

YOUR REPORTS



STUNNING DOUBLE FOR DANNY!

It was my first session of the new season on my local syndicate. With a low stock of 30 carp, it can be testing and isolating at times, but, the stock made it all worth it. My friend, Connor, was with me and in no time we had chosen our swims. It was raining with a strong breeze which as ever always makes it a joy to get the rods out! Soon enough the rods were on their spots and we were having a brew under the broly. Around each rod, I fired out 40 boilies from Damo @ premier baits and clipped up the hangers and crossed my fingers for a take. The morning passed with no action as did the early afternoon and by the time I realised it was 3.45, the smell of blanking was thick in the air.....!

BEEEEEEEEEEEEPPPPP! The middle rod was in absolute meltdown. Twenty minutes later we caught first sight of the fish. 'Looks a decent common!' said Connor, which made my heart pound even more. Another 15 mins later and she was in the landing net. Result!!! The fish went 31.8lb on the Reubens and the fish is known as the 'Scar common'. My first 30 lb+ carp and a new PB, I was buzzing big time and what a start to the new season!

It was a week later and I was back opening the gate praying I could jump in the same swim. The lake was empty, not surprising as there was a savage wind howling and I was wondering if I needed my head examined. Never the



less, the rods went out and I sat under the broly dreaming of a lump. The bailiff popped in for a chat and we spoke about my last session. I even spoke about not having a mirror out yet either. It's such a well maintained

place that it is never a chore to be on the bank waiting for a bite and even in this awful wind, he was keen to crack on with his jobs and was soon on his way again. Bleep, bleep, Bleeeeeeeeeeep! The right hand rod was away. The rod was bent over and the line singing in the wind, game on!! After 15 mins, I saw the fish roll and my heart rate trebled, as not only was it a mirror, it was my target fish, I was sure of it..... I instantly gave more clutch and prayed that the hook would hold. The fish went into the net and with a nervous grin I peered in to the net. It was a moment I will never forget as it was my target fish, the 'big linear' and she went 28.4lb on the scales and one of the lads, Adrian, took some cracking photos too!

Best wishes, Danny Stevens

Danny added: "I'd also like to thank The Commoners Club on Facebook, Premier Baits, all the Syndicate lads and Ryan @ Duo tackle and of course Alan 'Camo' Turner at the Carp Cabin, Ramsgate."



BIG DARENTH CATFISH FOR ALBERT!

On Wednesday 28th March around 7.15am, Albert's Dad popped off to get a brew, leaving Albert to watch the rods. Whilst talking to fellow fisherman, George Ripley visiting from Eastbourne, the buzzer went and the reel peeled off line. Striking the rod, young Albert Letchford was into a fish he will never forget, his personal best.

Fighting with the rod and fish, assisted by Mr Ripley, Albert finally landed a whopping 53lb 3oz catfish which was verified. After an hour playing the catfish, his proud dad returned to see his son's achievement. Although the tip had snapped on his rod, Albert said he didn't mind and was over the moon with his catch. Albert's catfish was caught using halibut pellets.

Many thanks to Wayne May for supplying the report and thanks to Darenth for their permission to allow us feature Albert's amazing catch.



MY WEEK IN FRANCE - Dale Hunter

I have just returned from France and what an amazing experience I had! My angling buddies and myself went to Les Saules Lake on the Domaine de Goncourt complex which is situated just outside Vitry-le-Francois in the Champagne region of Northern France.

When we arrived the level of the lake was up by about three feet following a lot of heavy rain, much the same as we had been experiencing in the UK. We had a difficult week's fishing with very cold nights and days of heavy rain interspersed with some sunshine. We managed six fish in total for the week which I felt was a good tally given the awful conditions. I had a 26lb 4oz mirror and a 6lb common which fought as if it was a 20 pounder! Both these fish were caught using size 4 barbed Pallatrax hooks. My mates had a 29lb 4oz mirror, 30lb 6oz mirror, 57lb 8oz mirror and a 3lb tench. I was chuffed to bits with my 6lb common as I knew it was an original fish in that lake. It was born in there and not transferred in from somewhere else. I have not been put off returning to this water and plan to visit again next year. Being a member of Team Pallatrax, we have a number of commitments throughout 2018 here in the UK including a number of 'Fish-ins'.