

FISHERY REPORTS

NEW CLAYGATE LAKES - Claygate, Kent

The anglers at Claygate Lakes are still achieving some good results from all of the lakes. The unpredicted mild Christmas period followed by the storm force winds and rain over the New Year and the first week of January, has affected the feeding habits of all the fish stocked on all of the lakes, although those individual anglers that think out of the box have achieved and enjoyed their favourite pastime and hobby.



George Ridgway

All the lakes have yielded reasonable returns for this time of the year; **George Ridgway** who was fishing on Lake Eva trying to tempt one of the many carp stocked on this lake was rewarded with a very plump 6lb tench on strawberry boilies. Maggots also proved to be the tasty morsels that bagged several small carp for top angler, **Mark Buglass**. The baits that seems to be catching the better weight have been maggots, 4m expanders and luncheon meat, by presenting any of these baits over a light scattering of ground bait will produce the better catches.



Mark Buglass

If your club or angling buddies wish to book any of the lakes or part lakes for competitions, please get your request in as soon as possible as the match diary for 2012 is filling very quickly, check out the web site www.newclaygatelakes.co.uk for all the catch reports and latest news.

HAWKHURST FISH FARM - Hawkhurst, Kent

The complex has been closed since 19th December and reopens on 3rd February 2012. Apart from Specimen Lake which has been open for members only.

The rest of the lakes were closed for general maintenance. Main Lake and Dove Lake were not dropped as our last report said this was a misprint on our part. The main reason for our closure was to cut back trees and for bank stabilisation.

SPECIMEN LAKE - has produced a number of fish; **Mr T Grice** caught a 36lb common on Christmas Day! We did take him a Christmas dinner for his dedication. **John Puttick** of Hailsham had 2 carp one was 35lb and one was 41lb on a 3 day session. **Danny Soulsby** fished 48 hours and had 2 carp, 23lb and 25lb.

All lakes will be in full swing as of 3rd February 2012. To make a booking please call 01580 753813 Monday-Friday.

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BUCKLAND LAKE FISHERY - Cliffe, Kent

It was a busy time at the lakes throughout the Christmas and the New Year period, with the anglers trying out there new Christmas presents. Great to see anglers who aren't put off by the weather! The milder weather over the last week or so has been bringing out the hardier of the coarse anglers and they have had the pleasure of catching some beautiful fish.

Most anglers have been catching between 3lb and 15lb fish. Mainly Common's, Mirror and F1's. Throughout the winter so far the carp are still biting well. Maggots are working best with the technique of feeding little and often.

Over the next month we hope to be adding many more Roach and Perch at a variety of weights to add a spring time boost to our already diversely and well stocked lake.

We are now offering a Buckland Lake 'winter warmer' where with every ticket bought for the lakes you are offered a free tea or coffee to help keep that winter chill off. Please call Charlie the fishery manager on 01634 220005 or 07827337424 if you have any queries or require any further information.

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ORCHARD PLACE FARM - Paddock Wood, Kent



Tony Overal
35lb mirror carp

Due to the mild weather since before Christmas and after, the lakes have all produced some nice fish. **Lake 1** a couple of day tickets had a 24lb mirror, and a 19lb common, fishing with maggot. **Dan** from Cranbrook battled the gales, decided to fish Lake 1 as it is more protected and had 5 carp on a 48hr session fishing from swim 6, he also had a 23lb having spent the morning on Lake 2. **Bob Reynolds** fished **Lake 4** along with Dan and his friend fishing sessions 48hr up to 72hrs, all caught carp, 29lb common being the biggest and a 20lb 9oz mirror being the lightest. **Jim Moultrie** had a cracking day ticket on Lake 4 with a 19lb 10oz mirror, 21lb 2oz mirror and a 23lb 6oz mirror, beating his **PB**, well done, Jim. **Gary** one of our regular anglers fished a total of 5 separate 12hr sessions on **Lake 3** and had an unbelievable record of carp, tench and barbel coming out, with over 45 catches, he said it was such a great few days, fantastic bit of sport. He had at least 5 different 20s, 29lb common being the biggest and a lovely 23lb mirror. Numerous low doubles and some tench and barbel all caught using maggots. **Tony Overal** also had a beautiful mirror carp from Lake 3 weighing in at impressive 35lb making it his **PB** (pictured above). **Charlie Keen** had 2 nice carp from **Lake 7** a 22lb 5oz mirror, and a 20lb common fishing a 36hr session from swim 7. **Rob Dogherty** and his friend fishing from swim 13 and 14 on a 48hr session had between them 4 20s, 20lb mirror, 22lb 6oz mirror, 23lb mirror and a 24lb 9oz fully scaled mirror, they were fishing with bright yellow fluro.

Match/Pleasure Lakes have had some good competition weights out 98lb, 87lb, 77lb on one match. Day Tickets are also having some good fishing on **Lake 5** and **Lake 6** with such mild days lots of F1s, tench, barbel, mirror and commons.