

Angling Report 02-09-2014

Deeping St James AC fished the Day Ticket Pool at Decoy Lakes for the third and final round of the Wade Cup which is decided on aggregate weight, and although this lake doesn't hold many big fish, it makes up for it in quantity. Well in front in this series was Mike Atherton who draw peg 3 and he caught well throughout the match and should have cruised to an easy victory, but disaster struck big time at the weigh in. With only two nets in, Atherton thought he had 45lb in each net but at the scales he went well over the fishery limits and unfortunately was disqualified. The bad error of judgment cost him dear as he not only lost the match but also the series win. Up stepped Ray Torrington who did use three nets to finish with 113lb 10oz from peg 1 catching fish on banded pellet and sweetcorn to claim the win on the day and the Wade Cup series. Second was Alan Jopling on peg 9 with 78lb 9oz and third from peg 7 was Des Dalton with 77lb 9oz.

The final results for the Wade Cup Series was Ray Torrington with 352lb 4oz, runner up was Mike Atherton with 251lb 1oz and third was Des Dalton with 210lb 11oz.

Ferry Meadow Lakes on the outskirts of Peterborough continues to produce the sort of form we all enjoyed in the late 90's and early 2000's. In Oakham AC's Winter League first round match fished on the High Bank section Ben Sharpe topped the field from peg 41 taking a net of bream on the tip for a level 80lb. City rod Dave Thornton pole fished his way to second place with a net of roach and skimmers for 17lb 1 oz, followed by Nick Measures on 16lb 1oz and Paul Green with 14 lb 3oz

In the latest Steel City open match the bream showed in vast numbers, match organiser Mick Smith taking the honours from peg 125 on the Overton Lake, netting bream close to double figures on the feeder for 83lb 6oz. Rob Scott came in second with 64lb 9oz followed by Daz Forrest with 62lb 9oz.

There was some confusion when the Conservative Club anglers pulled up at the Decoy Lakes complex expecting to fish the Oak Pool only to find they were being moved as the channels had been also booked to someone else. They were given a choice of Willows or Horseshoe and the majority chose Horseshoe. Unfortunately the lake was not at its best, the fishing was hard and catches were built by trying different methods searching out where the fish were feeding. Top rod from peg 5 was Alan Porter with 51lb 8oz, he caught with pellet fished shallow, a few late on in the margins with maggot. Terry Uff put 46lb 11oz to the scales from peg 14 to take the runner up spot, his fish falling to red maggot and pellet fished close in. Mark Chester was last man to make the frame, coming third with 40lb 2oz.

John Furnell topped the Yaxley, Farcet, Holme and DAC pairs match fished on Float Fish Farm Silver Fish Lake. They were hoping for big weights as the venue had been in fine form recently but the big weights failed to materialise and fish were very hard to come by.

The winning pair were John Furnell and Frank Bevilacqua who jointly weighed 7lb 3 ¼ oz with Furnell including a nice perch in his net. Furnell took most of his fish using worm and maggot hook bait on a feeder fished tight to the far bank, whilst

Bevilacqua fished maggot at nine metres. Runners-up Lionel Whaley and Paul Marriott, missed out by just a quarter of an ounce, weighing 7lb 3 oz. Whaley caught most of his fish on the wind protected side of the lake, using maggot at five metres. Third were Mike Mahon and Brian Warren with 3lb 13 3/4 oz.

Webb's AC had better luck at the fishery fishing the Horseshoe Pool. Top rod was Birthday boy George Scally, he caught on meat and sweetcorn weighing in 18lb 9oz. Dave Pearson and Gordon Harmer came in second both with 16lb 7oz, with Richard Knight fourth on 16lb 5oz.

A good turnout in the latest JVAC match meant that both the Four Islands and Horseshoe Pools had to be used. Top rod On Four Islands was Kevin Wilmot, he worked out quickly that the fish did not want lots of feed or big baits, instead fed little but often with casters catching up in the water to finish on 76lb. Lee Kendal came in second with 52lb 5oz followed by Mick King with 50lb 10oz. On Horseshoe Roger Gowler returned to form on fancied peg 13, he caught up in the water on pellet for 114lb. Then came Nick Carlton on peg 1, he had 112lb 9oz on meat followed by Andy Kelk with 97lb 13oz from peg 18.

Whittlesey AA returned to Cock Bank drain for their Saturday match and in a strong wind and gin clear water the two end pegs took more fish than the inside pegs and it was where Andy Lawrence took advantage of the reed bed on the far bank by using the five metre whip and red maggot on the hook tempting the rudd out to win with 7lb 6oz. On the other end peg Dave White caught slowly with small rudd, roach and perch making up his catch and a bonus bream on worm to finish with 5lb 1oz. Frank Bevilacqua made third place with a mixed net of small fish weighing in with 1lb 15oz. The previous days Junior match ended with 6 year old Mason Nicholls (Dave Jarrett's Grandson), fishing the short whip with pinkie over ground bait taking gudgeon and roach close in to win the Dave Jarrett Shield with a weight of 1lb 2oz. Second place went to Kieran Strowlger who struggled with a weedy swim taking a few roach and small perch for 6oz.

