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Hello and welcome....

Can you believe it??? Christmas already!!

So here we are... December.... The month with the longest nights and just lately some cold cold days. We cannot stress enough the importance of staying warm and dry during these months. By now you should all pretty much know the score for winter, we have all written about it previously. But for those new to winter fishing or new to the sport remember these few points....

- 1) Wrap up warm. Extra layers and multi-layer clothing is so much better to regulate your temperature than one big heavy coat. Think base, mid, outer and extra outer layers. Always keep a spare set of clothes in your car too... just in case.
- 2) Take a proper bivvy with you, and if you have it, an overwrap too, give yourself a half decent chance should the weather turn nasty.
- 3) Plenty of hot food and drink.... We all carry the sandwich toaster in our bags now, so make use of it. Couple of minutes to knock up a cheese and onion toastie that keeps you warm and full. But also, carry a pan and have a proper meal at least once a day... and keep that kettle on!!
- 4) Text and phone home regularly. Let your loved ones know you are safe and well...

Winter fishing can still be very productive and can still be enjoyable with a little fore thought. Have fun and stay safe!!

That is the serious bit over, and on that note as we prepare for Christmas and a wish list that Santa surely reads...

may you all have a wonderful and prosperous Christmas and New Year!!

see you all in 2017.

Team Talking Carp.







Well, That Escalated Quickly

I can't believe it's been another 4 weeks and I'm writing another article. It always feels like I've only just finished one and before I know it I'm sat behind my laptop tapping away again and sorting through some of my recent photos.

As I mentioned last month, I recently got back from Holme Fen fishery, a land full of monsters. What an interesting week it turned out to be! But first let me tell you a bit about the place.

The lake isn't the most picturesque to look at, but it is located deep in the heart of the Cambridge countryside and offers a great escape and peace. However, when or if the rods should spring in to life, what will be on the end of your line could well be you're your new PB. What will you be catching? A question

I hear all too often as likeminded carp anglers must always know the origin of the fish they are pursuing. These are a stock of Israel's finest bred carp, brought over once 'crayfish proof' at around 5lb, and grown on here in England. And what a fine stock they are as well. With the majority of fish at around the 30lb mark, but only to accompany the many 40's, 50's and the largest of the bunch 'Captain Jack' at over 60! How do I know? Don't worry I didn't catch it, but read on and you might just find out.

The fishing was certainly typical of an early winter/late spring fishing session. Small beds of maggots picking up fish from the off. The first fish falling to David Smedley, one of our consultants at BankBug. Christian Cox losing a fish in the night was a bright start for him and with one other angler taking part in the action, it was all go on the first night.

Typical to how this time of year is, the fish had certainly started shoaling up, with most the fish coming to the same anglers casting to the same water, with the odd run cropping up with the last of the larger fish still willing to have a mooch around.

Maggots remained the bait that worked as Dave went on to take the place apart having picked the right swim, clearly where the fish were held up in numbers. He went on to bank 10 fish, varying from 30's 40's and three 50's! yep that's right, three!

The man is an animal and a freak of nature when it comes to banking fish.

But the top prize wasn't going to go to him still. The Angler to my right, an angler you'll no doubt see in the press soon, young Ashley, managed to bank the Captain at 64lb! What can I say, the place was rocking!!

It's a funny time of year

November. The weather
can be so indifferent and
proving every year to be
one of the trickiest times
of the year to fish. We
had a lucky week with
weather with low

Lake Etiquette

This is a subject I feel
quite strongly on and
while I was at Holme
there was a case of wh

pressures and some of

even then, the fish had

it nearly impossible to

grouped up and making

get a bite for those in the

wrong swims. This time

of year is certainly true

to the phrase 'a rig in the

right place, is better than

3 in the wrong place'.

the warmest days for

at least 3 weeks and

while I was at Holme Fen there was a case of what I would call bad etiquette between me and one of my fellow anglers. How it panned out probably wasn't the best either but I think it's an important subject to consider with the sport growing in numbers every year.

I'll give you a general run down on what happened.

Feel free to look on the map on the Holme Fenn

website for reference and to get some understanding of what I'm talking about.

I drew 5th in the draw out of 11, and with the best swims taken already, I opted for a swim named the 'Sunken Tree' with a double swim to my right already taken on the swims right hand side. Later in the draw the left-hand side of the 'beaches double' was taken which was a risk I was well aware of. But on a water I didn't know at all, I had a swim with open water



and a big bay to my left that I commanded, and it left me options. After the first night I decided having 6 lines to my right was more than likely cutting me off from any fish moving along my margin so I opted to move swims and shuffle round to give me and the guys to the right of me in the beaches a bit more room. It also meant I had a bit more open water to aim at where the fish had been coming from mostly. After much leading around and after finding an area I was happy with, I proceeded to put some bait out, and get the rods set for the night. While doing my last few spombs of bait over to my left for my third rod, I saw beaches with a bait boat out heading towards what I believed at the time to be my water. That boat continued to carry on till nearly all my water was cut off and I was reduced to one rod. Now I'm not a rude an-

gler, and I certainly don't want to argue with anyone on the bank, so I drove round to speak with him and was greeted with a back hand remark and it was left at that. As you can imagine I was quite annoyed. He'd watched me bait up, lead about, and his partner in the same swim had been round for a chat, and watched me cast so they knew where I was aiming for and still said nothing. Now in the end it turned out that actually I was in the wrong and that I didn't have as much community growing in water as I thought and he was well within his rights to fish where he was fishing. And that's what brings me back to speaking of etiquette.

Sometimes you will be on a lake and see anglers casting in the wrong water, or perhaps getting too close to your spots. This is inevitable and the easiest way around it is to communicate with the other anglers. Perhaps not do what I did and throw a strop for a week and cause awkwardness, possibly ruining the trip in some way. The way I acted may not have been unjustified, but it was certainly uncalled for and immature. But with the angling strength, I think it's only right we try and instil some do's and don'ts within our new comers. So, if you see someone doing something wrong, inform them, and if you

> yourself in the wrong like myself, just take it on the chin and work with your fellow

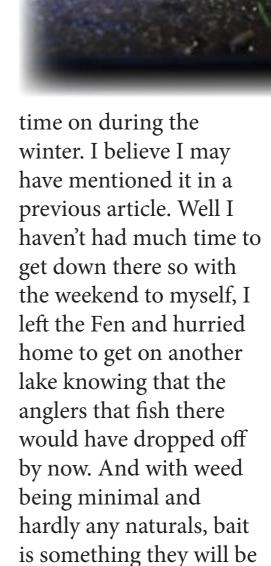
have been avoided if the pair of us had spoken for 2mins and I would have moved again and everyone would have been happy. In some ways that was what offended me. But I wanted to bring it up as a topic to show people that it does happen to all of us, and it's all too easy to find yourself arguing when you don't need to be. So let's see more communicating, and respect for each other on the bank. At the end of the day, it's just fishing. And now I'm really hoping he's not reading this because I really hate admitting I'm wrong, especially after making such a fuss!

anglers. In my situation,

the whole thing could

Moving swiftly on...

After what was a hard week for me on Holme Fen, I decided with the bait I had left to go attack a runs water I know that I'll be doing quite a bit of

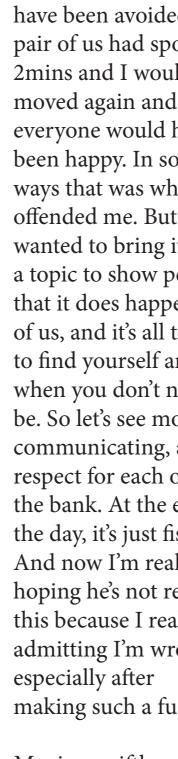


My hunch was right, I got there a few hours before dark, got set up and spombed as much

craving right now.

bait out as my hands could take in the wind of what was to be a very cold night. And before dark I was in with 2 fish already gracing the bank. Unfortunately, only low doubles and didn't warrant photos. What happened after was something I really didn't plan for, in fact you could say it was the cherry on top of my week.

I went on to lose 7 fish in a row! Now considering I haven't lost a fish to a hook pull since September last year, I wasn't at all worried with the first two









blaming it on bad luck. By the third I started to shorten my rigs, then I went on to a hinge stiff to allow more flexibility, wondering if it was my stiff rig that was causing the hook pulls. But none of the above worked and I continued to run to my rods, striking with optimism and within 10 seconds or more, having it taken away.

Most anglers writing in mags probably wouldn't mention that session but I wanted to show you that sometimes when you think you've got the hang

of this fishing thing, it can come back and bite you. But also, take the positives, a change of water and a bit of effort resulted in 9 runs in 24 hours, and that's not a bad return on any water easy or hard.

So never be disheartened from

giving it one last cast, or sticking it out a bit longer. Fishing rewards the brave, so go out there, be brave and you might just surprise yourself.

'Gone fishing'

Daniel Winter







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A Chat With Simon Pomeroy

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A Chat With

How long have you guys been trading now?

Simon: Pallatrax has been in existence since 2001 and for the majority of that time we have enjoyed success more as a cult brand than a mainstream company. That's not to say that our products are not mainstream, actually quite the opposite, it was more down to the size of the company's infrastructure and the direction we took at the time. In January this year the majority shareholding of Pallatrax was bought by O'Neill Modern Media, owned by the successful businessman Mike O'Neill. This has resulted in massive investment into the company thus allowing us to really start to push the brands out there.

How have you kept yourselves so diverse from other companies?

Simon: By judgement and not by luck!! That may seem to be a somewhat arrogant statement but I'm always prepared to question and with that mind-set, and the subsequent thirst for knowledge, our ranges have been developed. As so many of our competitors have jumped on other companies' bandwagons and simply duplicated, we've had a somewhat different tact and with the dismissal of many of the 'old wives tales' of angling and true innovation, we have produced products that genuinely have helped us catch, and catch seriously.

Your carp baits are doing very well, could you elaborate.

Simon: Come on Joe, they've always done really well! Our carp baits have been developed as a nutritional food source with the correct attractants and flavour levels. Their initial development was as a fishery management tool where in essence anglers bought the baits and used them at my old fishery with great success. Fishery management is very much about looking after the water quality



which in turn will protect the biomass — I wanted to be sure that my fish, worth hundreds of thousands of pounds, were being looked after. The anglers were therefore 'feeding' the biomass with quality products which the carp happily fed on. This resulted in a win-win situation, as I knew the bait was of a fantastic standard and my fish were growing healthily, the anglers were happy as they were catching consistently and the fish were happy to have a valuable supplementary food source. I can honestly say that I know of no other bait company that has this type of history.

The true Natural range was an industry first, where did the idea arise?

Simon: Naturals have been around forever and without doubt my formative years as an angler, especially a fly angler, pushed home this fact to me. Subsequent development of this range has been to make them more angler friendly but at the same time proving to fellow anglers here were genuine products that really could help catch more fish at the right place and time. I've always been bemused at the lack of appreciation by many of today's anglers about the 'truth' behind natural baits, as many have been the major food sources through the evolution of fish, boilies and pellets have only featured in a blink of the eye of history!

The latest Hidra Range is very clever, tell us more.

