

SNOWBEE SOUTH WEST LAKES FLY FISHING TEAM COMPETITION

A record number of anglers from Devon and Cornwall came to fish in the seventh annual Snowbee South West Lakes Trust Team fly fishing competition at Siblyback Trout Fishery on Sunday 4 July. Eleven teams of four anglers from all over the South West fished from the bank in this floating line competition, competing to win the Snowbee Perpetual Trophy (a handsome bronze sculpture of a rising fish by local artist, Robin Armstrong), as well as South West Lakes Trust fishing tickets and fishing tackle supplied by Snowbee UK (the competition's sponsor). The high water temperatures, combined with winds and rain, made the fishing conditions challenging, although by the end of the day a respectable number of fish (70 rainbow trout) were caught by the anglers, including three full bags of 6 fish, and fish of 4lb 11oz (Steve Ebdon of Exeter) and 4lb 9oz (Dave Johns of Cornwall). Fish were well spread out around the lake, and caught mainly on lures or dark nymphs, all fished with floating lines (a stipulation of the competition).

The winning team was 'The Siblyback Raiders', consisting of Tony Chipman, Dave Johns, Paul Jones, and Roger Truscott, who between them, caught 19 fish weighing in at 31lb 7oz.. Team Snowbee took second place with 12 fish for 19lbs 7oz, with The Hawthorns (Steve Ebdon, Andy Gooding, Peter Kempton, and Dennis Symmonds) catching 8 fish for 15lb 12oz. Prizes were also awarded for the two heaviest fish, and the top four individual heaviest bags.



Competitors, with winning team (Siblyback Raiders) in centre.

The prizes of Snowbee fishing tackle and South West Lakes Trust fishing tickets were presented by Simon Kidd (Sales and Marketing Manager of Plymouth based tackle company, Snowbee UK) during the drinks and refreshments which were served after the competition. Other prize winners included a rod for the Heaviest Fish caught (Steve Ebdon), and prizes for the four Heaviest Individual Bags.

The next trout fishing competition run by the South West Lakes Trust will be the 'Peninsula 2000' open boat pairs competition, this year supported by **Orvis**, which will be held at Wimbleball Lake on Sunday 5 September.