



Fishing Report - Monday 16th September 2024

Our rod average is a steady 3.55 for the previous week. We have once again been hindered by very strong winds with both Tuesday and Wednesday being too strong to fish. Luckily the days before and after the winds provided some great fishing days and Friday produced a spectacular brownie, see more details below.

The week started well with Monday seeing several boats out. Tony Smith caught our heaviest rainbow of the week, 3lbs 8 oz whilst fishing around Fishtail Creek using boobies and daddies. He found that a combination of floating line and orange daddy was very successful and it was lovely to be able to fish closer to the surface and seeing many fish top and tail coming up for the fly and other natural food sources. His 3lbs 8oz catch was one of 6 fish caught overall. Terry & Tony caught 20 plus fish and lost many more ending in a spectacular day for them and a great start to their Autumn fishing days. They fished a number of drifts down the middle of the water using the rudder. Their preferred method was an Intermediate / Di5 line with orange or pink snakes.

Despite the winds of Wednesday our Autumn stocking programme resumed. The quality of the fish seen going in were superb.

Following the winds of Tuesday and Wednesday we saw an influx of bookings as the weather improved. Thursday & Friday saw a number of browns caught with one of our heaviest browns of the week being caught by Shane Calton at 3lbs 5oz. This was 1 of 5 fish caught from the buoy 5 area whilst stripping the line using a sparkler fly. In general, the day fished well around buoys 4 & 5 and most anglers found success on various snakes; black, pink, white and olive.

Interestingly, all anglers reported success by stripping their lines through the water reasonably swiftly.

Friday was another busy day with almost all boats out and lots of regular faces. The middle of the water and towards Fishtail Creek were the preferred areas. Many anglers reported using intermediate or floating lines (Di3 – Di5). It was good to see some moving away from snakes and having success on buzzers, white fritz, cormorant, daddies and orange or coral boobies. Mr Bond caught a wonderful brownie in Millfield's bay using a black lure. The estimation between himself and boat partner was 7lbs in weight, a cracking fish. See photo below of this fine specimen.

Saturday was a little breezier, but this didn't stop Terry and Tony having another excellent day. They caught at least 10 to the boat and lost many more reporting that the fish fought hard and were of excellent quality with big strong tails. They fished a mixture of techniques - Terry preferred to fish a mini black and minkie snake with red eyes on a sinking line.

However, only allowing the line to fall 6/7 feet in the water before retrieving over the top of the fish bringing them towards the surface. Tony fished a regular pink or orange snake using a Di5 sweep line giving a very different movement through the water to attract the fish. Unfortunately, the others boats out struggled to bring fish to the boat in the way.

Generally, it seems that fish are being caught deeper down around the Dam wall area which is quite different to the methods required for the Eastern side of the water and into Fishtail Creek where fish are much higher in the water.

Autumn Open Competition – Sat 5th October 2024

We really need a little more support for the Autumn Open competition. The competition is less than a month away and it would be great to see a few more pairs registering for this enjoyable event.

This is a friendly known pairs competition which is run yearly. It is aimed at all abilities and is run as a very relaxed and enjoyable competition. If you are used to fishing Carsington and have a friend or family member to fish with, then give it a go. The rules are very easy to understand and there's plenty of support on hand for those that have never entered before.

There are a number of prizes / Trophies to be won

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- The Best Overall 'Pairs Weight' including 'time bonus'. (Names to be entered on the Honours Boards & Prize).
 - Top Individual Bag Weight. (Prize)
 - The Biggest Fish caught. (Name to be engraved on 'John Wilson Memorial Cup' & Prize & Cup).
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The cost is £80 per pair - including fishing fees and entry to the competition. We have spaces left so if you are able to support this relaxed and enjoyable competition then come and join us on Saturday, 5th October! Please book via the website or give reception staff a call.



John Bond Brownie caught on Friday, estimated weight approx. 7lbs.

Rod Average

The rod average for this week was 3.55 with 117 fish caught by 33 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest rainbow was caught by Tony Smith - 3lbs 8oz, one of 6 fish caught using a floating line and orange daddy long legs..

John Bond caught a wonderful brown on Friday, pictured below. This was from the Millfield area and was caught using a black lure. The weight was approx 7lbs, a cracking fish.

Shane Calton also caught a 3lb 5oz brown from around buoy 5, fished a stripping method using a sparkler fly.

Methods & Flies

This week has mostly seen the use of intermediate and floating line. Many anglers have been using stripping or pulling methods to attract the fish. Some have also fished a Di5 with a sweep to help simulate a sweeping movement through the water as the line and fly change depths as the line is pulled through the water.

We have seen the use of a variety of colours snakes both mini and regular in size. Daddies, black or silver fritz, sparklers, boobies, blobs and cormorants.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been, Fishtail creek, Dam Wall, Buoys 4 & 5 , the middle of the water and Millfield's bay.

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

All boats must be booked in advance.

[Click here for prices and booking](#)

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