Simon: I have to confess that as an angler this new range seriously excites me and I was pleased to be able to bring Hidra into the Pallatrax stable. It really has had fantastic results even though prior to soaking they appear totally innocuous and easy to ignore, though that changes once you get to appreciate the products! At the moment, there are three snails and a water mussel in the range and once rehydrated you have a totally natural bait with a high source levels of nutrition and protein. Added to that they are easy for the angler to present on the hair or d irectly onto the hook – ignore this unique range at your peril!

Why has the "Jungle" bait been so successful?

Simon: In some ways, the jewel in the bait crown of what I describe as our 'flavour' baits i.e. not Naturals. This bait has caught literally thousands of carp over the years and consistently succeeds wherever we take it, whether it's this country or abroad. Part of its success has to be the luck factor as it's being fished at the time of the capture, but when you look at the small size of our historic customer base compared to our larger competitors the catch average has been exceptional.

There are other key points that certainly help including a blend of flavours and attractors that we've proved will stimulate fish to feed, backed up with a highly nutritional yellow seed base mix. Quality baits will always catch you more fish and using only fresh eggs, not powdered, and steering well clear of preservatives such as MPG have only helped.

The Stonze system is brilliant, but why aren't more people using them?

Simon: Great question!

Breaking this down, it's easier to highlight firstly why we use them: To all the 'Stonze Masons' out there, it's a common sense no brainer to use Stonze because it allows us to make the manufactured lead, the largest piece of your terminal tackle, redundant and therefore can make the difference on the day between catching or blanking. Modern weights have become more and more obvious and colouring them doesn't make them disappear to the senses of a fish! A Stonze is a stone and not only is it totally natural to the fish, the weights have a list of associated benefits that a lead weight can never give.

Why they're not used: They look 'odd' having used leads for years and they're bigger to the human eye, but the main reason is a lack of understanding by the general angler due to the saturation of the lead market by the manufacturing companies. The resistance to change cannot be down to the fact that Stonze don't work, because they do and that's a simple fact. Therefore, I would be classed as naïve not to believe that a huge element of the lack of support within the industry and





sport in general is if the 'truth' got out there into the mainstream. Here's a patented weight system that is a genuine angling tool, as it can help you catch more fish along with other unique attributes, the most obvious being the environmental concerns of lead weights. With so many anglers following the 'crowd' and certain manufacturers, the resistance to change is a slow burn but as the 'truth' exists and there is a wind of change. I can promise you this will be proved soon when we produce our films, so watch out for some real eye opening stuff! My real hope is that fellow anglers realise the value of the Stonze for what they are and not before they're forced to change with the anticipated ban of lead weights.

The whole ethos behind the baits is a natural one, could you expand.

Simon: It really all comes down to the factual evidence that supports the ethos. For me it has simply come down to a case of giving a fish what it wants and needs to eat and not what you want it to eat! We're in an industry where in many cases what we are told through editorial or film is based on assumption; basing anything on guesswork is always dangerous and can lead to failure. Fish are no different to many forms of life and one thing that is a fact is that over millions of years they've evolved to where they are today feeding on natural food sources along with an appreciation of the difference between what is good for them and what is not. In essence I try, as much as a human can, to give them the credit they are due and acknowledge that they, compared to us, are the masters of their own universe.



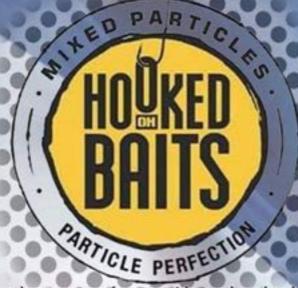


What other plans are there for the future of Pallatrax?

Simon: We were Sunday pub league, we're now moving swiftly through the lower divisions with our eye firmly on the Premiership! Though there was other interest in the company, the recent buy out was without doubt the best move to take us forward efficiently and effectively. We are blessed with some fantastic resources and what I know is a basic philosophy of quality and innovation leading to the capture of more fish. Whatever we decide to do within the different sectors of the industry we will always maintain that standard – welcome to the Stonze age!







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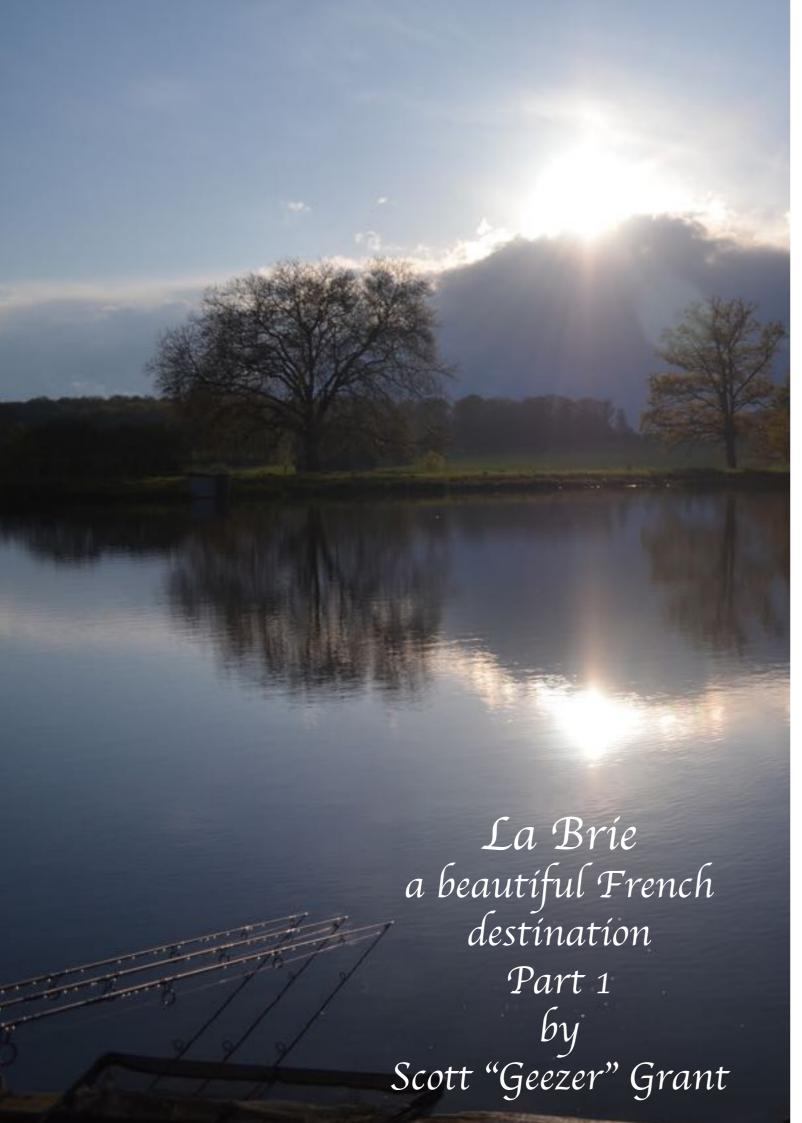
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La Brie a beautiful French destination Part 1

In April I was asked if I wanted to go to a beautiful French water called La Brie. I didn't know anything about the lake, and I went straight onto Google to find out more.

The lake is around 15 acres with depths ranging from 1 metre to a metre and a half and stocked with 300 carp to 58/60lb Mark. There are only 2 swims on the lake both doubles and more than enough room for 2 anglers in each swim. Mark Slade not only runs the lake but also a few other well-known French lakes, for example Jonchery, Jonchery 7, La Horre etc. He is a keen carp angler so I wasted no time in messaging

Mark wanting to know even more about the lake.

My good mate Michael Baker of Galaxy Baits was also along for the trip as he supplies Marks lakes with his bait.

Micky picked me up in the early hours of Monday morning and we made our way to Dover to get the ferry across to Calais. I was really tired as I hadn't had a wink of sleep since I woke up Sunday morning, due to excitement.

Once out at the other end it was a 4hr trip to Marks house which is situated on Jonchery 7.

We arrived around midday, met Mark and his lovely wife then unloaded the bait from the van. We had a well deserved coffee before Mark lead us to La Brie.

The weather was horrendous with heavy rain and plummeting

temperatures I knew we was in for a hard session.

Once at the lake which is about 30 minutes from Marks house, we visited both swims and looked for any signs of activity.

As we stood in swim 1 a fish crashed out on the far side, this was a really good sign. We stood in swim 2 but we didn't see a single fish. Going on what we saw we decided to fish swim 1 with Micky on the left and myself on the right.

It seemed to take an age getting everything set up but by 16:30 we were both in a better place, which just left the rods to be either boated or cast out. I decided to boat 2 of my baits out to a far snag at around 150 yards. One either side and my 3rd rod was fished in open water at around 90 yards. Micky fished 2 of his rods along the margin



to his left and his 3rd rod was fished along the far margin.

With the rods out we both sat and watched the water with a well-deserved coffee in hand.

I was so tired and at 20:00 I retired to bed hoping to get a good nights kip.

Micky had a plump 36lb 2oz mirror at 02:00 in the morning, and only took photos of the fish on the mat. When I did wake up on Tuesday morning I was glad my rods laid dormant.

I apologised to Micky if I was snoring and he just laughed and said "you snore like a buffalo"

Now feeling completely refreshed I wound the rods in put my life jacket on and went out in the boat supplied, to have a look around the far margin.

I was surprised to find a few fish just sitting

amongst the snags, I a bank stick and found a couple of cleaner areas.

I sprayed a few baits around the areas I fancied fishing, then made my way back to base camp.

night-time in the had a prod around with minus, with heavy rain thrown in. Tuesday was a very bleak day, we didn't see a single fish, and when I woke up Wednesday morning my bivvy was covered in ice as the night temperature went



I was using a new bait myself and Micky put together last October, a nut base mix but with temperature was on a twist. Every time I have used the bait I have caught and it seems to catch me commons more than mirrors! The weather was barbaric for April with daytime temperatures of 10 degrees and

Again, the day was slow but the the up with sunny intervals expected and 16 degrees. Throughout the day you could see the lake was waking up, with the odd fish showing and the wildlife going mad. I managed to bank my first fish a

down to -2.

lovely plump common of 25lb 8oz.

Thursday morning I was woken up with a few bleeps on my middle rod, I quickly exited the bivvy and lifted into a good fish that was happy just plodding around. It wasn't until the fish got close to the bank that he woke up big time. After another 5 minutes a big bar of gold slid over the draw cord and a big sigh of relief was let out.

I left the fish in the net whilst I sorted the camera and woke Micky up to do the photos.

On the scales the needle swung round to 45lb exactly and now I was elated as this is my new PB French common.

Micky took some sweet photos and with the fish treated with Sharp Tackle Medicare she was returned to her watery abode. I was now buzzing and again went out in the boat and delivered a few more kilos of bait.

well into dark the rod was away again and this time a lovely mirror of 24lb 4oz was landed. At 04:00 the next morning I was woken with my receiver



Later that afternoon Micky had a lovely 36lb plus common, and I chipped in with a 30lb 8oz common. No sooner had I put the rod out and it was off again but after a few minutes the hook pulled!!

