

Fish Tales

News and reports from Broad Oak Trout Lakes

July 2017

News

Summer arrived with a furnace like blast, but now seems to have settled to a more traditional British pattern. The lakes coped very well with the heat. The water temperature did rise but has dropped again with these fresh breezes. We didn't notice any piscatorial gatherings around the inlet pipe and so were pleased that the fish came through fine. We are continuing to stock as normal.

We have worked hard at keeping the lake gunk to a minimum, spending hours on the end of the rake removing whatever blows into the bank. We have also had great success with the weed-cutting chain and long rope system. We have been able to cover the whole lake, cutting manually rather than relying on chemical intervention. Hard work, but we think that the lakes are in great shape, particularly for the time of year, so it is worth it.

The water has been so clear, Oak Tree Lake in particular is absolutely gin clear, so stealth mode is a must! Keep your Hawaiian shirts for the BBQ!

We have continued to increase our membership, with several new members joining for this latter part of the year. Membership is offered at a reduced rate from this point in the year, at £20. Hopefully all you members will get a chance to meet at the Summer BBQ on the 5th August.

Fly of the month – JUNE

Top fly for June was the Montana, with Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, Bloodworm and Damsel taking a good number of fish also, fairly evenly matched. Buzzers have also been effective, and small black dry flies have tempted a few on the top. A real mix in the catch record which is nice.

July last year was a Damsel Nymph month, but it was all year. I wonder if, because we have not used the Lake Shadow to control the weed this year, the fly-life has become more diverse. Certainly, a look back over the record sheets seems to support this. Interesting....

Biggest Catch for June:

Mitch Newman had a whopping 4lb Rainbow out right at the start of June. Well done Mitch!

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Adam Wharton (or was it one of your charges?) and D Archer came joint runner up with 2¾ lb lovelies. There were some pretty good bag weights too, but without individually listed weights.

What a view! Doesn't get much better.



Just look what you are missing! Who can resist?

Weather Forecast (taken from Met Office website)

The first week of July looks to be a very pleasant one, with temperatures around 21degrees C (around 70 in old money). There is the chance of showers, but not much, and around here they have been very light. The month continues in the same pattern of light breezes with moderate to warm temps. There is then a chance things may get warmer towards the end of July. So do take advantage of the Early Bird sessions planned to beat the mid-day heat!

2017 Events

Early Bird Sessions: We will be running some more of the 6am starts **in July (16th and 30th) and August (13th and 27th)**. Booking essential. Standard ticket prices apply, but include a brew and a bacon roll at 10am for the early starters.

Summer Members Event – 5th August 2017: social and late fishing (hopefully on a balmy, or is that barmy, night). BBQ 6-8pm. Fishing up to 11pm. Book your burger! BBQ free for members, guests £5. Fishing is limited to a 4 hour/2 fish ticket, but you can fish up to 11pm - £20(m)/£22. Guests by arrangement only.

See you soon. Tight Lines

Chris and Charlotte

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