
Fisheries News Report to Tyne Anglers Alliance by David Hall for Aug 2014

1. Strong winds marred the 11th EA/TAA Tyne Championship for the 89 competitors. Winner was joint organiser, John Turner with 24 lb 12 oz of dace plus two small chub caught at Riding Mill. Runner up, also from Riding Mill, was Teesider Steve Kirton with 24 lb 4 oz of dace and chub, whilst third place went to Big Waters George Pickering with 23 lb 14 oz of dace plus seven chub from the peg upstream of the winner. Fourth was Scott Lister with 22 lb 8 oz from Hexham and fifth Colin Metcalffe with 20 lb 13 oz off Corbridge. Nick Jose completed the frame with 18 lb 9 oz from Hexham. Altogether twenty double figured catches were returned and valuable catch data, including Brown Trout information, recoded for the E.A. The Next Tyne match is the Gurkha on 14th Sept. Tel Steve Hoggins 07881 631870, to book.

2. Before The Tyne Championships match got under way organiser and TAA Tyne rep Steve Hoggins paid tribute to two recently departed anglers, John Clayton and George Huscroft, a minutes silence was immaculately observed. At Knowesgate the first ever John Clayton Memorial Match organised by the University of Newcastle Employees A.C. saw Keith Bainbridge run out a worthy winner with 4lb 4oz of roach and rudd. Meanwhile engraving of the disabled peg at Throckley Reigh with a dedication to John is now progressing.

3. A small but sad set-back the TAA's Throckley Reigh was the report of some youths shooting at our chub and orfe a few weeks ago with air rifles. The Police and E.A. were involved and thanks go to the anglers who reported it.

4. Angling Trust Regional Organiser Dave Munt is asking for help re a request from The E. A., to send them a report as how Angling participation is going on in the area, especially over National Fishing Month.

I know angling coaching on The Angel has gone very well with over 100 new visitors this week alone, Leazes Park AA has had a 2 for 1 day ticket offer and the recent Big Waters A.C. junior match on Seaton Burn saw 129 fish being landed on a blowy Seaton Burn on Sunday. Top was Ben Hunter with 4lb 2oz.

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5. The Angling Trust has welcomed the commitment by Defra to capture and return to captivity a number of beavers which have either escaped from captivity or have been illegally released into the River Otter in Devon. Nearer to home in December 2012, a study by Scottish Natural Heritage confirmed that approx 146 beavers are presently living in the wild in Tayside, and that there are about 40 groups of beavers and seven dams in the Tay catchment already.

6. BT Sport are the latest channel to make angling a higher profile sport on television, launching a new show at the end of September. Rae Borrás will co-host the show along with well-known carp angler, Ian Chilcott.