I wasn't deterred and immediately rebaited the rod and got it out on the money spot, Later that evening

blaring, I quickly jumped out of the bag, exited my bivvy and grabbed the right-hand rod, as I lifted it the fish was still taking line, I tried in vain to slow the fish down











but just couldn't get whatever was attached under any sort of control. It was pitch black I was going out in the boat. Every time I managed to gain a few

yards the fish just took double back, after a 30 minute battle my hook link parted an inch above the hook!! I was absolutely gutted and after a c onversation with Mark later that day he said you hooked one of my babies, to which my reply was "what are they then?" Mark then enlightened me that he stocked 5 Blue Carp

starting weight of
90lbs!!! during the
conversation, he asked
if I would like to come
back when the
weather is better, I
didn't need asking
twice it's a beautiful
place and I couldn't
wait to do battle with
some of the lakes
giants.
Considering the

weather we had to

endure I was more

than pleased with my

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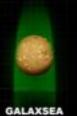








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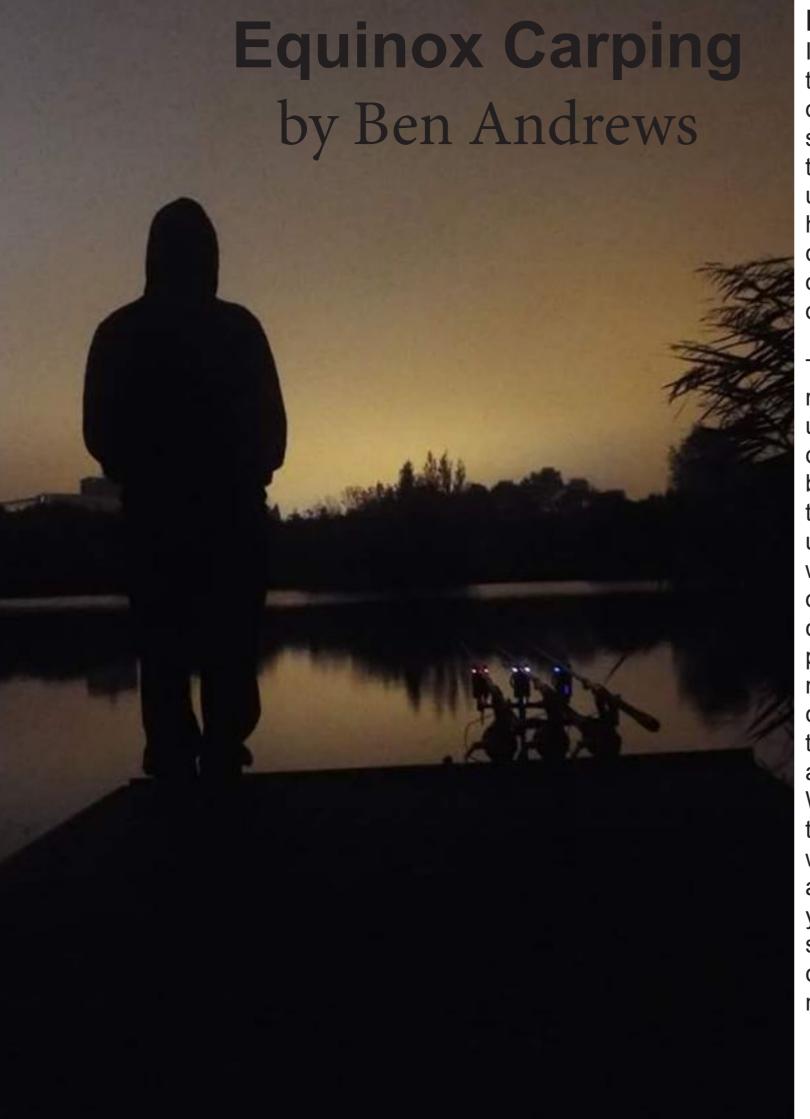
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Equinox Carping

It's that time of year, the night-time hours outweigh the light and single figure temperatures are upon us, yet still the hardcore among the carp fraternity are still on the banks at every opportunity.

There is one simple reason for the unwavering commitment shown by carpers through the winter, the fish are usually at very good weights and decked out in there winter colours can often provide some of your most memorable catches at times when the summer brigade are tucked up in bed!! Whilst fishing at this time of year is difficult with careful planning and a little bit of effort you can have a successful winter campaign and it starts now.

The first decision I make is picking a couple of suitable venues to concentrate on over the colder months.

This is very important as there is no point spending days on the bank on large low stock lakes that notoriously produce very few fish during the colder months, consider also the actual environment you will be in, for example a large unprotected lake subject to cold winds is considerably more likely to freeze and also have colder water temperatures whereas a secluded tree lined fishery is liable to hold more ground temperature which will warm the lake and also offer you protection from the worst of the elements...

Once you have selected a venue be-

strategy to begin implementing, by this I don't mean 10 kilos a week for months before fishing find a couple of spots in the lake and introduce a handful or two of bait every few days to a week and try to keep it consistent as the carp will soon learn that this is a regular easy meal as the cold approaches. When finding your spots look for an area ignored by most, every lake has an area the locals don't favour this is what you need!!

gin to think of a bait

The First Trip

You have done the hard work you have made the journeys to your venue to bait up you are ready the few days before you go CHECK YOUR GEAR!!! Make sure you are prepared and able to stay the night in reasonable comfort



in a sub-zero environment if necessary, winter carping can require a lot of effort and if you are not enthused warm and up for the challenge you may miss the trick or fall foul of the desire to stay in that nice warm bag a little bit too long, first light may give you that one showing fish that you can target in a brief window of opportunity DON'T MISS IT

Once you're on your swim change NOTHING, apply your handful of baits as if you were rebaiting still and no more until you've had a result and then begin applying more bait, I had a brilliant December session last year taking 15 fish with 3x 20s in 24hrs starting with ten baits, however after 3 fish in the first 4 hours it was clear they wanted

a munch so I applied forty baits after each fish and as the bites slowed I reduced the loose feed, I am sure that I had this result because I built my swim but also I had as

The Sharp End.

There are so many theories around bait choice for the cold months, smaller baits, fluoro baits etc for me they all have their time



usual brought enough bait to do this , BE PREPARED TO ADAPT. and place however you have 2,3,4 rods ensure that every one is different and always at least match the hatch



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with 1 whether its popped up or not make it the same as the bait you have applied during the build up to your session. For me the bait that made the winter last year was the Duster Bait Fruitrix and the bright pink matching pop up was the hookbait that took the better fish however the matched hookbait accounted for more fish. I also include the

I also include the humble maggot in my winter armoury and you really can't ignore the pulling power of a bunch of maggots wiggling about in the water.

As for your rigs I change absolutely nothing simple KD or blowback rigs for the bottom baits or the unbelievably reliable multi rig for the pop ups, I have faith in these rigs all year round so why change, keep your fishing

simple all year round you may have a favoured rig style different to my choices, great you've caught on them you love them stick with it don't sit in the cold thinking maybe I should try this maybe I should try that.

The Weather.

Even in the coldest
January and February
there are a few
warmer days and
shifting weather
patterns, be aware of
these and use them to
your advantage
whatever the air
pressure or forecast in
your area there will be
a set of conditions that
trigger fish in your
chosen

venue to feed, it takes time and dedication to learn these but it is very worth it. In my last winfish in 3 sessions with each session being no longer than 24 hrs by purely waiting for storm front to role in and dashing to the lake as close as I could in front of the storm. The most memorable was without doubt seeing the storm warning for the Saturday night I was ready but alas work got in the way, undeterred I arrived at the lake to the last rays of daylight and knowing that there was 70mph winds due by midnight I didn't walk the lake I went straight to my known spots and as the darkness arrived and the wind

ter campaign I man-

aged nearly twenty





made my first cast, it was my only cast before the bobbin was attached it tore of and produced a 31lb 3 oz mirror which hit the spreader block as the lightning started, that was enough for me I had intended to stay through the storm to the morning but a 15 minute session for a thirty wasn't bad so I decided on an early nigh and a KFC to celebrate.

In Summary

Yes, its December but plan now the coldest months are yet to come and you can make a bait strategy work if you start now ready for a big cold weather chunk in February, do your planning get your strategy right and enjoy the cold because as march comes the fish begin to think of other things and we must begin to plan the

hot weather hauling.

Best wishes,

Ben Andrews.

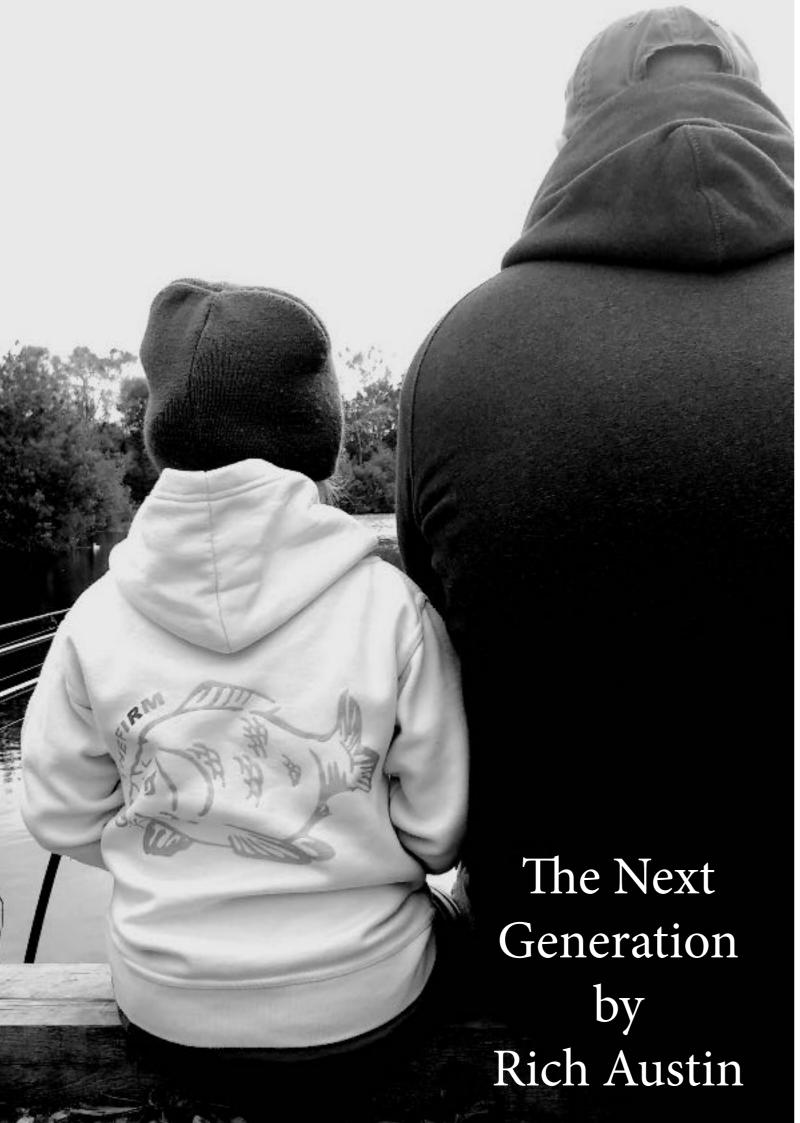












The Next Generation

As we are now in to winter in fishing terms, the nights have drawn in, its dark nights are now so long and lonesome, we have so much time to think when we are on the bank, some see bankside time as their thinking haven. We all have things going on in our lives some more severe than others, but we all have issues to deal with, whether its trials and tribulations of our daily lives, family health, money, and all manner of other elements of the modern world having an effect on EVERYTHING that we do.

