

FISHERY REPORTS

IDEN WOOD FISHERY - Iden, Rye, East Sussex

SPRING LAKE - tench feeding well this month, with the best specimen coming out at 5lb caught on corn. Skimmers to 2lb on maggot and worm, and perch to 2lb also on worm. Carp to 15lb being taken close to the lillies on floating baits.

MATCH LAKE - best carp this month 26lb mirror caught by **Bernard Dibble** from Peasmarsh on a halibut pellet soaked in marmite. Numerous carp over 20lb this month, mostly on floating baits, sport a little slower on baits presented on the bottom. Plenty of bream and skimmers on the pole corn, worm and maggot all working well, also good roach catches on similar tactics.

MIDDLE LAKE - fishing well with carp to 4lb and skimmers to 2lb, corn and meat on the pole to the island.

SPECIMEN LAKE - all the talk this month is about the 13lb 1oz eel caught close to the island by **David Saunders** (see below) from Lydd. Best carp this month a 28lb 4oz mirror taken by **Richard Howard** from Hastings, who also included two 16lb mirrors and a 12lb fish on fake maize.

ORCHARD LAKE - best carp this month is a 20lb 8oz mirror caught on the edge of the reeds on corn. Some good roach to 12oz also being taken on float fished bread.

DAVID SAUNDERS of Lydd hooks a record at Iden Wood Fishery without realising it



It was only when **David Saunders** casually mentioned to fishery owner Andy Ashdown how his session was going, that he discovered that the eel he had landed had been a record breaker, weighing in at a whopping 13lb 1oz. David on a three-day session with his wife Jeannette and 6 year old daughter Harriet, has been overwhelmed by all the interest in his surprising catch. Having caught a 23lb 8oz carp he was content, but at 1pm in the middle of a storm and heavy rain, his buzzer alerted him. "I struck, thinking it was a huge carp only to land an eel and feeling a tinge of disappointment - little did I know! Fortunately, we did take the pictures and weighed it very carefully, it was huge, well over 4 feet long. As for the rest of my session, I caught some great carp and the pleasure of seeing my daughter catch her first fish has all made for a very memorable session at Iden Wood." Of course, the eel was safely returned so it's there to be caught again!



23lb 8oz carp



9lb 12oz carp



Daughter Harriet catches her first fish