

July 2011

It has been very variable weather this month resulting in mixed fortunes – especially those fishing for the bigger Carp.

We welcome the following visitors to the Manor Fisheries Specimen Club: Jimmy Edge, Gary Hilton, James Cook and Bernard Day who have all landed 40lbs+ Catfish and in addition Chris Moran has landed an 8lbs+ Tench. Awards sent.

Have a look at "Fishtec" via the www.manor-fisheries.co.uk LINKS tab – there could be a bargain worth having – please let me know what you find. You may also be interested in a growing Blog named "Where to fish" and the respective web address covering Carp, Coarse, Fly and Sea is: <http://www.fishtec.co.uk/blog/category/fisheries-in-south-east-england>

With the growing interest in Catfish is anyone willing to create (or recommend) a Catfish Blog?

Please note "Manor Fisheries" will close from Monday 14 November and the 2012 opening date plus other important News will be posted during the coming weeks.

Lake 1

- Fishing has been slower than expected this month and has been affected by the constantly changing weather patterns. Nevertheless many doubles have been caught but not compared to volume experienced last year.

Lake 2

- This month, again many Catfish over 20lbs have been showing plus thirteen (13) over 30lbs+ plus two (2) over 40lbs+.
- Cats of 31lbs 6ozs and 36lbs 2ozs were caught by Rob Gillespie on 3 and 8 July respectively plus one of 32lbs by Gary Hilton on 7 July who both visited from Bolton
- Several 20's were joined by a Cat of 37lbs on 10 July when Gary Deacon used halibut pellet bait
- 10 July was when Charlie Kenny drummed up a 32lbs Cat and 2 days later Karl Peplow broke the 30lbs Cat barrier by 2ozs
- James Cook joined the "40" club with a Cat of 41lbs 8ozs on 14 July
- The Sat 16 weather was horrible but 8 Cats up to 30lbs 4ozs on halibut pellet made it a good day for Clive Morrison
- Bernard Day set the bar high on 19 July with 6 Cats to 44lbs – not quite beating his 2010 best of 45lbs.
- Phil Osbourne achieved a Cat PB of 31lbs on 21 July.
- More PB's for Aaron Pope and Scott Brimsted with a Cats of 36lbs 8ozs (using peperami for bait) and 30lbs 7ozs respectively - both on 24 July.
- At 7am on 27 July Lee Eldred landed a 31lbs Cat (PB) using halibut pellet bait having a little achieved a 27lbs Cat PB.
- The month ended with Cats of 38lbs 1oz on the 29th for John (Mac) Mackrell and 30lbs 6ozs and 30lbs 1oz on the 30th caught by Alan Eagling and James Arter respectively; all from the BFC Team.



Having set three PBs in one session Wendy Deacon raised the bar to 19lbs 8ozs – very well done.



Not to be out shone Gary Deacon's Cat was 37lbs from a combined 9/10 July session weight of 307lbs.



Clive Morrison showing his Dad how it's done (again!!) with a 30lbs 4ozs Cat caught on halibut pellet from Lake 2.



The 41lbs 8ozs Cat caught by James Cook – welcome to the 40+ Club



Winner of the BFC Trophy was John (Mac) Mackrell's with a catch of 9 Cats including one of 38lbs 1oz.

Runner ups were: Alan Eagling with a PB of 30lb6oz and James Arter with a PB of 30lb1oz

Each year for the visit organised by Paul Brooks, the five members of BFC, "Fight" for this handsome trophy.

Though not the overall winner the biggest Carp (Common) was 15lbs 2ozs caught by Steve Rees



Lake 3

Numerous Tench in the 4 to 6lbs range have again been to showing together with the usual Commons and Mirrors with some to double figures. The smaller baits such as maggots have been attracting small roach and perch whilst lob worms and bolies/pellets have again proven to be more successful for the bigger fish.



Bait was red maggot and sweet corn on a 4lb line to 14 hook when Chris Moran landed a Tench of 8lbs+. See picture left.

Manor Fisheries Specimen Club Award sent