For me when I'm alone on the bankside and the movies have been watched, and the Weekly/Monthly Magazines have been read and various articles have been written my mind drifts back to my earliest recollection of my first foray in to the angling world. My dad and grandad used to take me when I was about 7 possibly younger and that got me thinking about the next generation of young anglers and how my own children perceive what I do and to the extent that I do it. They all know how important carp fishing is in my life, and how committed to it I am, not just the practical sides of physically going fishing, but everything that I am involved with, I don't think they quite understand the being part of a Team thing that a lot of guys and gals love, for instance I am on CC Moore Baits a large bait company in the scheme of things, I have the whole range at my disposal, and can call on any of the leading experts in their field to educate me or advise me, that is special, comradery goes a very long way, I am also on the J Precision Hooks Team which for me has turned my own personal fishing around and put many more fish on the bank for me, and talking with the other guys on the Team once again gaining knowledge and I hope giving knowledge back to the guys. I am also with Rhino Tech Angling, a great new company that has a good few bankside gadgets to help the photography minded angler, it's no secret I love my bankside photography so anything new that can help and advance that is very welcome in my armoury. I also write for this fantastic periodical Talking Carp. I am happy that I was welcomed on board and my submissions are well received, it is a bit of pressure each month to beat deadline day, but its healthy pressure, it's fun doing it, and the day that any of it becomes a chore is the day that I drop that element and move on. Some months it takes me a while to decide on the theme



for my article, but once I've got the bit between my teeth there's no stopping me. Sooooooo that leads me back to the title of this article and the next generation, I love seeing children fishing, it fills my heart with passion and excitement, whether I am walking a local water and there a few lads catching a few carp or walking down the canal seeing a couple of lads pulling out roach and perch it's the same feeling of warmth, you immediately have a bond with these people that's goes for any age. Straight away you have something huge in common...... angling. You have never met these people but you can instantly talk to any of them with no ice breaker or awkwardness and most kids are so willing to learn that they listen and ask a lot of questions, it's quite funny really but it's something I enjoy, educating and helping trying to improve their knowledge.



I have a now 5 year old daughter Scarlett, those who follow me on social media sites Facebook and Twitter know how much of a treasure she really is and the level of involvement she has in my fishing and now her own, I have always tried to get her involved in my fishing trips one way or another, even when she was 2-3 she would help me with some bait for instance if I needed to make some spod or a particle bucket, glug some boilies or make stick mixes she would be the stirrer, the pourer, the mixer and also the cleaner afterwards ha-ha. I could tell my passion was rubbing off on her, as every

time I went (a lot) she would be wanting to do something or help pack the car, or get food ready and pack the cool back etc involved was the only way it was going to work. More and more she helped and more and more questions she asked, I first took her on a mini session when she was 4 years old only a few hours to a local 'pond' but she had a few perch, and a bream and her first little mirror carp. From then on, she was 'hooked' and pestered me all the time to go again, she went a few



more times, and had some nice little fish, there's no point in taking a youngster to a hard water for them to not see a fish it will just put them off and they will lose any passion and fire that they initially had. Scarlett now 5 has perch, roach, bream, common and mirror carp to her name and is progressing at a slow rate, learning not just about fish themselves, but fish care, how to hold fish, how to care for them on the bank, what the fish needs i.e. water on them not to dry out in the sun, to deal with them quickly but carefully, she is very gentle and understands how delicate they are. Her Personal Best went from 4lb, to 6lb, to 7 and

now it's sitting at 8lb 11oz. She plays the fish and listens to instruction very well, yes we've lost a few fish, snapped a couple of times, flat rodded on a few, dropped the rod in the lake, all the usual suspects! but that is learning right? we all have the learning curve, it's how you deal

with those negative moments and turn them in to positives, gaining knowledge, not repeating those mistakes, she's only 5 but has such a great outlook on fishing and all its elements and components she is turning in to a right little fisher woman. I have taken her night fishing a couple of times in the Summer months, it's too cold for her now and I wouldn't want to put her off so she goes in the warmer months with lighter eves and longer days. I do not want to do anything to put her off that would really disappoint







me if I thought I pushed her away. Whilst we are waiting for fish on the bank I try to teach her some watercraft, what to look for, signs that there may be fish in the area etc, she is always looking across the lakes and around bushes etc she makes me laugh when I am watching her, every now and then I hear a splash I look up and ask her if it was a fish her normal reply is "yes a common dad" then I notice her dirty hands and a couple of stones lurking in the palm of the other!!!!

She has met some characters of the angling world, Ron Buss, Ian Russell, Scott Maslen and a few more. She has had her pic and catch reports in both Anglers Mail and Carp Talk Magazines and has already won Top Rod, one of many I am sure. Also Scarlett wanted to enter a couple of photo competitions on a social media site, and won both! She has a couple of trophies and her picture on the Crusaders 2017 Calendar which obviously makes me very proud as she really does get all these things through her own merit and that is what it's about, not forcing or pushing the children to do what you want them to do, let them progress at their own pace, they will be more interested and focused for a lot longer and that should build the foundation for The Next Generation. I have read this article to Scarlett and she has asked that I put a couple of things in, in her own words so please when reading this next bit remember it's coming from a 5 year old girl....

I asked her to tell me what she likes about fishing and what her favourite things are and places to go it was quite funny.

"I love to go fishing with you daddy silly boy, can we go night fishing again soon I want to watch a film in the dark and play my DS. When are we going to the tackle shop to see everyone (Harefield, they love her up there) can I go upstairs lay on the



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beds and go in the bivvy and I can get a lollypop"

As you can see the important things!

Scarlett loves Lizard Lakes, Farlows Lake and Stockley Lake, she loves to use A2 Baits Mums Specials wafters and pop ups because they smell of strawberries and money goes to charity so orders them when she runs out with her own money doing her bit for charity. So, the next generation are our children, I hope you get as much satisfaction out of watching your children go through each learning stage as I am, it may not last, she might find the girly stuff in a couple years, dance clubs, brownies etc etc but know this, she has gained knowledge and had great fun and bonded with her dad and that you cannot take away no matter what she does. Scarlett I'm very proud of you and love you very much xxx Dad xxx

Til next time

Rich







WINTER WOULDN'T BE WINTER WITHOUT

The Journey Begins



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The Journey Begins

Five months ago, fishing for me wasn't a big subject with in my life, right until the moment when I was down my local fishery and I watched another fisherman land his new PB which was a 26lb mirror. Although I didn't land that fish myself I will never forget that moment when I was introduced to the carping life, I thought fishing would just be a hobby for me but then it turned into an addiction. There isn't anything that comes inbetween me and the carp I catch except the 12ft Diawa Black Widow 2.75 test curve rods and my Ltd Addition 7000 big pit Penn reels. Although I haven't been carp fishing for that long my knowledge and experience with in the

five moths has been massively drilled into my head because of two top anglers... Andy Hyden who fishes for Natures Baits team and who rips waters up and always catches no matter what the situation, and James woods who fishes the hardest lakes in England and has been a UK record holder for the biggest carp and now who runs my local lake Fisherwick Lakes.

The specimen lake I spend all my time at is on a fishery called Fisherwick Lakes, it's a four acre lake with various depths all the way down to 30ft of water. This lake has sixteen pegs spread around the lake fishing with different features such as gravel banks, tree lines and bays. The lake has a good stock of fish from low teens of carp going up to nearly 30lb and cat

fish which are reaching 56lb also pike which have been caught at 20lb+.

The last couple of weeks in summer when I started fishing I managed to catch myself thirteen different 16lb to 18lb carp over seven different sessions using the Natures Baits ALPH range and using a verity of Natures pop ups, dumbells and glugs. I always feed my swim with chopped or whole boilies and using PVA system weather it may be the PVA bags or the PVA stick. Once the winter hit

then the lake became a lot harder than normal and there was only a couple of fish being caught each weekend. For consecutive weekends, I didn't catch a single carp I was doing the same as everyone else I



couldn't get my head round why I wasn't catching. I kept having liners and false takes which got me thinking I was doing something wrong.

My last current session I just completely stopped what I was doing and sat through the methods and set ups I was using which everything I did paid off as I was the only one to catch on the lake and to set three new personal bests for myself.

I started by changing my hook lengths from an eight inch blow back rig to a four inch blow back rig which didn't allow the carp to play
about with
my hook
bait. Then
I changed
my 2oz
lead to a
3oz just
to make
sure when
the carp

pick up my hook bait and shake their heads this will help guide my hook and bury it into the carps' bottom lip. I started to look at everyone else's approach feeding loads of single boilies around there hook bait. I thought I'd be different by making a spod mix. In my spod mix I used hemp, maize, maize flakes and 6mm pellets. I found a lovely gravel spot using my marker rod in the lake, it was twelve wraps out fishing in eight foot of water. I spread the particle in a line of two meters long from left to right over the spot I

found fishing two rods with in the particle. The hook bait I used was a 14mil Alpha boilie topped with a yellow plastic corn witch blended in perfectly with the spodded mix.

night of being there I had a screaming take which woke me up, I managed to lift my rod and was into my first fish of the session. Surprisingly it took me a while to land this 19lb 10oz mirror. I was so chuffed as it was my new PB.

Early hours of the first

The following night I did the exacted same, I placed my particle mix over that same gravel spot and that night I had a take at four in the morning. I struck into it and had a real battle with this one, and as it turned out it was my new personal best which was another mirror







but was my first 20lb+carp. What a session this is!!!

After I got a picture with my new PB, I weighed it and put it back, I put my rod back up in the same spot over that spodded mix and climbed back into bed. Before I managed to get my eyes closed again the same rod I just casted out ripped off again. I never had a bite so fast after I just recast my rod. I couldn't believe I had another carp on, I was playing this catch so careful

because it felt like a good size carp. I finally landed which is now my new PB at 21lb dead on, I was so happy three new personal bests one after another.

Over the moon

comes nowhere close to how I was feeling right now.

I want to say a big thank you for Sharp Tackle with providing me with their quality end tackle which completely done its job and nailed that perfect hook hold. I have found myself a great combination in my end tackle, my bait, my venue and my mentors.... Here's looking forward to many more memorable sessions and learning as I go along.

Brad Ali.









VNOVATION THROUGH THOUGHT





Challenge Accepted

I decided to take on a challenge set by a good friend to fish Foxearth lakes as he was struggling on it and in his words the lake was impossible in the winter, now I just love a challenge like this, Foxearth lakes is a little under 2 acres and has a head of about 100 carp. This may sound a lot but 70% of these are really old English carp that have seen every trick in the book over the years. What I did know about Foxearth is that it's not for the faint hearted and can be a real head banger, I know that several years ago Pete Castle had done pretty well on there and i bumped into him at the 5 lakes show, I asked him for as much information as I could and he was more than willing to share this with me, I thought what a great bloke, so I had some knowledge and knew what my approached was going to be.

