



Fishing Report - Monday 22nd April 2024

This week started with Monday being closed to fishing due to high winds and dreadful weather, we saw 4 seasons in one day.

The colder north easterly winds at the beginning of the week certainly put the fish further down and less easy to catch. This resulted in this week's rod average taking quite a fall.

Tuesday was better with a brighter start to the day and lighter winds in the morning, but these grew again in the afternoon. A few boats were out but only a handful of fish were caught. Many anglers tried fishing buzzers which had worked well the previous week, but it was probably a day for stripping lures and especially pink snakes. Steve Marples had the best bag of the day with 5 fish and caught our heaviest rainbow of the week at 4lbs 5oz.

Wednesday was busier with a team of regular police anglers, there were certainly more fish caught with much success from around Stones and Sailing Club Island. Black buzzers were back on track with a slow sink and retrieve. Most boats returned to the jetty by late afternoon before the rain and wind set in once again.

Thursday was an exciting day for the fishery with Mr Wood who caught a large Roach weighing 4lbs 13oz. He carefully brought the lovely fish back to the jetty keeping it in the water until our staff team could picture and weigh it for verification. Once quickly and carefully weighed and checked by 2 members of staff the fish was safely returned to the water where it swam away successfully.

We are not 100% sure if the fish is pure roach so pictures and details have been sent through the Angling Trust. The current British record for a Roach is 4lbs 4oz so it would be amazing if this was verified as a pure catch and sets a new British record. It's certainly been a talking point on social media. Whatever the outcome it was a joyful occasion for Mr Wood in catching such an amazing fish - and a complete surprise!

Aside from the Roach, Thursday was probably the best day of the week with Mr Scragg and Mr Duffield catching well. Interestingly, they fish different methods and still had success, red & black buzzers for one and olive lures for the other!

Friday was a practice day ahead of the Spring Open with a number of competitors here trying out methods for the following day. Most seem to prefer buzzers and sink tips. Not sure this worked as well on Saturday as results were a little different over the 2 days.

Saturday was our Spring Open competition. This competition is a friendly competition fished with known pairs. It's an ideal competition for our regular anglers to get involved especially those that fish the water regularly. You may be in with a chance of getting your name on the leaders board or on the John Wilson trophy.

The weather was definitely kinder to us bringing brighter, warmer conditions and much lighter winds. Unfortunately, the catch was not quite as high as the previous weekend following the cold blustery conditions of recent days. Only 46 fish were caught by 20 anglers.

We had 10 boats in the competition for the Spring Open Title. Kevin Saxton & Rosemary Gunn were the first to return to the jetty at 11.27am with their 8 fish. Their collective bag weight was 18lb 4oz and with the addition of the 4lb time bonus they took the Spring Open title. Coming in so early is always nail biting as you are never sure if your bag weight combined with time bonus is still good enough to win overall. On this occasion it certainly paid off, well done Kevin & Rosemary.

Terry Lowton took the prize for the best individual bag at 10lbs 9 oz and

Paul Cook had the heaviest overall rainbow weighing 3lbs 13ozs and his name will go on the John Wilson trophy. Thank you to all those involved and especially Tony Highton for his hard work, organisation and support with this event.

See pictures below & full results [via this link](#).

Bookings are now open for the Autumn Open on Sat 5th October 2024.

Sunday revealed a colder but brighter day overall. There were few boats out and catches were a little over the weekly average with some anglers managing 4 to the boat. A mixture of buzzers and boobies were used with the east bank and

Fishtail creek being popular spots. Ed Seeley caught just a couple of fish, one being a 4lb 1 oz brown making it this weeks best brown. It was safely returned to the water. This was caught with a buzzer on a floating line near Millfield's - an area which has had little activity due to the strong winds of late.

The week ahead is looking to be drier with lighter winds and cloud cover. We also have a visit from Bibury Fish Farm with this weeks stocking which should liven things up. A little rise in air temperatures would be great but that could be asking for too much.....



Carsington Fishery 2024 Spring Open Winners
Kevin Saxton & Rosemary Gunn
Overall Bag weight inc 4lb time bonus 22lbs 4oz



Spring Open 2024
Winner of the Heaviest Overall Bag
Terry Lowton - 10lbs 9oz



Spring Open 2024
Biggest Individual Fish
Paul Cook - 3lbs 13oz

Rod Average

The rod average for this week was 2.5 with 159 fish caught by 62 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest Rainbow was 4lb 5oz caught by Steve Marples.

Ed Seely caught a 4lbs 1oz brown

Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using a mix of lines from Di3 to Di5 using mostly floating and intermediate lines and fast retrieve.

The most successful flies were booby, silver humungus, hot head damsels, black, green & pink snakes, black tadpole, goldhead montanna and small black or red buzzers.

Top Spot

Fish have been caught towards the banks in the shallower water..

The most popular spots have been, Tower Bank, Brown Ale Bay, Shiningford creek, fishtail, Millfields and the back of the island's.

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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