

Fishing Report - Monday 29th April 2024

It's been a much colder and overcast week which has brought a change of tactics.

All methods have found fish however, the favoured method during the latter part of the week seems to have been sinking lines with snakes and larger lures like Humungus or hot head damsels.

Wednesday and Thursday saw catch results increase with six and seven to the boats using a mixture of buzzers and black snakes. As winds dropped over both afternoons and temperatures increased there was a significant buzzer hatch all over the water. Fish were topping and our visiting sand martins have been feeding well from natural fly life on the top of the water.

The change in wind direction to a north easterly meant a change in location of the popular spots to Fishtail Creek, Halfmoon Bay and Upperfield Bay.

Thursday boasted a successful catch from Ian Bristow bring 17 fish to the boat. His best fish being 4lbs. Mr Wooffinden and Mr Wood were back out for their weekly visit and both landed 3 a piece. This was a more sedate visit for Mr Wood after his marvellous catch of a 4lb 13oz roach last week. The roach was carefully brought into the jetty, pictured and weighed before being released back into the water for others to catch. The details were sent off The Angling Trust for verification for the catch as there was a chance that this could be a British Record. The current record being 4lbs 4oz. The roach certainly caused great excitement across the fishing community and the Angling Times were excited to report the catch.

We have since had verification from the Angling Trust and after careful inspection of the photo evidence they do not feel that the fish is 100% Roach. They do feel that there is a discrepancy with the shape of the mouth and pelvic fin. It is a shame for Mr Wood and the fishery not to take the lead on a British record, but it has been a truly exciting experience for Mr Wood which is ultimately what fishing is all about.



On Friday we actually experienced warmer weather with some sunshine. The forecast brought out lots of regular anglers and average catches of 5/5 fish were had. Methods used were completely different for each angler with most deciding to fish their preferred method. Floating to sinking lines with black buzzers or black & pink snakes.

The increase in wind forecast saw only 3 boats venture out on Saturday. Our very own Tony & Terry combo had one of their best days, catching over 20 fish between them. They fished using sinking lines and drifted across the far bank using the rudder. Snakes were their preferred fly and their best fish weighed approx. 4lbs.

Other boats out also caught 15 and 16 fish a piece producing a great days fishing.

For our final day of the week the All Abilities Friendly Fly Fishing (AAFFF) group paid us a visit. Unfortunately, due to the cold forecast this reduced the number of those visiting but all in all they had a great day.

Thank you to all for your continued support. It is great to see lots of new anglers and many regulars back out on the water.

The week ahead is looking to be drier and much warmer, we may even experience double figures with 16 degrees forecast for Wednesday.

We have boats currently available all week, but a few days are becoming busy so don't forget to book online or give us a call.

Terry's Top Tips

Terry's top tip for the week ahead. After his day out with Tony on Saturday he can certainly give first hand tips for the week ahead.

Fish a method which matches the weather conditions of the day. Colder overcast days seem to be requiring sinking lines. Brighter, warmer days floating or intermediate.

Enjoy your visit and fish to your preferred method, there's fish all over the water so don't stay in one spot - move and find the pods of fish.

Evening Fishing

These sessions are starting from Wed 8th May and are proving popular.

You can either book for the whole day 8.30am - 8pm or we have a half day / afternoon option 2pm - 8pm.

All of these must be booked online in advance.

The days currently available are,

Wed 8th May 2024, Thurs 16th May 2024, Wed 29th May 2024

Thurs 6th June 2024, Wed 12th June 2024, Thurs 20th June 2024, Wed 26th June 2024

Thurs 4th July 2024, Wed 10th July 2024, Thurs 18th July 2024

.Advance booking is essential to allow staff allocation,



Rod Average

The rod average for this week was **4.30** with 215 fish caught by 50 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

There were a number of 4lb rainbows caught this week by Mr Scragg, Ian Bristow and Tony Higton.

Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using a mix of lines from Di3 to Di7. Sinking lines have been more popular towards the later part of the week.

The most successful flies were Humungus, hot head damsels, cormorants, cats whisker, bloodworms, black, green & pink snakes, black tadpole, small black or red buzzers.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been, Tower Bank, Fishtail Creek, Sailing club & Stones Island and Upperfields Bay.

Our online booking system is live, see detail below on how to make your booking

All boats must be booked in advance.

[Click here for prices and booking](#)

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