I arrived at the lake on a Monday morning at 7am ready for an 8am start the tickets run from 8 till 8 and you have to book your swim in advance so no moving onto fish, well unless the lakes empty anyway. I chose swim 10 as this is the swim my friend had be angling in and he also gave more lots of information on this swim. As I walked around the lake to my chosen swim I noticed cat ice still in the margins and the outside temp was -2, fantastic I thought like it's not going to be hard enough as it is. I stood in the swim looking for any usual signs to give me an indication where the carp might be held up, but nothing not even a bubble, there was an island in front of me that I knew was undercut and a sunken tree to my right so I thought why not start here.

I had just joined new bait company called Total baits and Nathan the owner had sent me a fresh batch of the cream seed, its light in colour and just screams carp he also put in a tub of pre glugged pop ups, I was very excited to try them out as I had only heard excellent feedback from the testers. I decided to flick two rod as tight as I could to the island which was only about 25 yards in front of me and a snowman very tight to the sunken tree on a 3-bait stringer which I believe has been lost over the years and become obsolete in many carp anglers armoury.





It was now extremely cold and I thought about putting up my brolly to keep the bitter wind off me, I just stood there being lazy thinking my hands are so cold but I knew it was the right thing to do so out it came. As I was unravelling it I heard a ticking, It did not register what it was so I started looking about when I saw my rod bending over in two, (that's rights I forgot to turn the alarm up.) It all seemed to happen so fast and took what felt like an age for me to grab my rod, a very angry carp was heading to the only snag in the lake the sunken tree, I gave some steady pressure and managed to turn it before it makes its bid for freedom. I saw the lad fishing opposite me started to wonder over and kindly asked if I would like him to net it for me, this is what angling is all about a total stranger approaching you asking if you need help not many placing when than would happen now days?



He held of my net and waited patiently, I did not know what size the carp was going to be as it was just plodding up and down the margin that's until it saw the net when it went ballistic and proper beat me up for the next 10 minutes I was confident of the hook staying true as I was using the multi rig with a fresh hand sharpen hook which believe me really does put more carp on the bank. He did very well with the net and in she went first time, I looked into the net to see my prize and saw it was on old original common, "Get in!!" I said, probably a little loud but I was excited. My new friend helped me get everything ready and the needle settled on 29lb a proper chunk in all her winter colours. A few trophy shots and she was slipped back to her watery home. I thanked him and he went back to his swim. Another cream seed pop up was tied to the multi rig and it went straight back onto the spot with a health thud as the 3oz lead hit the





deck. I was stood there thinking getting a bite from here in winter was definitely not the norm when the same rod was away again this time the Delkim let out a very health one toner making me jump. I was on this one much fast and doing battle with another Foxearth carp... two with 20min,s amazing. I thought, I looked up and was that my friend walking over again this time shaking his head, when he arrived he said "no way not again I've been here 48hrs now and not even seen a carp let alone had a bite, come on let me into your bloody secret!"

I smiled and said get on the cream seed, he did look puzzled for a while until I explained it to him. Again, he picked up the net and this time a cracking 17lb VS stockie mirror was laying in the bottom of my net. A few more shot and off she went. Up went the brolly eventually and I



decided that they must be on the feed so I gave them 1kg of whole and chop bolies and sat back with a well-deserved coffee. The action did not stop all day and into the evening I managed another 4 bites including 2 more original 20 plus commons, I had a chat with the owner Mark who told me the 29 common had not been banked for 3 years and one of the others is over 20 years old which made my captures even more special.



Now was my red letter day in the right place at the right time or was I onto a new bait then they just loved, only time will tell as I'm writing this I am waiting for Mark to text me back confirming swim 10 for me for next week I will let you know who it goes, good luck on the bank and tight lines, oh I almost forgot the call to my friend and the pictures I sent him was rather enjoyable as well, that's until he got bored of me repeating myself and told me well you know where to go!!!!!!!!

To be continued.....

All the best, Jim.







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Winter Wishing, Successful Fishing by Emma Smith

It is always interesting watching the behaviours of certain animals within the seasonal changes foraging around every area accessible. stocking up ready for their winter shutdown - and carp anglers are no exception after the second or third frost of the year, even the busiest of waters can become very quiet and empty places. The problem being, on some waters (especially smaller waters) if there is a very definitive change in the angling pressure (and in turn, feeding) this in itself, can be enough to "switch off" the fish and make winter fishing pretty difficult for those

that do brave the adverse weather conditions.

I remember a particular year I had on a local club water - the lake itself roughly 9 acres, had recently been naturally "restocked" with carp due to flood waters. It became known that there was a reasonable amount of fast growing, greedy carp in amongst the huge head of bream, tench and a few original commons. A lake that was once deemed a match anglers' lake, became a carpers pit overnight and with that, an abundance

of bivvies',
brollies and
barbecues
swamped
the lake over
the
summer
months, and
admittedly, I
was one of

At the time, living a "stone's throw" from the lake - and wanting to get to know some of the new residents, I would try my best to get over to the lake every couple of weeks for 24hrs (and/or even a few hours most evenings if it were possible). The summer was great fun, watching the groups of young carp enjoying their new surroundings comprising of deep, silty areas, reeds, bays and plenty of snaggy areas creating some safe havens. The lake itself had two very different environments to

each side

them!



- the
"carpark"
side of the
lake, was
the
slightly
larger,
deeper
water side,
but most off
all, the most
popular
with anglers

as you could literally fish straight from your parked car. The other side of the lake had a much more naturally quieter – almost "untrodden" feel to it and although the larger fish did seem to come from the other side of the lake, this more natural feeling side was my preferred area to fish.

Being a "club water", it was a relatively cheap ticket for the area as you felt you literally had your money's worth within just a few 24-hour sessions. But



it did also mean that the members list was limitless. Some weekends I would get over to the lake, just to go straight back home again as there wouldn't be any free swims. At the time, I was working varied shift pattern work allowing me to see the lake at different times of the day. As most lakes, the weekends were always the busiest of times so I tried to avoid this as much as possible. The weekdays however, even when there were people on, most anglers would only be there for the day and would leave

by 5pm so,
evening fishing
was my
preferred
option. Living
so close, I was
able to get over
to the lake with
a rod under one
arm, after work
and still get
home in
reasonable

time. Even if I weren't fishing, we would still find ourselves going over to the lake – if only just for a walk round, or to see fellow anglers.

I would also try to take a small bag of boilies over to the lake with me. Especially if it looked like I would be able to fish the following day. Being a club ticket with a limitless members list, I always made sure I primed more than one spot as there was all too many times where I would get over to the lake that following day with



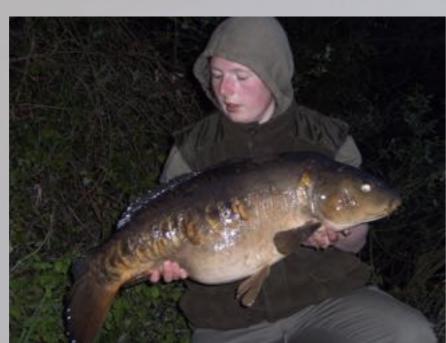


people in the swims I had originally favoured. I looked at the baiting in 2 ways - firstly, it was giving me more options of swim choice (hopefully not every baited swim would be taken the following day) secondly, the fish were getting use to my bait in a variety of areas of the lake so hopefully not looking at it as a danger. At this time, we were actually buying raw ingredients and rolling our own bait, so knowing exactly what was in it and what differences it had to other baits available I think also had its advantage. Make no mistake, I wasn't going around the lake "filling it in" -It was quite simply no more than ½-1kg going in spread over up to 6 different spots around the whole lake.

I do feel that this "little and often"

feeding approach did help my catching throughout the year, and certainly over the following winter as once we had a couple of frosts, the lake emptied and even weekends would see you having the lake to yourself. One particular winter I was pretty much the only person there – it really felt as though the lake was mine alone!

actively finding and feeding in different areas of the lake. But it did give me much more confidence, so much so that I was walking around the lake baiting a few spots one evening, then fishing one of the swims the following night with all the confidence in the world of a tireless night of multiple captures on a frosty, below freezing



At this point, I don't think the pre-baiting was really needed as a definite edge for a catch as such but, more a way of keeping the fish

January.

Keeping the club ticket for a number of years, I spent a fair bit of time on this lake as well as others on the complex - Pretty much every session albeit an overnighter or just a few hours, I was consistently catching up to 4 fish, with an average weight of 22-24lb each, which, at the time was a pretty good standard for the lake and certainly one that I was more than happy with. It was also nice to have a couple of re-captures, as I was seeing how well the fish were coming on in such as short space of time.

The years have passed and I haven't renewed my club ticket for a number of seasons now due to very limited time. This winter however, I am in a privileged position of being able to join a 15-person private syndicate for some winter fishing on a small local water. Trying to ensure regular time on the lake may be hard due

to a variety of other commitment
but – hopefully, in a couple of months I will be writing about my time there with a "private syndicate" chapter.
Until then, tight lines & wet nets ©

Emma Smith.







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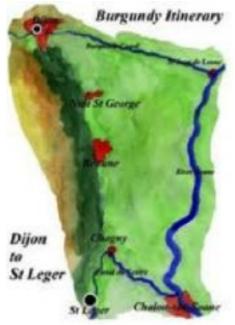
Living The Dream By Keith Moors



Chapter Four - Onwards and Upwards

The summer of 2002 continued with many carp being caught and also many frustrating stories of "monsters" hooked and lost. I spent some of my spare time baiting and fishing the mighty River Saone which is only twenty minutes from

our lake.



I discovered that pre-baiting was essential and worked best if planned fairly exactly to span the four days prior to going fishing. My exact baiting regime would revolve around baiting very heavily over a very wide area of river on day one (normally Tuesday) and then leaving it quiet on day two.

Day three would see a similar amount of bait (20 kg of boilies) but this time placed much tighter over the exact spots to which I had decided to fish. Day four would again be left quiet and I would start fishing on day five but would not add any more bait until I received some action.

Generally action didn't take too long to arrive and the first pick up would normally be an indicator of what was to follow. If the first fish was a double then one of the nomad shoals of small commons had taken up residence over my bait and I would need to wade through these before catching anything more s ubstantial.

On the other hand if the first fish was a thirty it normally followed that I would not be catching anything like the quantity of fish that the nomads would produce but the fact that the bait could be left in the water for longer would produce a better stamp of fish. My tally of river carp shot up and included several thirty nine pound plus carp but the river forty remained illusive. The lake carp continued to baffle everyone with their strange bites. Several more fish refused to move far enough to pull the line from the rod clip but would then fight like demons once the rod was lifted.



