

# Fishery Reports

## Beaver Fishery - JANUARY Lingfield, Surrey



Dan Pearce - 80lb 8oz - Tuscany Lake Record

First and foremost we hope you all had a good Christmas and a happy new year. As the fishing has been double hard over the last month we thought we would write a quick review of our past year including some anglers highlights, personal bests and what fishery improvements we have undertaken too.

As a lot of you will be aware Ben and I shut Snipe Lake and removed all the catfish so we have a designated specimen carp water and removed the carp from Tuscany Lake so we now have a designated catfish water. We then concentrated on some essential maintenance on both lakes during the last winter and we re-opened them in March 2017 but more on that later.

**January 2017** sent us some extreme weather and most of our lakes were iced over even with the fountain and aerators on but the Eden Brook produced some pike and perch up to 2lb 8oz. **February** saw the lakes pick up and we had pike out of Majors Lake to mid doubles and carp from Daughters Lake to 19lb 9oz. **March** and the two specimen lakes were officially open and it didn't take long for fish to be banked on both. **Steve White** had the honour of landing the first fish from Snipe Lake with a 22lb mirror known as Black Scar. **Hayley McConnell** smashed her personal best when she landed a mirror weighing in at 33lb 8oz. Meanwhile on Tuscany Lake **Dan Pearce** landed a new lake record cat of 71lb which was also his 1st ever catfish. Superb. **Martin Cowdery** also started 2017 in fine form as he banked 3 low 20's up to a 25lb common.

**Scott Harvey** banked a sought after fish called the Half Lin at 26lb 2oz. March also saw the start of our Open Matches on Jeff's Lake which is proving to be a great success. **April** saw the continuation of fish being banked on Snipe Lake, **Martin Cowdery** had a couple more including a 25lb grassie. Every fish that has



Gareth Osmond - Majors Lake - 18lb



First carp caught on Snipe Lake 2017



Harry Hagggett - 97lb 8oz - Jeff's Open Winner



Haley McConnell - 33lb 8oz Snipe Lake record



Martin Cowdery - 16lb - Snipe



Ryan Lovejoy - 11lb 10oz - Daughters

been banked on Snipe Lake has gained a good amount of weight now that they are not competing for food with other species. Dan Pearce was back and again smashed the Tuscany Lake record by landing a monster catfish of 80lb 8oz. Even with more cold conditions this month both Majors Lake and Daughters Lake fished well. **May** saw Snipe Lake produce over 30 carp banked, Tuscany Lake continued to fish well with a massive amount of cats being banked to 75lb. Majors Lake saw tench to over 5lb and carp to 18lb 8oz while Daughters Lake produced carp to 19lb. Eden pond came alive for the tench while Maze Lake started producing some excellent bream. **June** was another good month for Snipe Lake with again over 35 carp banked, Tuscany Lake continued to fish well and produced dozens of personal bests. It is also the place to go to catch your first ever catfish. The Jeff's Lake Open produced a winning weight of 78lb 12oz to **Pawel Lesniak**. Maze Lake fished superbly in June too with day anglers landing in excess of 30-40 bream. **July** saw Ben and I close Majors Lake a bit earlier than planned as the overhanging trees and shrubs on the island were posing a problem for some anglers. We spent the best part of the month undergoing tree work all around the lake and also made the most of the closure by removing a lot of marginal growth and thinning out the lily beds. We also refurbished and repaired all of the swims on Majors Lake too. **July** came and so did the heat. All the lakes fished well with some cracking results, especially for young **Ryan Lovejoy** and his brother **Jamie**, every time they came, no matter which lake they fished always had some beauties. During our regular oxygen level tests we found that Daughters Lake was a little low so we took the decision to close that lake for 2 weeks, aerate it and stop any baits going in. This decision was proven right as we nipped the problem in the bud before it escalated into something worse. Ben and I are all about fish welfare so it was an easy decision to make. **August** and the lakes were still doing well, with Snipe Lake producing carp to 31lb, Tuscany Lake giving us plenty of catfish to 75lb, young **Harry Hagggett** showed all the older ones how to fish the open match on Jeff's Lake by landing 97lb 8oz and Moat Pond came alive with 2 anglers landing over 60 fish in a day session including carp to 8lb and tench to 3lb. **September** saw the catfish on Tuscany Lake continue to be banked to 67lb with lots of 50's in the mix, Snipe Lake produced carp to 32lb, Harry Hagggett made it 2 in a row on the open match on Jeff's Lake this time landing 64lb 4oz worth of fish. Daughters Lake responded well after we let it rest by producing carp to just over 20lb and Eden Pond did tench to 6lb. Majors Lake also fished well for some, including **Jonathon Bacon** who smashed his PB 6lb carp when he landed a carp of 15lb 12oz. **October** saw Snipe Lake produce carp to 27lb 6oz, the cats in Tuscany Lake slowed down a bit but we still had plenty out to just under 50lb. Daughters Lake produced carp to 20lb, October also saw the start of our pike season and we had plenty of smaller pike out as well as pike to 18lb. **November** was a special month for us as we took delivery of 15 of the most magnificent looking mirror carp that were introduced into Snipe Lake from V.S Fisheries. The financial outlay for these new fish is proof that we are striving to make Beaver Fishery the best it can be. By the end of November, five of the new fish had been banked as well as other carp to 32lb. The last catfish of the year fell to **Ashley Harrison** when he landed one at 47lb 8oz on Tuscany Lake. **December** and as of writing this report we have shut Daughters Lake so we can carry out our usual winter maintenance program which includes netting, marginal cutting back, tree work and swim and sleeper placement. Daughters Lake will, from 2018 be our second carp only lake but unlike Snipe Lake there is no age restriction so if you can't get on Snipe Lake, Daughters Lake will be your next port of call. We have also shut Eden Pond so we can conduct some of our usual winter maintenance but this pond will be open as usual in January 2018.

Lastly, Ben and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our visitors over the last year, it's been great seeing all of our regular anglers and it's been a pleasure meeting new ones too. It goes without saying that we have also had to (on rare occasions) show a few people the exit for breaking the rules but we always have a clear conscience because as you all know, fish welfare is always our primary concern. We both look forward to seeing you all in 2018.



Scott Harvey - 26lb 4oz - Snipe