



## Fishing Report – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

What a fantastic week we have had. The rod average started out at 7 and settled out towards 5 by the end of the week. The week started with visiting anglers from far and wide as teams from Northern Island, Scotland and the Midlands came to practice ahead of the Imperial Trophy competition being hosted on Wednesday.

Once the fog and drizzle lifted on Monday morning the fish started to hit the surface and some great catches were experienced. The anglers from Northern Island especially began to experience Carsington fishing at its best. There were lots of reports of 7 \* 8 fish being caught mostly around the middle of the water, around Stitch Plantation and Upperfield Bay. Intermediate lines, snakes and blobs being the preferred method. The day was topped off by Martin Allen catching a lovely 5lb rainbow.

Tuesday was the official practice day ahead of the Imperial Trophy competition. It was a dry, brighter day and fish were found all over within a few feet of water. Reports of boats catching into double figures and one boat having 39 fish in total. It was great to see no one reporting a blank. Intermediate lines, sink tips with snakes, blobs and even a few dries worked well. The quality of the fishing giving great excitement in anticipation of Wednesday's match.

Wednesday was match day. Phil Harding (match organiser) briefed the 29 anglers competing against each other for the Imperial Trophy title.

Weather conditions started off wet but cleared mid-morning. This was followed by winds in the afternoon however, this didn't put anyone off and catch rates were still good with a rod average of 4.72.

The Team winners were the Derby Crunchers, with Rob, Pete, Martin & John catching 34 fish in total and taking the trophy for 2024. There were followed in 2<sup>nd</sup> place by the team from Northern Island who caught 23 fish. Well done to both teams!

Individual winners were Rob Wheeldon catching 10 fish, his first at 9.35 shortly after leaving the jetty. Second place went to Pete Skelton with 8 fish and third place to Calum Fraser from the Scottish team - also catching 8 fish, his first catch being just 9 minutes behind Pete. The first and second place winners certainly helped contribute towards the overall team prize. The competition ended at 5pm and all competitors travelled to the Bentley Brook for an evening meal, raffle & prize giving. I think we can all agree that Phil Harding did a splendid job of organising the event and was incredibly well supported.

The fishery staff had a great week supporting all the anglers and received a huge amount of positive feedback from all the competitors. Praise given not only for the quality of the fishing and the fish but the staff friendliness and support. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Thursday was little quieter with just 6 boats afloat. The Northern Island visitors were up early and out for a 4<sup>th</sup> day of fishing ahead of returning to Ireland that evening. Fishing was a little steadier but still a healthy day catch. Fishing up the Northend and around Brown Ale Bay was lucrative as the winds changed direction and came from a true North direction. Pink & Black snakes were working well but interesting to see the use of yellow snakes which are quite a different tack for our water.

Friday saw the day open up after the competition with favourable weather conditions and lots of regular faces getting a chance to fish. Mr Wood, pictured below, caught a lovely 3lb 8oz rainbow and many other reported fish around 3lbs.

Brown Ale Bay, Tower bank and the Dam Wall fished well with lots of boats bank drifting in towards the banks. Mr J Forde caught a 2lb 12oz brown one of only a few browns recorded through the week. Return results were a little lower for the day but probably expected following a week of heavy fishing.

Luckily the fishing switched back on for Saturday and our 3 boats found the fish easily. Mr Bond and his boat partner in the wheelie boat had fish take on the first few casts and Mr Connell had 7 to the boat, noting that the fish were more like Grilse in look and strength.

A calm day was set for Sunday which was just what was required for the Alex Booth Fur & Feather competition. Twenty members fished a catch and release match and had a successful day. Martin Smith took first place with 12 fish caught and Kevin Saxton coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a close 12 fish. Third place was awarded to Dave Angell with 8 fish. All the anglers reported having an enjoyable day and the competition certainly rounded off a busy week! We look forward to the coming week which is looking to be a little calmer and warmer towards the end of the week.

We haven't any large groups booked in this week so plenty of boats available to book so get those last fishing days in before the season end in 3 weeks time.

Please book your boats in advance so we can have them set up, warmed up and ready for you.



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#### Rod Average

The rod average for this week was 5.08 with 539 fish caught by 106 anglers.

#### Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest rainbows caught this week weighed 5lbs caught by Martin Allen.

The heaviest brown was 2lbs 12oz caught by Mr John Forde

#### Methods & Flies

We have seen a mixture of techniques this week from back drifting, slow pull and fast retrieve. Also depending on the weather conditions fish have either been near the surface or a little deeper down, therefore use of Di3, Di7 and Di 8 have been used.

Popular flies have been, pink snakes both mini and regular in size. black and green Humungus, white zonker, boobies, cormorant, white minkie and cats whiskers have been popular.

#### Top Spot

The most popular spots have been, Buoys 4, & 10, middle of the water, Stitch Plantation, Fishtail Creek, Tower Bank, North Island, Brown Ale Bay and Dam wall area.

Our online booking system is live, see detail below on how to make your booking

**All boats must be booked in advance.**

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