

Angling report 7-10-14

You can nearly always tell colder weather is on its way when the Winter Leagues across the country get underway, as they did last weekend. So it should have been no surprise to see a frost greet anglers as they drove out into the fens to fish round one of the East Midland League on the North Level Drain at Tydd Gote. It was not totally unexpected as warnings had been given but it was still a shock to the system and made for a very difficult match for quite a few taking part. The good news though was that Wisbech based Sensas Mark One came out on top of what looks like being a very competitive series of six matches. They took first place with 25 points just ahead of Maver Image, a new team to the league and tipped to take the top spot by the end of the year. I am sure the likes of Browning Hotrods, Stanjays and indeed Mark One will have something to say about that though. A strong team performance led by individual match winner Rob Hewison laid down a marker to tell the newcomers they will be no pushovers. Rob drew well at the end of the section at Pauls Bridge and fished the long pole with worm and caster taking 26 skimmers and a few perch for a very respectable 21lb 4oz. Runner up was Steve Welford, the Hotrods man putting 14lb 10oz to the scales, his catch included a tench, a few skimmers topped up with hemp roach. Alistair Ogilvie was third with a level 12lb, followed by Mark One rod Andy Ellis on 11lb 7 ½ oz.

The next match takes place in two weeks time on the Great Ouse at St Ives and Godmanchester, with a practice match coming up this weekend, its good to see the league picking a river again, lets hope it performs well and perhaps then the teams will look to include another river in next years series.

The last in the Decoy 55-plus Summer League matches took place on a windswept Yew Lake and Sean Best made no mistake from fancied peg 16 in the corner. Employing a maggot feeder cast just beyond the pole line Sean tempted carp to 8lb then added a few barbel late on from the margins for a winning 117lb 12oz. Second spot went to Roy Whincup who fished a small feeder with worm and maggot baits for an all-carp 107lb 9oz from peg 20. In third place with 101lb 5oz was Vince Hull.

The league is decided by the best 10 results from all matches fished throughout the summer and it could not have been closer at the top of the leader board with two anglers Mick King and Kevin Peacock both having 16 points to claim the top spot. Vince Hull was third with 24 points, followed by Stan Dow, 27 points; 5 Gus Gausden, 28 points; 6 Jay Richardson 29 points.

There was a good turnout for the annual Fenland Rods Beastie Lake match at Decoy Lakes, fished in awful conditions for most of the match.

Drawn on peg 30 club secretary John Smith caught steadily all day fishing meat close in for carp and barbel but when he changed to paste in the closing stages the better fish came, his best fish went 11lb 3oz at the scales which saw him weigh in 143lb 4oz.

In second place drawn on peg 14 on the end of the spit, was Kev Lee who really didn't start catching until the last two hours and put 124lb 1oz again meat the best bait. Mac Campbell came third on 97lb 2oz.

This Sunday the club will be fishing Lou's Pool at Decoy Lakes.

There were some very good weights recorded in the Tuesday Decoy Lakes open fished on the in form Beastie Lake topped by fishery boss John Smalley, he drew peg 6 and caught on the long pole with pellet, then in the margins with meat, netting carp to double figures for 126lb 5oz. Steve Tyler came second on 100lb 14oz, followed by Simon Godfrey with 100lb.

It was a weekend to remember for the Freeman brothers at Decoy Lakes, on Saturday Steve took top spot in the open match on the Oak pool fishing down the margins with meat and pellet, finishing with 169lb 14oz. On Sunday Martyn stole the show putting on a fine exhibition of long pole fishing to the island on the Willow Pool from peg 14. He fished up in the water to weigh in 134lb 5oz and the top spot:

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Oak, Sat; 1 S Freeman, 169lb 14oz; 2 S Godfrey, 126lb 6oz; 3 T Dawson, VDE, 121lb 12oz.

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Willows Lake, Sun; 1 M Freeman, 134lb 5oz; 2 S Godfrey 103lb; 3 T Dawson, 67lb 10oz.

James McKay, the new man in charge of East Delph Lakes has just announced the fishery will now be open from Saturday through to Tuesday and will be offering day tickets at £6 with night fishing at £18. Give him a call on 07473 154208 to get booked in for your night fishing session. James has been working hard over the last few weeks to bring the fishery up to scratch and although he feels there is more to do it is looking very clean and tidy. One or two of the match weights have not been as good as he would have liked but pleasure anglers have been bagging up, particularly on the bigger fish. This is an exciting project in progress especially for the many specimen anglers in our area with lots of plans already in the pipe line which should come to fruition through winter and early spring.

East Delph's number 2 lake was the venue for Deeping St James AC's Newman Cup match, although the fish were hard to find, most of those caught were on the large side with the first and second placed anglers both weighing double figure carp. Alan Jopling on peg 9 was the clear winner catching on the Method feeder to the near Island to weigh 53lb 12oz. In second place from peg 18 was Allan Beecher weighing 35lb 4oz which included the best fish of the match with a carp weighing 14lb 4oz, in third place from peg 5 was Brian Johnson with 28lb 7oz.

The first real frost of the year certainly took its toll at Haddon Lodge, those fishing the match there on Sunday found bites at a premium. Thomas Moore took a net of skimmers and small carp to finish top with a modest 12lb 1oz. Dad John took second place with 11lb 7oz followed by Cliff Fuller on 7lb 10oz.

Even the JVAC anglers found it difficult in the first few hours of their match on the Yew Pool at Decoy Lakes. Top rod was Gus Gausden, he drew peg 11 and caught on the long pole with pellet and maggot, weighing in 81lb 7oz. Runner up Nick Carlton fished a waggler to weigh in 73lb 2oz, with Mick King taking third place on 68lb 1oz.

Hotpoint AC at last got onto the Beastie Lake on Sunday, but were so disappointed to be greeted with frost covered fields as they knew the going would be tough for the first half of the match. And so it proved, out in front and keeping his good run going was Dave Langridge. He persisted with his favourite up in the water approach with worm and caster to put 70lb 7oz to the scales from peg 10. I came in second thanks to three big fish from the margins late in the day to finish with 70lb, with Paul Faulkner third on 66lb 12oz.

After a slow start to the day the Cock Inn anglers did manage some respectable weights at North View Fishery, Gedney Hill on Sunday. Topping the field for the very first time was Bob Mills with 61lb 3oz of carp all taken on the pole close in on meat. Second Place went to Burt Currie with 61lb and in third place was Steve Smith with 60lb 13oz.

Webb's AC were at Buttonhole Fishery, another venue to suffer out in the fens from the overnight frost. It was plain sailing for match winner Martin Harwood though he caught nearly all his fish up in the water weighing in 100lb 2oz. Runner up was Martin Parker fishing meat close in for 70lb 4oz, followed by George Bates with 38lb 13oz taken on the pole with pellet.

Tydd Gote had a couple of matches recently, in the Wednesday fixture fished at Black Dyke it was Mick Asker taking the top spot with a net of hemp roach for 6lb 12oz. Runner up was Ray Groom on 6lb 7oz, followed by Peter Emery with 5lb 4oz.

Weights were down for those fishing the Sunday match on the same venue, Ray Green had a good day taking first place with a 7lb net of roach taken from Golden Peg 130. Dick Paul was second on 3lb 8oz with Josh Bays third with 12oz.

You can tell winter is not far away when clubs start running a few pike matches. The first A.C.A Pike open match qualifier will be fished at Tydd Gote on Sunday 12th October. For more information or to book in please contact Jamie Cooper on 01406 365160 or Mike Mumby on 01406 490268.