

Angling Report 08-04-2014

A string of very good results down on the Decoy Lakes complex saw Steve Dawkes round it all off with a cracking net of carp weighing in at 123lb 12oz which was more than enough to top the latest JVAC event. The match was fished on the Elm Pool which fished well in the summer like conditions, Steve drew peg 22 and for the majority of the match fished close into the margins on either side of his peg with meat. Runner up was Terry Tribe on peg 15, he fished the margins as well concentrating on fishing red maggot for barbel to finish on 72lb 4oz. Dave Pearson took third place fishing pellet both up in the water and on the deck for 69lb 6oz. This Saturday JVAC take on the Rutlanders and Oakham in round one of the national Angling Times Knock Out event. With our city based side having the home draw it was inevitable they would be setting up the match at Decoy Lakes and have chosen the Yew Lake for the fixture. With home advantage they should be too strong for either of the challengers, but in carp fishing you just never know what's going to happen.

Ramsey & District Angling Society fished on Sunday on the Willows at Decoy Lakes with Liam Darler taking first place from unfancied peg 9. The Huntingdon rod put a level 87lb to the scales followed by Kieran Payne on 77lb 8oz and Andrew Wilding with 71lb 7oz. This weekend the club are on the Yew Pool at Decoy with places still available.

At long last someone has managed to knock Stamford rod George Bates off the top spot at Haddon Lodge fishery. After a string of match wins he had to settle for third place after George Scally topped the field with 29lb 11oz. It was hard work for the Eye village based rod as he had to cast his feeder very close to the far bank and with some skill I might add. Most of his fish fell to red maggot with the odd fish taken on corn. The runner up spot went to Alan Forrest, he caught on the long pole for 25lb 1oz followed by George Bates on 24lb 12oz.

Feeder expert Rob Goodson has made a name for himself fishing the tip but in this match he switched to the pole on peg 6 on the Beastie Lake in the latest Decoy mid week open, a move which saw him catch on the pellet and then coming into the margins late on netting carp and barbel to record a level 92lb and the match win. Chris Barley came in second on 81lb 1oz, followed by Shaun Coaten on 75lb 15oz.

The Saturday open at Decoy switched to the Beastie and Four Island Pools and it was the Beastie pool that threw up the winner, Richard Linnell taking the honours from peg 4 he alternated between a feeder to the island, a 13metre pole line, and then late on maggot in the margins to record 83lb 5oz. Rob Goodson came in second on 77lb 6oz, followed by Chris Neal with 76lb 13oz.

There were some huge weights recorded in the Sunday open match with Whittlesey rod Simon Godfrey way out in front fishing fancied peg 14 on the Horseshoe Pool with a massive 195lb 5oz of small carp all taken on the pole and pellet fished shallow. Second place went to Jimmy Brooks on 149lb 8oz, then came Simon Dow with 130lb 11oz.

As expected the Buttonhole Lake Open matches are starting to attract quite a few anglers to the fishery including several rods from the Peterborough area eager to qualify for the grand

final later in the year. Top rod in the latest match was Angling Times journalist Tony Grigorjevs on peg 18. He had a few small carp fishing shallow on pellet on the long pole across and a few on the deck against the mud bank on meat. But as he had lots of space to the left he utilised that to his advantage fishing down to the next platform in about five feet of water. He fed maggot and groundbait to start but that brought too many bites from silver fish so decided to heavily feed luncheon meat cupped in and the bigger carp moved in. He had five double figure fish in his catch along with a 4lb tench and a 3lb barbel and together with smaller carp he finished with an impressive 110lb 3oz. Next came Danny Button, he fished the pole and paste on peg six to record 95lb 10oz followed by Les Barry with 38lb 4oz.

Another fishery not far from our area and well worth a visit which is starting to fish really well is Townsend Lakes. Last Sunday the open match was fished on the Woodpecker Pool and once again it was Colin Begbie taking the honours, this time from peg 15. With the weather showing signs that summer is not too far way a lot of fish were showing on the surface so match winner Colin fished the long pole shallow and took a few fish on pellet. A switch to the bottom found plenty of fish willing to take pellet and in the final hour he came into the margins feeding maggot which saw barbel more than willing to snap the bait up. At the final whistle Colin weighed in 80lb 14oz. Runner up on peg 12 was Ricky James, he drew one of the fancied corner pegs and fished into it for most of the day taking 69lb on pellet. In third place with 60lb 14oz was Ricky Young he alternated between the long pole on the bottom and up in the water with pellet and caster, rounding off the match in the margin for barbel.

It's a big weekend coming up for the winners of last seasons Winter League as they head into the semi finals. On Saturday Stanjay Gold based in Huntingdon take on some very good sides at Lindholme Lakes. They have been busy over the past few weeks practicing hard for the big day and given a good draw could well end up in the top five and a perfect performance may yet see them into the final, but that's a tall order with the likes of Barnsley hot favourites to run out comfortable winners and quite a few sides well equipped that regularly fish stillwaters. On Sunday Maver Bait Tech are in action on the Stainforth and Keadby Canal, they also have a good side out and like Stanjays could well make the top five.

It looks like its going to be a very busy summer for the match men in the area after those running the Sensas Mark One squad announced a very full fixture list on matches they will be running right from the start of the season. First up is the popular King of the Fens event which will get underway on Sunday 22nd June and will be fished on the North Level drain at Tydd Gote. On Sunday 6th July they will be back on the same venue then the last two matches in the series will see the Middle Level being used around Marshland St James on 20th July and 4th August will end the series. It's a teams of six event and will cost £120 a team to enter, out of that will see team prizes and Individuals prizes too. There are also pools on the day of £20 and team and winner take all pools which will be optional. John Bates is already taking team bookings and you can contact him for any further details or indeed to get booked in on 01945 467144 or by e-mail at cburtoncaz4@talktalk.net.

Last season saw a great deal of interest in the Sensas Eastern Challenge teams of five event and its hoped even more teams will join in this years competition to be fished on the fenland drains. The fixtures for this three match event will start on Sunday 31st August on

the Middle Level, then switch to the North Level on 14th September followed by the last match at Littleport on Sunday 21st September.

It is important to note that bloodworm and joker will be allowed in matches one and three, but that will be subject to availability. Match pools will be £20 on the day with an optional £25 team pool and winner take all. To enter a team will cost £25. There will be overall prizes for teams and individuals and best of all the top three teams will go through to the English national final, the venue and date to be announced after the series has been completed. You can contact John Bates again for this one or Rob Hewison who is also involved in the running of the Sensas Challenge on 077114 41624

If it's your first time out this year do not forget your new Rod Licence, I am sure the Environment Agency bailiffs will be out and about this weekend as the new 2014/15 licence started on 1st April. They can be purchased on line or from your local Post Office, fishing tackle shops no longer sell them.

