

## Upper Tamar Carp Fishing Competition 26-29 June 2009

The summer carp competition at Upper Tamar Lake saw 16 entrants turn up for the much anticipated singles event following on from the successful doubles competition back in March. The forecast was fair and expectations high for the first 4 day competition we have held.

The draw was made at 12 noon on Friday and anglers' tackle was transported to their swims. Fishing started as soon as anglers were ready. Alan Squire from Penzance got the competition off and running on Friday afternoon with a couple of small commons from peg 13 on

the Cornwall bank. Fish were being caught from all areas of the lake and most anglers caught at least one fish during the competition.

**Next competition: Pairs  
Fri 9 -Sun 11 October.  
To enter call  
01566 771930**

## TAMAR COMPETITION UPDATE

Bideford and District Angling Association had a good day's match fishing at Upper Tamar Lake with everyone catching good

Robert Davies got into the action on Peg 1 by the dam and caught steadily from Saturday onwards, while Stephen Hutchinson (joint winner of the previous competition) was catching at the far end of the lake from peg 9. 25 fish were landed in total and roughly another 20 were lost during the event – it was one of those weekends!! None of the



*Pictured: Robert Davies (left) receiving the £200 from Bob Davey*

bigger residents made an appearance, but an enjoyable weekend was had by all. 5kg of bait was donated by Wayne Grinney for the biggest fish which was a 14lb common caught by Robert Davies.

numbers of fish from the arm on the Devon Bank. Bream were the main contributor for winner John Lisle who fished halfway down the arm, and a mixture of roach and

4<sup>th</sup> place and £30 of Twyford Farm Supplies vouchers was won by Graham Palmer with 2 fish for 16lb 8oz from the lookout swim. 3<sup>rd</sup> place and £50 went to Alan Squire who caught 4 fish for 23lb 2 oz from peg 13. A six month season ticket worth £75 was the reward for second and was won by Stephen Hutchinson

with 3 fish for 23lb 14oz from the far end of the lake. The winner who claimed the £200 top prize was Robert Davies, who managed 7 fish for 65lb 12oz from Peg 1 by the Dam on the Devon bank.

Thank you to Ray Philpott for organising the event although he

could not be there and to Bob Davey for transporting tackle around. Also thank you to our sponsors Twyford Farm Supplies and Wayne Grinney for donating prizes.  
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skimmers made up the bags.

1<sup>st</sup> John Lisle 42lb 4oz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nielsen Jeffery 28lb 11oz  
3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Slade 26lb

# South West Lakes Trust Reflections

Coarse Fishing Edition, Summer 2009



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**Foreword with the Editor** A great start to the summer weather has given way to torrential rain but the fisheries continue to produce good sport and many anglers are braving the conditions across the region in pursuit of their target fish. We have some exciting projects running at the moment with the re-stocking at Argal, ground works at Melbury and Darracott and new platforms at Jennetts. There are plans for some improvements to the fishing at Porth, further ground works at Argal and re-stocking at some other lakes so watch this space.....

*Ben Smeeth*

## Nigel Cocks with a brace of 30s from Argal

**32lb 1oz  
Common**



**31lb 7oz  
linear**

## Crassula helmsii

The Trust is currently working with partners to control the spread of an invasive weed known as *Crassula helmsii* (Australian swamp stonecrop / New Zealand Pygmyweed). It is a highly invasive weed which unfortunately has been introduced to many of our reservoirs. *Crassula helmsii* spreads quickly and can take over water bodies and smother wildflowers and native wildlife. The smallest fragment of weed can trigger an invasion and you can help us by checking and cleaning fishing equipment and footwear in situ to ensure that no plant fragments are transported to other water bodies.



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# Argal

## Carp re-stocking update

The Trust's re-stocking policy continues this summer and Argal will be the main benefactor. We are introducing around 50 -100 carp ranging

between 4lb and 20lb and possibly some slightly bigger! The 65 acre water currently holds between 80 -120 carp with many fish well into the 30lb range. All the current fish are ageing, so introducing the new stock will add some more life and variety to the water whilst releasing some of the angling pressure on the current fish. It is hoped the new fish will grow beyond the current lake

record of 42lb 8oz. To date 44 fish have been introduced with the largest being a 17lb 8oz Common. This will be an on-going process during the summer and anyone interested in attending a stocking or who would like some more information please contact Ben Smeeth on 01566 771930 or [bsmeeth@swlakestrust.org.uk](mailto:bsmeeth@swlakestrust.org.uk)



17lb 8oz Common stocked on 28/5/2009





8lb Mirror stocked on 28/5/2009

If you have an interesting story or picture that you would like to be included in a future issue, or if you would like to be on the mailing list for this newsletter, please contact [bsmeeth@swlakestrust.org.uk](mailto:bsmeeth@swlakestrust.org.uk)

## More Argal lumps

Argal continues to produce the goods with another stunning brace of 30lb fish this time for Tony Welch. The 'scar common' (below left) weighed in at 32lb 6oz and the 'split peck common' (below right) 32lb 8oz.

## Boscathnoe Reservoir in Summer

This is the second part of the short features detailing South West Lakes Trust Cornish reservoirs. This time it's summer fishing at Boscathnoe. Boscathnoe is a small reservoir tucked away in West Cornwall, near Penzance. It's a fairly prolific lake where big catches can be had during spring and summer; however the lake does fish all year round. The stock at Boscathnoe is very good in terms of 20lb plus fish, with some going over 30lbs just prior to spawning. The reservoir itself is around 4



View from the dam wall

acres in size and depths run to around 10 foot. The main lake bed is layers of firm silt leading to gravel and a rocky marginal shelf. There are pads which cover the margins along two banks, leaving most of the road bank and dam wall in open water. The pad areas can be fished as there are some purpose built swims with clear areas in front of them. Also the dam wall can be fished with two swims strategically placed along it. I would urge anglers not to use leadcore at this venue as it's just too dangerous with the pads. Please use tube or Korda, and ESP do some good sinking rig tube.

**Bait wise**, fishmeal boilies and pellet in big PVA bags is the way forward. Go for quality; and I would recommend Mainline's Maple8 and a low oil halibut pellet from CC Moore. In the summer the carp can be



caught off the surface at Boscathnoe so it's worth bringing some biscuits and a floater set up.

During the summer months the carp follow the wind all over the lake, so be prepared to up sticks at any given time as they will give their whereabouts away. Keep your eyes open, fish sensibly and success will come!

Looks like my 300 words are up; next up is Bussow reservoir, just up the road for some Autumn hauling!

**Tony Welch**

Volunteer for the Trust Chris Blythe has been bagging up at Jennetts recently with several fish over the 20lb mark from the prolific 8 acre day ticket water. Chris (pictured) has been fishing pegs 2 and 3 and has caught most of his fish off the bottom in depths of three to five foot against the dam wall using Create bait's new 'prime' boilies. He has also enjoyed success using zig rigs fished 3-5 foot off the bottom and against the overhanging trees on the far side.



20lb 12oz mirror



20lb 4oz common

**Jennetts fishing well**

**worth a cast ...**  
 Trenchford near Bovey Tracey with pike to 28lb  
 Squabmoor near Exmouth with carp to 25lb, roach to 3lb and bream to 5lb  
 Slade near Ilfracombe with carp and pike to 28lb, bream to 8lb and Perch to 5lb