

Welcome to our August Newsletter. It's been an interesting time here at BSF dealing with the different challenges presented to us by our unpredictable climate. As usual we've been busy making sure your fishing experience is as enjoyable as possible; we've also been running more coarse lake matches and adding to the stock sold in our onsite shop. We are now offering a good selection of baits, tackle and clothing for sale (including some great value landing nets) it's well worth a look if you come to visit us. Spawning on the specimen lake was late starting but went well and was all over by the end of May. One benefit of all the rain we've been having is that all lakes are at a good level, so there is an upside to a wet spring and summer!

## News from the Fly Lake

There has been a lot happening on the lake since our last newsletter. Neil Keep's two free 'Try Fly' days were a great success and a number of people took advantage of Neil's help, both beginners and more experienced anglers looking to improve their technique. Big thanks to Neil; check out the photos on our Facebook page.

Sally and Tony Pizzi have been running fly fishing beginner sessions with members from Age UK as part of a campaign to get our more senior citizens active and healthy. On the next visit the newbies will be let loose to catch trout!

The lake is generally fishing well for this time of the year with weather conditions playing their part as always. Stocking has continued as normal and the fish have been active particularly early morning and in the evening with plenty of trout rising.

We have already held several great exclusive use days on the lake. We are also able to arrange rod hire and tutoring if required so please call if this is something you or your company may be interested in.

### Flies

A mixture of flies have been working well, such as bloodworm (down deep) the good old BSF black buzzers or small dry flies on the surface. In some conditions lures being retrieved quickly have also been working well. Last weekend saw considerable success with egg flies and we've had to restock our shop with more!

### Trout Pool

The tagged trout pool is still running and the current total is now well over **£120**. One of the tagged trout was in fact caught recently by someone who had decided not to enter the pool and it was safely returned to the lake. So that pool is well worth winning now; come along and have a go.

### Fly Fishing for Carp

A growing number of our regulars are now venturing into a different challenge; to fly fish for carp. The hot spells we have been having have meant that trout have been rather more shy and keeping to deep water but carp like to bask on the top of the water during full sunshine. For a single rod cost of just £7 it is possible to fish for carp on the coarse lake; landing net and mat are required. It is extremely satisfying to land a carp on a fly rod and makes a pleasant change from fishing for trout. Some anglers opt for a spell on the coarse lake before or after fishing for trout. When conditions allow we *may* also permit fly fishing on the specimen lake. Following are some photographs of carp caught on the surface with a dog biscuit fly.



*Congratulations to Andy Holcombe for this 10lb 4oz Common taken from the coarse lake on a barbless dog biscuit fly (our Molly gets everywhere!)*



*Well Done Jim Frost on catching this 15lb Common from the specimen lake on a Barbless Dog Biscuit Fly.*

## News from the Coarse Lake

The coarse lake grows in popularity and is providing much enjoyment for all, whether experienced or beginner. Further stocking earlier in the year is producing some very nice 3-4lb carp and it's a real pleasure to catch a mixed bag of quality fish.



Some larger carp are also being banked with two very nice grassies falling to Lewis Hayes early last month, one of which is shown here. Well done to Lewis!

The best baits to use for general fishing are still maggot, corn and soft pellet, while the best tactic is float fishing with regular loose feeding. These tactics are reliable and have produced good match results.