

# Fishery Reports

## Hawkhurst Fish Farm Hawkhurst, Kent



21lb common - Specimen Lake - Lee Williams

We are pleased to announce that as we are getting busier our Fish of the Month Competition is starting up again! It will be running the same as last year- in time with the Fresh Water Informer so we can let our readers know who has won more efficiently. Our first competition started on the 14th April and is running until the deadline of next month's edition which can be found printed on page 2 within the magazine at the bottom of the page. Remember to check out our Facebook page to see the entries as they come in! We will also be posting some of the best to our Instagram account (just search Hawkhurst\_fish\_farm to find us). Good luck everyone!

**SPECIMEN LAKE** – **Stephen Taylor** managed to bank a stunning 33lb 12oz Mirror after speaking to our bailiff about which location to fish, even battling some horrid weather during his weekend session. **Harry Sharp** netted a brace of catfish, both weighing in at 26lb! **Lee and Roger Williams** came down for a weekend session and said they are "glad to be back on it after a 15 year break! Well worth the drive from Southampton." It's fair to say their session made it worth the drive, as they netted the following between them: 20lb Common, 22lb scaly Mirror, scale perfect 21lb Common, 27lb Mirror, 27lb Common, 17lb Linear, 34lb Mirror. **Adam Roddick** netted a lovely looking 31lb 8oz Mirror from Specimen Lake- nice work Adam!

**MAIN LAKE** – **Rupert Kirby** banked a 30lb 4oz Common on a weekend session- nice work Rupert! **Carl Parish** did a 24 hour session, and after a slow day managed to net 6 lovely fish during the night, including one 30lb catfish, a 22lb Mirror and 4 Commons. We don't have a name for these two anglers but their session is well worth a mention! It was one of the guys first session when at 1am his rod ripped off. Thinking it was snagged up he woke his fishing partner who realised it wasn't a snag but a large cat! They didn't realise just how big it was until they weighed it- a whopping 63lb 2oz. They were over the moon and also netted 3 commons, the biggest being 25lb 8oz. This session was fishing between the two islands from pegs 1 and 2. **Nathan Newick** netted a lovely looking scaly mirror on an overnight session, weighing in at 24lb. **Graham Young** had a great weekend, netting his first ever catfish (weighing 36lb 7oz) and he then managed to net 2 more catfish within 3 hours of the first! He also caught a lovely 16lb Common carp. **Kevin Hall** netted a scale perfect 28lb Common from peg 8 on an overnight session. **Dave Pollendine** and his friend both had a great session, netting 3 catfish, the biggest weighing 44lb, and several carp. **Dom Cole** landed a 48lb catfish and a 39lb catfish, as well as 5 carp, all from one of the bridge swims.

**DOVE LAKE** – **Tim Stoneman Junior** had a great session on Dove Lake, netting a 30lb Catfish as well as a scale perfect 22lb 9oz Common. **Roger Farley** netted several carp on an overnight session including a scale perfect 28lb Common and a stunning 26lb 12oz Mirror. **Chris Stone** landed a beautiful 17lb 5oz Common, and two Tench weighing 6lb 5oz and 4lb 5oz. **Paul French** netted a lovely looking 28lb 8oz Common, as well as 2 Mirrors over 20lb on a day session. There have been other captures but it seems the majority of anglers who like to fish Dove Lake, don't like sending in catch reports!

**QUARRY LAKE** – **Richard Ivinson** caught his first catfish of the year mid-March time. He had to wait for her, but at 22lb, he says it was well worth it! He also gave his thanks to Jeremy the bailiff for coming to take a photo for him. Martin and Jacob Judges had a great day landing 37 carp between them. They told us ABS plan B wafers were doing most of the damage.



22lb 9oz common - Dove Lake - Tim Stoneman Jr



24lb mirror - Main Lake - Nathan Newick



17lb 5oz Common - Dove Lake - Chris Stone



44lb Catfish - Specimen Lake - Simon Evans



30lb 4oz common - Main Lake - Rupert Kirby



31lb 8oz mirror - Specimen Lake - Adam Roddick



33lb 12oz Mirror - Specimen Lake - Stephen Taylor



34lb Mirror - Specimen Lake - Roger Williams



26lb catfish - Specimen Lake - Harry Sharp



19lb common - Main Lake - Dan Harding



33lb Catfish - Main Lake - Dave Pollendine



35lb Catfish - Main Lake - Dan Harding



50lb+ Catfish - Main Lake - Samuel Pinner



Quarry Lake - Jacob