During September 2002 my wife Jan took the opportunity to fly back to England to see our grandchildren start their new schools. I stayed in France with several jobs to be done around the home but also with some spare time to go fishing. My first three days were spent baiting my favourite stretch of the river and putting out my rods from our dam wall adjacent to our house. Obviously my lake targets were some of the originals which had evaded capture. With the memories of the "twitchy" type bites in complete focus I found that I was being steered towards a specific rig to try and improve the bite indication. I decided that I needed to have a rig which transmitted as much as possible of the movement at the hook to the alarm.

My choice was to use an ESP stiff rigger in size 7 tied "D" rig style to 12lb Ghost(fluorocarbon) hook link. The hook link was six inches long and tied to a flexi-ring swivel.

The other end of the swivel was tied direct to the main line which ran through a hollow buffer bead and large bore run ring.

I decided on light leads (between 1 & 2 ounce) and had completely dispensed with leadcore or any other leader material.

After casting, it was simply a matter of feathering the line and then lifting the rod as the lead hit the water. This would ensure that the lead didn't plug into the clay bed and was fishing effectively. Once I had placed the rods in the alarms I would pull off more line so that the bobbins were hanging loose.

This is exactly how I set up the rods one September morning. I returned to the house, poured myself my first cup of coffee of the day and then perched against the fence watching for any action. The fish weren't renowned for being the e arliest risers in the world and the bubbling didn't actually start this day until eight o'clock. Within minutes of getting back to my rods, the middle rod signalled a take.

The bobbin flew up to the rod butt. Minor panic set in as I looked for somewhere to stand my cup and I expected to hear the familiar one toner. In short, nothing more happened. It was as if something had slammed on the brakes. Everything remained absolutely motionless. The rod now looked as if I had set it up while fishing with tight lines and the bobbin remained tight to the butt.

With the other angler's stories still ringing in my ears I decide to see just how



long it would take for the bite to develop. After quite some time still nothing moved. I unclipped the line and pulled some from the spool and almost immediately the fish moved off. Maybe because the line was no longer clipped, the spool began to turn slowly and I was able to lift into what was expected to be an energetic double. In fact it turned out to be another high twenty which made my life as difficult as possible for the next twenty or so minutes before going in the net.

The "happenings" on the lake resulted in me thinking even more deeply about the way that fish feed. Did these finicky feeders suggest that carp which normally feed over soft lake beds naturally feed differently than their typical gravel pit cousins?

Our lake is a typical estate type lake with relatively shallow water and a soft lake bed. During our first year it had virtually no weed growth and the carp seemed to prefer to feed on the areas of shallow but soft silt. I began to question whether this resulted in them being able to simply suck food from the silt with little effort as opposed to needing to "tear" snails and the like from weed stems. Having watched carp feeding on weed in clear water I was always surprised how violent this feeding could sometimes be and it was easy to imagine how the initial head-shake could set the hook and result in a blistering run. However, with silt feeders, they could quite easily suck in the bait and continue feeding without moving away too far, resulting in very gentle bites or twitches. Taking this one step further, if certain fish prefer to feed on areas of soft bottom, whereas the main body of the population of carp are feeding over gravel, then it could go some way to explain why some known fish give very minor indications.





It could also explain why some specimens in your favourite water very rarely pick up hook baits ...or do they?

As a further example of my thinking. One very large common in a lake that I fished in England had a very specific and easily recognised bite which consisted of two very gentle lifts and drops of the bobbin. Unfortunately I wasn't aware of this at the time that I fished the lake so missed the opportunity to hook what would have destroyed my personal best. I can also remember reading an account, by Lee Jackson of one of his sessions on the Brook. He detailed the capture of the "Fully Scaled" by Jan Wenzca and went on to say: "It could be that this particular carp could actually be making more mistakes

than we all think because it never gives a proper bite. Those few little beeps that get ignored in the night and are put down to bats, weed or anything else, could actually be the fully scaled getting away with it again."

Now I don't know the Brook but is it not possible that this particular fish is one of a few which prefers, or has become conditioned, to feed on areas where it is

used to simply sucking in its food.



Another account of similar circumstances was by Jack Hilton in the chapter entitled "first full season at Ashlea" where Roger watches a carp feed over his bait without giving any more indication other than a "trembling on one of his lines." Jack then goes on to recount that Bill Quinlan and others began to realise that a large number of the large fish that they were catching had been hooked as a result of "striking early." In fact "before the silver paper had reached the butt ring." These incidents would have been happening during the mid sixties and even then Jack summed it up with these words: "Confusing as the evidence was, I think we were all pretty well convinced that the Ashlea carp had taken to twitching at baits and that, waiting for the conventional runs to develop would be more or less a waste of time."

I am not, and never will be, a good enough angler to even dream of arguing with Jack's thoughts on the subject, but I would like to add that the similar situations that I was encountering were coming from carp that had not been fished for before.

Even by the end of 2002 our carp had only seen forty or so anglers for the whole year so they were certainly not pressurised fish.

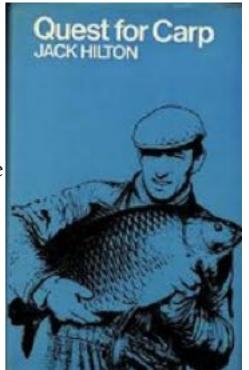
It would be interesting to know how much pressure the Ashlea carp had experienced. It is probably reasonable to assume that, as Jack was writing about carp angling in the sixties, there would certainly not have been hordes of anglers camped around the lake twenty four hours each day and seven days each week. Basically, if they can learn that quickly, then we should have already reached a point where we can't catch any more.

I would prefer to believe that we are simply seeing different bites from fish with different ways of feeding and some of that difference could easily be because of the area and make up of the lake bed over which they choose to feed. Looking back to my earlier fishing in England this theory may help to explain, in some small way, why certain fish seemed to be caught regularly from specific areas of each lake.

It may also help to explain why my catch rates of bigger fish seem to have improved since I switched to using running rigs with light leads and slack lines. At least with running rigs you are more likely to be made aware that the bait has been moved whereas with a semi fixed heavy lead there is a chance that a carp

can pick up the bait and move it without the angler even being aware that it has been inspected. Given the opportunity to fish some of my old haunts again I would certainly be tempted to place baits in the more "unfancied" areas.

I mentioned earlier that the carp in our lake seemed to start bubbling during the early morning periods. There were certainly plenty of carp being caught during the other parts of the twenty four hours, but the most obvious signs of feeding fish were these violent patches of bubbles which can sometimes continue until ten o'clock in the morning.







I have returned to this point because I remember reading Jack Hilton's "Quest for Carp" where he gives a description of the famous Ashlea Pool.

In his description he states that it was between two feet and six feet deep and less than an acre in size. He also went on to say that visible signs of feeding almost always began shortly after dawn but sometimes could be delayed until two or three hours after sunrise.

His description also details that a bright start to the day could make the feeding signs very short-lived whereas an overcast day could result in the carp continuing to feed for many hours.

This is an exact description of the situation that we found (and continue to find) on our lake and, furthermore, another similarity is that we very rarely see feeding of the same intensity during the evening, if aerial displays are discounted. Now, the only physical similarity between the two lakes is the average depths and the make up of the lake beds. Both have soft clay/silt bottoms and produce a multitude of food items within these layers.

Probably the most potent lesson to be learned from these comparisons is that, despite the lakes being nearly forty years and six hundred miles apart, the challenges remain fairly constant and we should never stop learning from the lessons of the quality anglers of yesteryear.









Hello there. What a month! The fishing has gotten a lot harder this November with a lot of high pressure, but hey ho a bad days fishing is better than a good day at work!

We've had a question in from Alan Coward. He's seen fish crashing out at 80 yards and after a bit of investigation work he's found the fish are behind a steep gravel bar. This can be a good location at this time of year but he's suffered a couple of cut offs and asked for some help.

How infuriating this must be! Let's see if I can help.

I found myself in a similar situation on an old syndicate where lead core was also disallowed. I found a lead clip set up that would dump the lead on the take was best. I like to use a good size lead to set the hook. I also found myself using the strongest monofilament line to get you to the area. It is also important to check your line for any signs of damage. As for anti-tangle properties and to help prevent cut offs use tubing of a decent length but I found myself using a snag leader as lead core is banned. In my opinion it is a lot safer than lead core and it is quite simple to use. Check out my link on YouTube.

https://youtu.be/ma_A8Rt2MIY

Carp Fishing Rigs Splicing Revenge Shock Leader from Ashima youtu.be

Visit us http://www.ashimauk.com/ In this short video Paul uses products from Ashima and runs through splicing Revenge shock leader. When something is worth ...

What I found when playing the fish is keep your rod as high as possible. Let the fish pull its way over the bar and just be patient. Hopefully the rest will be history and the photos all smiles!

Until next time please keep your questions coming in to Talking Carp.

Be lucky!

Paul.









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Dear Talking Carp Readers

We would like to introduce you to our organisation Charity Carper's. We are a group of Carp Anglers that have united together to form Charity Carper's. We use our passion for our sport to raise funds and awareness for various charities. In 2016 we held a 96-hour carp match in aid of Kidney Research UK. The event was a huge success raising nearly £5000.

For the year ahead, we are raising funds for two charities that mean a great deal to us, these are Little Havens Children's Hospice (http://www.havenshospices.org.uk/little-havens-hospice) and Help 4 Homeless Veterans (http://help4homelessveterans.org.uk/)

Little Havens was chosen because of the affiliation that I have to them. In 2017 my daughter would have been 18 years old. But sadly at the age of just 5 she passed away after a courageous battle against a brain tumour. Little Havens played an important role during this time for which I will always be indebted to

The veteran's homeless charity (SSAFA) was chosen after an approach from a group of soldiers that saw the success of the Kidney Research event and asked us to help. So as not to disappoint we decided to support both charities.

What do we need? From manufacturers and retailers, we need donations of anything from bivvies' to bed chairs. Lake owners from UK and overseas we needdonations of time at your venue whether 48 hours to a week. Every donation no matter how big or small will be welcomed with opened arms. We are currently in negotiations with Lake owners to stage our 2 Carp Matches in 2017, but if you have a venue large enough to stage such an event we would still like to speak to you.

Fellow anglers can donate to our page

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f you can assist or would like to discuss this proposal further, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Dean on the above numbers or send an email to charitycarpers@virginmedia.com

Please take a look at our website and Facebook page for a full review of our 2016 event.

Thank you again, we look forward to hearing from you soon.

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A Year to Remember

What a year 2016 as turned out to be for me.

On New Year Day 2016, I set myself a goal to beat my PB Carp, which was 18lb 8oz which I'd been stuck on for nearly 2 years.

From that day, I saved up and upgraded a lot of my fishing gear, over the past year I've gone mad on the Nash fishing range, so I now have 3 x H Gun 3lb test curve rods and 3 x H Gun FR8 reels.

I spooled the reel with Fox Camo Soft Steel, in the dark camo range, as I believe this camouflages in perfect to every lake bed.

I always use Safe Zone Leaders, as this adds extra protection when playing a fish. I usually tie my own rigs and have always had great success, but I fell in love with the Fox Edges Arma Point SSBP Carp Rig, the only alteration I made to the rigs was to add a little bit of dark matter extra heavy tungsten putty, so I know my rig is sitting perfectly to suit my way of fishing. I also decided to buy a Viper Mk3 bait boat, to reach that unreachable location tight to the bank under that huge tree that everybody says, 'I bet they are under there'.

