with very mixed results, both good and bad. Those anglers who are willing to be mobile and cover the water have had the best action. With mainly 3lb - 6lb jacks being landed on lures. **Ralph Laughton** landed his 1st ever pike at 7lb on a lobworm while fishing for perch. Young **Ryan Lovejoy** banked a lovely 11-08 pike on a deadbait. **Josh Wood** fished the Eden Brook between Snipe and Tuscany Lakes, landing pike of 7-04 and a 12-08.

DAUGHTERS LAKE - The 5th of January 2018 saw the new look Daughters Lake up and running. The lake had been shut since mid November so we could conduct extensive works and turn Daughters into our 2nd carp Lake. During these works we drained and netted the lake removing all species apart from carp. These fish were distributed into the other lakes on the fishery. Any F1 carp and carp under 5/6lb were also removed. We cut back overhanging branches and trees, as well as removing all overhanging brambles and reeds from the far margins. Designated numbered swims with sleepers and woodchip were put in. Along with white marker posts on the far margin as a guide to indicate each anglers water. There are now 7 swims on the lake, including the 2 swims in front of the chalet. To add to the existing stock we introduced 35 stunning and fast growing mirror carp from VS Fisheries, with an average size of 9lb. Daughters Lake now has a stock of around 120 carp ranging from 6lb to low 20's, with a good mix of common, mirror, ghost and grass carp. Once opened it didn't take long for fish to be banked, **Darryl Cook** had the 1st official carp from the lake, a 11-14 common. **Jay Drury** had 2 commons to 15lb and a new stockie mirror. **Daniel Latham** netted 2 mirrors and a common. **Steve White** landed a ghostie, a mirror and unfortunately lost 3, but we're let him off as he food poisoning! **Ben Wells** and **Lee Harvey** both banked fish on a day session. Our own Andy fished two overnight sessions and managed 4 fish, including 2 stockie mirrors and 2 commons. It's exciting times ahead for the new look lake!



Terry Woodhall - 17-12 - Snipe - 1st of 2018



Daughters - 1st official carp caught 11lb 14oz



Terry Woodhall - 16-06 - Snipe Stockie



Hawkhurst Fish Farm Hawkhurst, Kent



31lb Mirror - Specimen - Glynn Catt - and Rob with 19lb common

Our closed season has now come to an end, and Hawkhurst Fish Farm is ready in anticipation for an influx of anglers itching to get back behind their rods! Please remember that any session of 24 hours or more need to be booked in advance. We do not take bookings for day tickets; however, please feel free to call the office on the number above (between 9am and 5pm weekdays) to check availability before your visit.

During our closed period we carried out various maintenance tasks in order to improve our fishery. The tasks included clearing all snags and dead wood, repairing all islands, tree surgery on 5 islands, re graveling all paths, hardcore where necessary, checking electrics on each island, checking oxygen pipes, duck boxes, boarding up of underwater cavities, and bank stabilisation. The jobs are endless! During this time we also partially drained Main Lake and Dove Lake to remove small fish and to allow us to carry out these jobs. Photos can be found on our facebook page!



27lb 4oz mirror - Specimen - Ryan Dowdeswell

SPECIMEN LAKE: This is the only lake which remains open throughout our closed period. Our bailiff Rob did a session in which he netted a brace of lovely commons weighing 19lb 10oz and 21lb 8oz. **Glynn Catt** joined Rob on this session and managed to catch a stunning 31lb mirror. **Ryan Dowdeswell** did an overnight session and managed to sneak out a cracking 27lb 4oz mirror. It fell to a Sticky Baits Krill White pop up solid PVA bag of the matching active mix and 2mm pellet.

Waterside Café is open from 9am to 4pm, 7 days a week.



21lb 8oz common - Specimen - Rob Ledsham



19lb 10oz common - Specimen - Rob Ledsham