

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2013. We hope you all had a most enjoyable festive season and would take this opportunity to wish all our customers a Happy New Year, to say a big thank you for gifts and cards given to us and for your continued support last year. Since we last wrote, Somerset has seen some dreadful weather. Thankfully, we were only cut off by flood water on two occasions, so we fared better than many. Let's hope 2013 heralds a better year weather wise to complement the excellent fishing. At the time of writing some superb fish have been banked from the specimen lake and plenty of good sized trout from the fly lake too. So we hope you enjoy this newsletter and we all look forward to seeing you in the coming months.

News from the Fly Lake

There has been some really good and very enjoyable fishing from the fly lake over the last few months. Trout to 8lbs have been banked including a good number of blues and browns and the odd tiger here and there. This month, along with our usual stocking, we have added a number of brownies to 6lbs.

We've had a couple of exclusive/corporate bookings which were a real success for all concerned; also our usual annual gatherings of like minded anglers, who arrange their own Christmas matches via forums.

We were very pleased to see the culmination of tuition for a group of gentlemen new to the sport. This was part of an initiative by Age UK to get fit and eat healthily. It was good to watch how much pleasure was had. Age UK will be starting another initiative in March.

Match

For the first time we arranged a Christmas Fly match for some of our regulars and offered various prizes for different categories to make things fair for all who entered. It was a great day and it would be good to make this an annual event if well supported.

Trout Pool

The tagged fish was caught in September by Darryl Galbraith who bagged £155 pool money. The marked trout was the 6th of his six fish catch and release ticket so he only just made it! The new pool was taken again in October by Pete Dickinson who won himself £30. Currently there are two tagged trout in the lake and the pool is at £80 so come on down and have a go.

Flies and Tactics

Most successful flies and tactics at the moment are Orange and Green Hothead Buzzers fished static under an indicator or White and Green Cats Whiskers and Montanas retrieved at a steady pace. The trick is to find the depth the trout are feeding at on any given day.

Just a taster of trout banked!



First we have Cody with his 4lb 13oz rainbow. Cody spent the day fishing with Dad Craig and managed to land the biggest catch of the day. The smile says it all!

Sundays will usually see Robert Farmer on the lake in all weathers. He was really pleased with this stunning 3lb 8oz blue which was one of a six fish haul. It was, of course returned successfully to the lake. Good work Robert!



Proving you're never too young to start fly fishing. Well done to Eva on catching this Rainbow Trout (with a little help from Grandad Nick). It's usually a bacon sandwich Eva is holding ☺

If you haven't visited the fly lake for a while we can't recommend it highly enough. A good day's fishing is to be had at Burton Springs with excellent quality fish.

News from the Coarse Lake

Though the lake is quieter at this time of year good fishing is still to be had during winter on the coarse lake. The lake is producing good bags of Skimmers Tench and Perch; falling mainly to maggot, casters and worm. Double figure carp are still for the picking too.

Matches

October saw the final league match of the year. Congratulations go to Darryl Galbraith, our first Burton Springs League Champion who won a spectacular 39 points out of 40. Darryl was very closely followed by Jason Carr and Simon Springell. Look out for details of our next league starting if you fancy challenging Darryl to his crown!

We held a couple of evening matches so that more people had the opportunity to take part and these also proved successful with a lot of banter and some decent bag weights.