The Six Island pool has been one of the best on the Decoy Complex for some time now and it certainly did not let the Cock Inn anglers down on Sunday. The ever consistent Steve Smith took the top spot from peg 15 a swim he did not fancy at all. He caught on a feeder to the island and down the edge with sweetcorn for 125lb 12oz. Second place went to Mick Sidney, he did well from peg 20 netting carp and barbel close in on sweetcorn for 96lb 4oz. Then came Paul Faulkner with 89lb 4oz.

In the two day over 55's mini festival Yew Lake was first up for the Thursday opener followed by the Cedar on Friday. Day one saw Mick King well out in front, he drew peg 22 and caught on meat and worm close in for 131lb 2oz. Chris Saunders came in second on 119lb 4oz followed by Vince Hull with 116lb 11oz.

Top Pair Thurs – Chris Saunders and Gus Gausden with a combined weight of 214lb 10oz.

The following day the contestants had to deal with a strong wind, but weights held up well, Kevin Peacock taking the honours from peg 3 with 170lb 5oz caught on meat and paste. Richard Lofthouse fed heavily with red maggot to take second place on 160lb 11oz followed by Gus Gausden on 99lb 3oz.

Top pair Friday - Gus Gausden and Richard Lofthouse with 259lb 13oz.

This years Sensas Challenge League Match fished on our local waters has been cancelled due to lack of interest for the league this year. A real disappointment as it did give anglers a chance to perform under international rules, may be that was the problem though as the rules are somewhat different to the match rules we are all used to fishing under. The Sensas Mark One squad hastily arranged a pair's match which took its place but still fishing to Sensas Challenge Rules. The match saw England Ladies star Abbi Kendall once again putting in a fine performance to top a small but very competent field of anglers. High winds and a bright day were far from ideal conditions but Abbi still ran out a comfortable winner fishing the long pole to take a net of skimmers and a bonus tench from the St Peters Bridge area for 16lb 12oz.

Pairs result

1st Martin Roper & Paul Spriggs 18pts
2nd Ray Malle & John Bates 15pts

Individual Match Winners

1st Abbi Kendall 16lb 12oz
2nd Martin Roper 16lb 10oz
3rd Joe Roberts 10lb 4oz
4th Paul Spriggs 9lb
5th Neil Newby 8lb 14oz

The latest Float Fish Farm open took place on the Two Islands pool and a good turnout of anglers were expecting some bumper weights. However it did not go to plan and for some reason the fish switched off with the hot pegs failing to produce. Josh Line came in first on peg 28 with a respectable 59lb 14oz, fishing a Method feeder with pellet to the bottom end of the second island. He fished just on the island shelf and took a few good size fish to win by a 9lb margin and the first place £120 prize. Second came Stuart Redman on peg 8 with a 50lb 10oz bag of a few carp on pellet feeder and mainly small rudd. In third place was young Harry Murfitt with 46lb 1oz from peg 32 he fished a 6mm pellet on a pellet feeder.

With the wind whipping across the fens it was no surprise to hear that it was a difficult day for those fishing the Fenland Rods club match on the Trev's pool at Headfen Fishery.

Mac Campbell drew one of better pegs at the bottom end of the lake which saw the fish concentrated and although he struggled in the first half, he managed to get a few bites in the last hour fishing at distance on a small piece of meat. He weighed in a modest 39lb 8oz but this was more than enough to take first place. He was followed by Dave Garner with 33lb 4oz fishing close in on luncheon meat, again catching in the final stages of the match. Callum Judge was third on 27lb 4oz followed by John Garner with 24lb 4oz.

This weekend the club are on the Magpie Pool at Pidley.

The Annual HAJAC Teams of Four event will take place on the Great Ouse at St Ives this Sunday which has been in great form of late and should produce some good results.

The pegs on Dolphin Meadow will be used and this means you will be able to drive on to the meadow and park behind your peg. Meet will be at 0730 a.m. on the bank at the Hemingford Access. Draw 8 a.m. Fish 0930 to 1430. HAJAC Affiliation is required to take part at £15 per club and pools will be £15 including peg fees.

The Sensas Mark One squad have now organised a qualifying round for the Sensas Challenge Final run by the Eastern Division to take place at Littleport on Sunday 21st September, bloodworm & joker allowed, teams of five and this will be a one match qualifier with the top three teams to go through to the final which is to be arranged by Mark Downes. Team entry is £25, please contact Rob Hewison to book in or for more information on 07711417624

Tydd Gote Results

Wednesday Main Road

1st Pete Emery 15lb 11oz

2nd Ian Benton 11lb 8oz

3rd John Young 6lb 7oz

Thursday Evening Match Black Dyke

1st Phil Parnell 7lb

2nd Tony Burton 6lb 14oz

3rd Bob Fitzjohn 6lb 6oz

Sunday Black Dyke

1st Dave Corcoran 41lb

2nd Alan Gibbons 9lb 12oz