I started researching a few baits, and I opted to go for Urban Baits Nutcracker, after doing some investigation into the
Nutcracker range, my mind
was made up, and this was
the bait for me.
I then started searching for
local venues within a 30
miles' radius of my home in
Stechford, Birmingham where

local venues within a 30 miles' radius of my home in Stechford, Birmingham where I live with my beautiful future wife Sam, and my two children, my beautiful daughter Sophie and future fishing partner Joshua.

I came across a lot of venues and I thought to myself I'm going to pick 2 venues and concentrate on them to start with, and then my year to remember began.

The first fishery I chose was Mineral Lakes in Bedworth, I'd been fishing here previously throughout 2015, but not particularly for carp, but now it was time to target them.

I arrived at Mineral Lakes at 7am Friday 27th May for a 48-hour session. I looked around the lake and decided for the swim in between the two islands, as when I fished here previously I always thought about getting really tight to the corner of the island, but the trees restrict you from getting close... not anymore though!

So, I scattered a few boilies towards the trees hanging in, and then set up.

Once set up I loaded my bait

Once set up I loaded my bait boat with my single glugged Nutcracker boilie on a blow back rig and crushed up 7 or 8 boilies around it, and

headed straight for the trees on the island. I've never been the type to bait heavily, just little and often, you can always add more if needed but you can't take out what you've already put in! My bait couldn't have been in the water 5 minutes and my alarm went screaming off, it wasn't a new PB but a cracking 17 ½lb Mirror happy days. My 1st session properly targeting the carp resulted in me having 10 in total, including the following 17 ½lb Mirror, 16 1/2lb Ghost, 17lb Mirror, 14lb Mirror, 8lb Common, 14lb Common, 17lb Mirror, 15lbs Common, 14 1/2 Ib Common and this beauty at 18lb 3oz.

This was a great session with some cracking fish, and good weights, I learnt a lot from this session, and I couldn't wait to get back out on the bank.

Just under a month later I was back on the bank still buzzing about my last outing.

On Friday 24th June I visited Weston Lawns Fishery, Bedworth.

This was something new to me as my brolly was not needed; I was in an eco-cabin, equipped with a long burner and TV, nice. I arrived at the venue, at 12pm ready to book into eco-cabin 2. This cabin was located roughly in the middle of the lake with two islands in front of me, with a channel

This cabin was located roughly in the middle of the lake with two islands in front of me, with a channel going



through the middle which I was told is my swim, as they have designated areas for each swim.

for the first 15/20 minutes I just sat there watching the water in-between the two islands and there was fish showing tight to the right-hand island and constant fizzing under a massive overhanging tree to the one on the left. It looked weedy and snaggy which I liked. So, I scattered a few freebies into these spots and some into the open water in the channel of the island. as you can use three rods. I then proceeded to set up. Once set up I sent out my bait boat, with my favoured way, single glugged Nutcracker boilie and 7 or 8

the session, 13lb Mirror! As I was putting this one back my second rod ripped of... 9lb Mirror... I thought great, next one please.

crushed up into the baited

area, as I was about to put

ripped off, nice carp to start

my third rod out, my first one

Surprisingly I didn't get another until around 8pm Friday evening, I had single bleep on my right-hand rod, then my bobbin slowly rose a touch... then another bleep, as it rose a bit more, I clicked my bait runner and struck...

fish on!
Now I
remember
this as clear
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deeper and deeper and further out into the channel, I managed to turn her into the open water, it still proceeded to stay deep, then I manage to bring her to the surface and thought... that looks bigger than anything I've had before!

Once she broke the surface

she seemed to just cruise across the surface of the water into my net. It was now over to the cradle and sling for the weigh in... 20lb 8oz Mirror Carp. I couldn't believe it finally I'd broke my PB after nearly 2 years, I was on cloud nine, I was ecstatic! I ended up having 11 Carp in total ranging from 9lb to this stunner and new PB at 20lb 8oz, all caught on the Nutcracker. After arrived home on the Sunday I decided I wanted to get back to Weston Lawns, so I booked on again for Friday 29th July as this was the next available date.

I had a guest with me on this occasion, my beautiful future wife Sam.

Great I got my own photographer!







I booked on to the same eco- cabin as I fell in love with the swim and all the features it offered. I began with my usual tactics, and picked the same spots as my previous visit.

It wasn't long before my first one came along at 8lb. Straight after putting that rod back in it ripped off again, another 8lber.

I ended up having 8 carp to 14lb the first day and night. Then I was awoken around 7am Saturday morning to my alarm screaming off... I ran out the cabin and struck into my right-hand rod. This felt good... it felt great! After about a 10-minute battle of keeping the fish from going under the overhanging tree on the island, the snags as I started to call it, it was in the net, this looked incredible. On the scales it went... YES! 21lb Mirror Carp! I broke my PB yet again, I was on a roll, and I was over the moon. I ended up having 16 in total all caught on the Nutcracker boilies, a cracking session to share with my future wife!

After a few weeks on holiday with Sam and my 2 gorgeous



children, Sophie and Joshua I started looking at a new venue. Fisherwick Lakes, Whittington.

I visited the lake a couple of times and just studied the water, then on my last visit before joining, as its members only for the specimen lake I started talking to somebody who had been a member there for a few years, and he was a great help, he told me about various depths to the lake, where the snags were and



get back on the bank.
So I headed back to where it all began Mineral Lakes.
I arrived late to the fishery, around 4pm on Friday 30th September after a long day's work, it was cold and damp.
When I walked up the ramp



what bait works best, he also told me there was a gravel bar from one side of the lake to the other where fish sometimes hold up, he was a

d up, ne was a great help.
I decided to try out the bait, which was Natures Baits.
I brought 1kg of Natures Baits Alpha boilies to try; it was time to

to the fishery the lake was full bar one peg which was not my cup of tea to be honest. There were no features or nothing, not a peg I'd usually pick, but I'd travelled that distance so I was going nowhere anytime soon. I studied the water for about 20 minutes and I kept being drawn to a slab slopping down off the island, there was fish cruising by it constantly, it looked shallow, there seemed

to be a shallow shelf coming off the island, but this sighting was enough for me to go back to the car and get my gear.

By the time I'd set up I thought I've only got about an hour or two before its dark, and I was eager for a fish before daylight had passed.

I decided to try out this new bait Natures Bait Alpha. I put a single boilie with a few crushed-up boilies in my bait boat, like I use to before and sent it towards the shallow shelf.

Around 7:15pm my bobbin dropped, I quickly tightened up my reel but it just went slacker and slacker, so I clicked my bait runner and struck... fish on. A 9lb common carp on the new bait, happy days.

I only had one more fish that night, and it was nearly a new PB but not for carp, but sturgeon. If only it had been 2oz heavier! But still **77lb**

6oz was a smashing result!

I was awoken at 7.00am on Saturday 1st October to my R3 alarm screaming off like I've never heard before!
I hit in to it and the pull on the rod was like I've never felt before! I had a gut feeling this was going to be a new PB from that moment.

The fish came to the surface quite quickly as I'd been fishing on the shallow shelf off the island. As soon as

I seen it I knew this was a new PB it looked huge. With butterflies in my stomach I reached down and grabbed my net and lowered it into the water and gently guided the fish into the net, I then leaned over and looked in and said to myself, 'wow'.

I put this beauty into my cradle, took the hook out and

cradle, took the hook out and poured some water over him, I then put him in the sling and it was the moment of truth...

23lb 2oz! I'd done it again! I was flabbergasted; I just couldn't believe it, another new PB!

I'm in complete shock on the picture but absolutely love the shot, with the mist in the background. I ended up having 6 carp and 3 sturgeon. I was totally buzzing about another PB and about getting results with a new bait; I decided to get back on the bank as soon as possible, so a week later Friday 7th October I headed to Whittington to Fisherwick Lakes.

I arrived around midday on
Friday and the first thing I did
was buy another kilo of Alpha
boilies and I also tried
Natures Bait White Ice
Wafters which I fancied the
look and smell of.
I already decided where I
was going to fish before I
arrived as I've always fancied
this one peg when I visited
previously to look around,
peg 14.

I set up camp for the weekend and before I put a bait in the water I decided to find the gravel bar. Once I worked out where the gravel bar was and how wide it was I decided to fish my left-hand rod after the gravel bar, my middle rod before the gravel bar and my right-hand rod on the gravel bar. I scattered out a handful of Alpha boilies over each spot as bait boats wasn't allowed here.

I chose to use the White Ice Wafters after the gravel bar and before it and Alpha boilies on the gravel bar. It was 6pm before my first fish came along.







on my middle rod, a 16lb Mirror, great start. I scattered a bit more bait,

and put my rod back on the spot.

My second take didn't arrive until midday Saturday, a beautiful 20lb 2oz Mirror. In quick succession, I was into my third fish, now this was slightly different, I had one bleep on my middle alarm... then I noticed the end of my rod was bobbing up and down very fast, so I clicked the bait runner and struck... fish on! It felt very powerful and was boshing out of the water. After the fish on White Ice Wafters, so I thought I'd change my right-hand rod to White Ice, so I did and put it back on the gravel bar.

I didn't have any more bites through the night, nor did I have anything as it got to midday on Sunday! So I decided it was time to start packing away, so I slowly started breaking everything down until I was left with my rods, cradle, net and sling.

For the laugh I said to my mate on the next peg who hadn't had a bite at all, 'I want one more fish before I

a few minutes, it was in the net, a fish I'd never caught before... a Grass Carp, at a cracking 20lb, what a cracking specimen! My next catch came just as it was getting dark; I was pouring myself a cup of tea, when my middle rod ripped off again, a 20lb Mirror. Get in! As I was preparing for the night I decided to have a slight change as I caught all

go'. He told me to clear off as I've had enough! To my shock as he said that... bleep... bleep... bleeeeeeeeeeep, fish on! I hit into it and thought what in god's name is this! It felt breezeblock to my line... it took about 5 minutes to grace fantastic, I set out to break a the surface... Oh my god! I

with the net. Then he leaned to me and said 'What's your PB mate?' '23lb 2oz' I replied. 'You've just smashed it' he said.

I was shaking with nerves... I kept saying to myself in my head, please lord don't let me lose this! Then before I knew it this gorgeous looking common slid into the net. I looked at my mate and said... well I can't say what I said... but what would you

have said?

I put this absolute beauty in my cradle, unhooked her and washed her down, now it was time to weigh her. She topped the scales at 26lb 2oz. I was flabbergasted, after taking a few cracking photos I got down on my hands and knees and released her back in to the water to fight another day. I knelt there and watched her swim happily away. I was overwhelmed; I just didn't know what to do with myself, so I said to my

mate... 'It's time to go home!' 'Fair play mate' he replied. I broke down the rest of my gear, still in total shock and went home with the biggest smile on my face. I never thought I'd have a year like 2016, it's been 2-year streak, and I broke it 4 times! Wow!

