

Upper Tamar Carp Competition 9-11 October 2009

The third and final carp competition of 2009 was held at Upper Tamar Lake from the 9-11 October and with 16 pairs it was fully attended. The forecast was for mixed weather at the weekend and that's certainly what happened. Saturday was a bright warm day and Sunday

round and although not much was caught a good time was had by all. The 3rd prize which was 5kg of pellet sponsored by Top 4 Carp at South Molton with one fish of 5lb was won by Oli and Joe Dietrich.

Second prize was £50 and 5kg of bait and a t-shirt

The winning pair on this occasion were youngsters Richard Harman and Joel Palmer (pictured) from peg 11 at the far end of the lake with one fish of 10lb 1oz. They received the £200 prize money. Joel who caught the fish also received 5kg of Grinney baits boilies kindly sponsored by Wayne Grinney for the biggest fish of the competition.

Thank you to Ray Philpott for organising the competition and to lake bailiff Bob Davey for transporting tackle around the lake by boat. Also thank you to the water sports staff for their help with tackle moving and to all the sponsors of the competitions for 2009. If you would like to sponsor any prizes for 2010 please e-mail me.

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We will be organising some more carp competitions next year so watch this space!

Ben Smeeth

Keep watching our website for carp competition dates in 2010
www.swlakestrust.org.uk

TAMAR MATCH UPDATE

North Tawton AA had a successful competition at Upper Tamar during September fishing on the Devon Bank. Roach, skimmers and bream made up the bags for the following results: 1st - M Edwards 48lb 9oz, 2nd A Edwards 42lb 12oz, 3rd D Deviell 30lb 12oz



Left to right: Ray Philpott (SWLT), Richard Harman and Joel Palmer

was very wet and misty with a strong Northerly wind! Not ideal for carp fishing!

The fishing completely switched off for the weekend with only 3 fish being caught around the lake, it could have been down to the sudden introduction of 64 lines on the Friday evening or perhaps the changing weather. This was such an anti-climax after the success of the previous two competitions in 2009 which both fished well. It was good to see some new faces this time

South West Lakes Trust Reflections

Coarse Fishing Edition, Autumn 2009



Foreword with the Editor

Autumn is a great time of year for fishing with fish hard on the feed before winter sets in so get down to one of our lakes and start bagging up!! It's the perfect opportunity to catch big pike and carp but also a good time of year for the pleasure angler. We have been busy re-stocking Argal and Porth during the summer and are planning future improvements at the lakes. There are plans for some big match competitions at Tamar so keep an eye on our website for information on that. This is the fourth edition of this newsletter and if you would like to feature in a future publication please send me your pictures or articles or anything you think may be of interest. *Ben Smeeth*

News...

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Left:
Nigel Cocks
32lb 1oz, Argal



Right:
'Tango'
28lb 6oz, Melbury



Left:
Tony Welch
26lb 12oz, Argal



Right:
Richard Harman
19lb 8oz, Tamar

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Autumn Advantage

It's been raining leaves over the last few weeks and with the clocks having just changed winter is all but here!

Now is certainly the time to be out on the bank with quantities of bait putting in extra effort to tame an elusive carp or indeed a big hit. If you don't take advantage now, in a months time we will all be cursing the cold!

also put a few baits into two other swims on the off chance of that happening. I still fancied the same area of the lake and opted for one of



A recent session took me to Argal where I had planned to fish a swim known as the Brambles, I had pre-baited the swim with a few kilos of bait (on the quiet) in the days previous to arriving, however when I arrived a lad from the Midlands was already set up in the swim!! Luckily I had

my other pre-baited swims.

I had two nights ahead of me and went in on three different areas in an attempt to cover a large expanse of water. All rods were baited with my homemade pop ups and fished over quantities of Mainline Cell. On the first

night the fish came on the feed over my close in area producing Commons of 12lb and 18lb respectively. The second night came and went but at 5.00am I had a 7lb Tench and decided to stay up. As I stood watching the water while drinking hot strong coffee I began to see decent sized carp showing over my long area and by 7.00am I had landed two further Commons of 26.14lb and 33.04lb (pictured).

So get your rods out and get down to one of the South West Lakes Trust Water's before it really does get too cold!

Tony Welch

BAGGING UP AT BOSCATHNOE

This small but beautiful lake is tucked away near Penzance and offers the opportunity for a really good carp session as venue regular and season ticket holder Ray Sumption recently found out. Ray fished for a week to take well over 30 fish during the trip which included the lakes largest resident, a common of just over 30lb and this pictured mirror of 14lb. The bulk of Ray's fish were taken from 25-30 yards out on a snowman rig using Quench and Esterblend 12 boilies on a Korda set up with Kryston 25lb hooklink.



worth a cast ...

Bussow near St Ives with carp to 30lb

Porth near Newquay with carp to 32lb, pike to 22lb, bream to 12lb and roach to 2lb

Argal Re-stocked

The Trust has re-stocked Argal during the summer and the new stock are doing very well. Several of the new fish have been caught already and they are putting on weight as expected. We have introduced 62 fish, 54 commons and 8 mirror carp. The biggest was 20lb 3oz and the average size over 10lb. The 65 acre water did hold 80 -120 carp with many fish well into the 30lb range. All the current fish were ageing, so by introducing new stock we hope to add more variety to the water, release some of the angling pressure on the current fish and increase competition for food, meaning you the angler can catch more! It is hoped the new fish will grow beyond the current lake record of 42lb 8oz.

If you would like some more information please contact Ben Smeeth on 01566 771930 or bsmeeth@swlakestrust.org.uk

Below left: 17lb stocked on 20/9/09

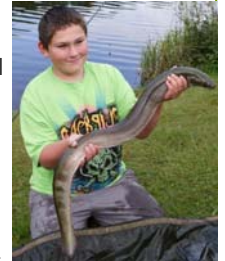
Below right: 16lb mirror stocked on 28/9/09



Steve among the eels at Tamar

Steve Dawe has been amongst the action at Upper Tamar Lake with

this 4lb 4oz Eel (above). The method used was a half Sandeel fished a foot from the bottom using a Dyson Rig, this was fished over a bed of dead maggots and chopped Sandeel. Steve used an 11 foot custom made Eel rod and Mitchell Reel with 8lb line. The hook was a size 4 Barbless and the trace material was 45lb Quicksilver. The Eel measured 35 inches in length with a 7 inch girth.



'It was the only run of the night and the Eel took the bait at 02.30am it was perfectly lip hooked and put up a good fight' said Steve. Steve's fishing partners Glen Patterson (below) and Reagan Walker (above

right) from the Midlands also bagged eels of 3lb 11oz and 4lb 4oz respectively.



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PORTH GETS SOME NEW CARP

The prolific match water Porth Reservoir, near Newquay, has had an injection to its current stocking of carp. We have introduced 42 fish to date with the largest being 16lb 4oz and hope to stock some more before the winter sets in. The 40 acre venue has a very small stocking of carp so this will provide some more sport for the specimen angler as well as new breeding stock so bigger weights can be obtained during the matches.



There are also improvements planned for the paths and swims so keep an eye on our website for regular updates.

Left: 16lb 4oz stocked on 26/10/2009

Above right: 15lb common stocked on 26/10/2009