Not only that I've caught over 150 fish in total this year! It's been an unbelievable year for me fishing and as we go into the winter months, I can't wait to see what the future brings. Onwards and upwards.

This has been my year to remember, until next time, be safe, be happy, and be on the bank!

Andrew Taylor









like someone had tied a said to my mate as he waited





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Christmas is Coming...

So, there is no denying that Christmas is just around the corner and just in case any of our wonderful readers are looking to buy a gift for your favourite online carp magazine editor.... Here is a solid hint!!

For me personally, there is one thing on my Santa list I really hope makes an appearance under my tree this year and that's a book I still haven't got my hands on yet.....

"Heads Down Tails Up" by Martin Clarke and Friends. This book gives us Martins personal thoughts and insight on modern day carp angling. It covers a vast array of subjects for water and swim choice, fish location, baiting and so on... but even better than that he gives us a peek into margin fishing his way with some great tips and techniques that could really give you an edge when you are out there. Add to that the guest chapters and you have some mighty fine reading material and a book you will want to read over and over... So, Mrs Dixon, if you are reading this, the book can be ordered from www.calmproductions.com or pick up a copy from Johnson Ross Tackle, The Tackle Box Kent or Browns Angling Centre and carries a R.R.P of £28. So, stop hanging about.... Grab yourselves a copy (and feel free to grab me one too?)

Brian.





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So, what have we been buying this month? With winter well on its way and my old joggers having seen much better days it was time to start getting my kit ready for the colder months. I looked around for some new joggers that would suit my needs and these are the ones I chose... and glad I did!!

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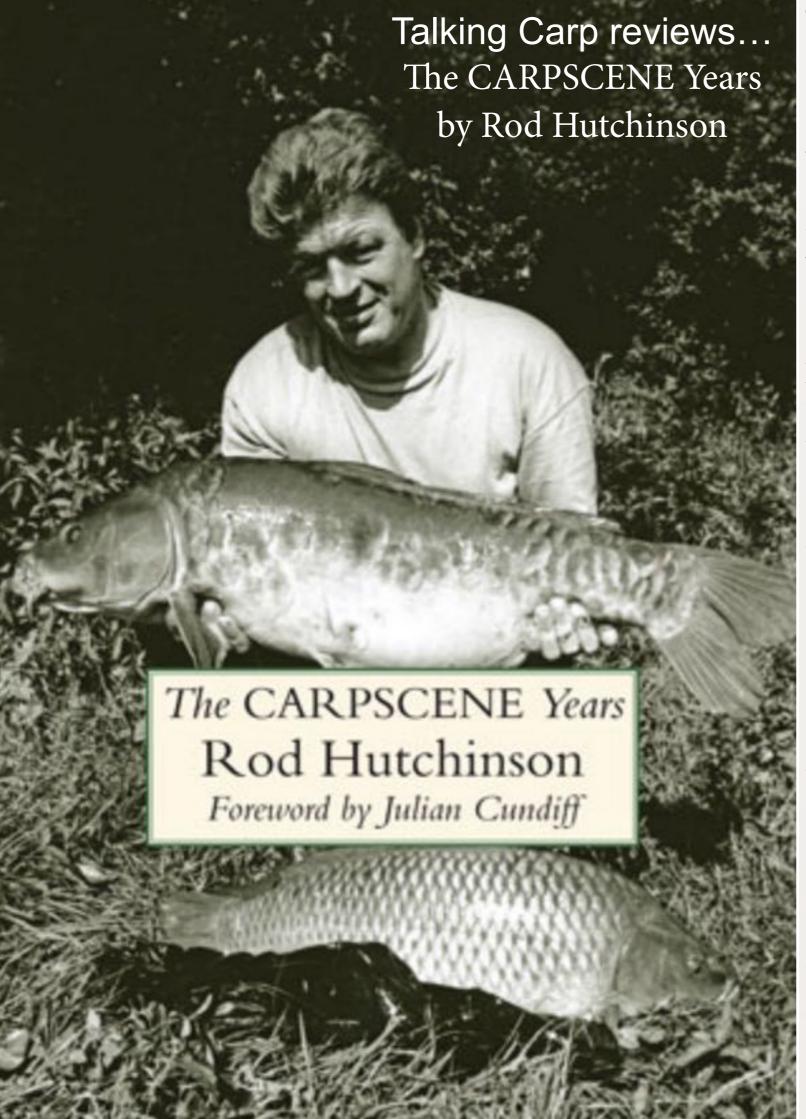


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The CARPSCENE Years by Rod Hutchinson Foreword by Julian Cundiff

It would be fair to say that right now there are a lot of carp books being written and published, which is great for the sport of course, and well done to all those who take the time out from their personal and family lives to put these books together because let me tell you... it is no easy feat. So well done to all... BUT every now and again one author pops up on the radar and automatically sends the "must have " bells ringing loudly in my head!!

The godfather of modern day carp fishing!! An innovator, a thinker, an angler... Mr Rod Hutchinson!!

His latest offering is The CARPSCENE Years, is a collection of thoughts, ideas and stories from the man that pioneered carp angling to what we have today, and along with a few guest chapters also included I can guarantee you a book that you will enjoy reading over and over. Here is a quick snippet to wet the appetite...

"It's been a funny old year really. While some good new products have come through, not all of my ideas have been met with total enthusiasm. I had what I thought was a gem of a product, namely a PVA bivvy lined up. Think about it, it saves packing up in the morning, however no one else seemed to go along with it. They also said my idea of a net mesh bivvy had too many holes in it. Still you can't win them all."

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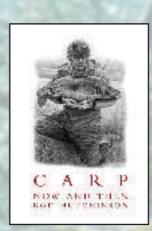
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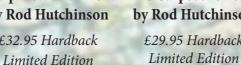
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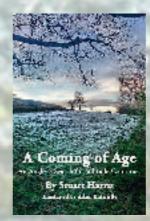
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Brooms Cross Specimen carp and coarse







Matty Baxter 24lb 12 oz.



Rob Arnott 18lb on a zig.





Ste Williams 20lb mirror





Stephen Bernstein. new PB common







Andy "HAULING" Hyden





















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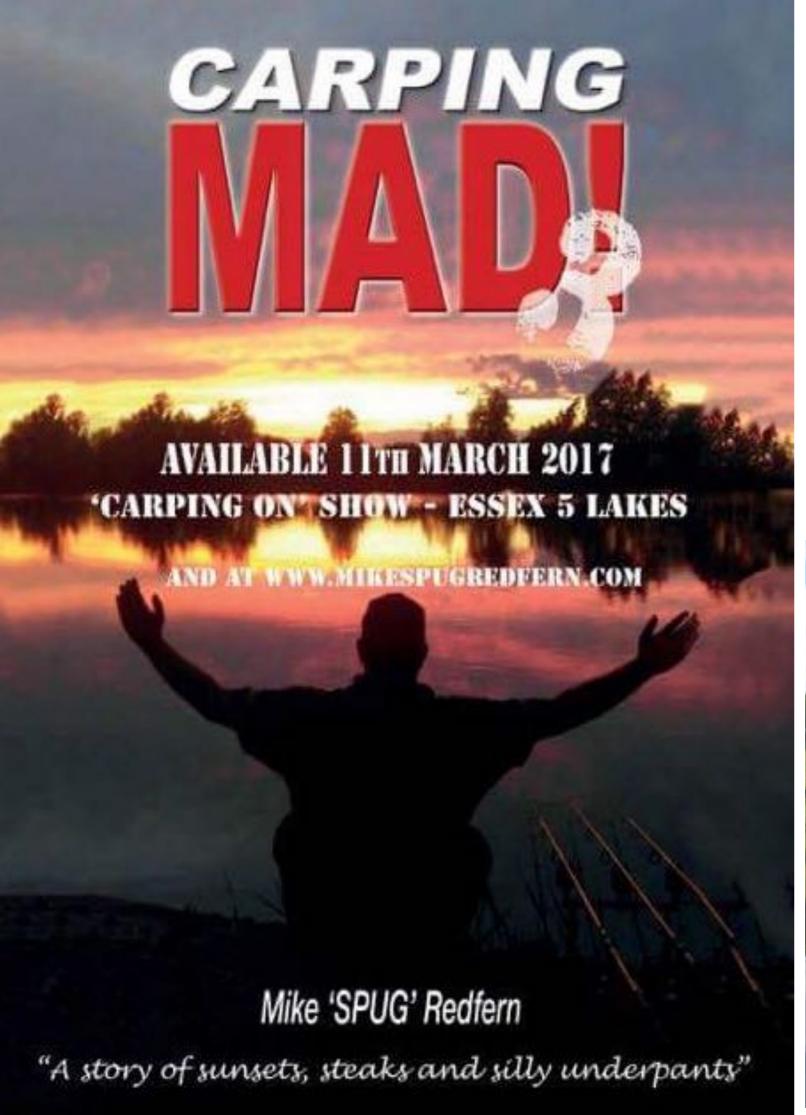
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Daniel McNeil 24lb 1oz Hillside Fishery





Wyreside Lakes Fishery

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Wyreside Lakes is a family run business, situated in over 120 acres of farmland at the foot of the Bowland Fells in Dolphinholme -Lancashire. On

the estate there are 7 fishing

lakes - with a superb stocking of carp, mixed coarse and pike. The Birkin family have continually used the same British stockists over the last 23yrs and the experienced to novice angler alike has an opportunity to catch a wide selection of beautiful two tone mirrors, immaculate scaly commons and the occasional leather carp.



The Lakes were created from former poor agricultural land after extraction of sand and gravel by Tarmac Road stone Ltd. The first fish were introduced in 1984 (Mirror carp weighing up to 1.5 lbs) and they have thrived in the lakes, growing and breeding in a spectacular manner. The lakes are stocked annually in October/November with 3-5lbs mirrors and commons – then they are grown throughout the different lakes until they reach maturity. However, this November we introduced 70 new mirrors and commons into S2 between 12lbs &15lbs so we are hoping for great results

The 7 lakes consist of 3 day / night waters, Sunnyside 1, Sunnyside 2 and River lakes. These lakes have carp up to 33lbs with an overall average of around 19lbs – there are also mixed coarse prevalent in these waters. There are also two membership waters Wyre and Bantons which boast carp currently up to 39lbs however the largest recorded weight was the mighty Paw Print at 42lbs 1oz. Non-members can fish these waters but there are strict times and rules that apply. There is also a mixed coarse water Fox's lake – this is an excellent runs water that produces carp up to 18lbs, Roach to 3lbs, Bream up to 10lbs & Perch up to 8lbs.



The estate also boasts a 4 star Campsite as well as a recreational centre with bar, restaurant and function room. This year a large on site tackle shop was completed offering bait and terminal tackle. On site there is also a laundry room and a modern toilet & shower block. The Fisherman's Restaurant serves food and there is also a takeaway service with food delivered to your swim! The bar & function room is the perfect for match meets and presentations and an excellent location for any type of event from weddings to birthday celebrations. All throughout the year there are various events held each week, from Karaoke /discos to themed nights and live entertainment. The estate is open 7 days a week and is closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day annually. Restaurant / café opening times may vary.



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