

Spring 2010 Session 5 by Dan Wildbore

After a couple of successful weeks fishing the BCAC, and being involved in the junior carp school at Horseshoe, I decided it was time to get back down the lake.

While I was away the fish had spawned so it was great timing to be arriving a week after they have gone through their yearly ritual. With a strong northerly wind hacking up to the top of the lake, I was convinced they were on it so I settled for the swim from which I caught The Baby Two Tone Common as it's a great ambush point for any fish moving onto the wind or drifting off the back of it.

I decided to try something a little different. Instead of fishing all three rods with bright pop ups on the top, I opted to fish an N-Gage cork ball pop up on the top of the 14mm bottom bait on one rod. I didn't even see a fish the whole evening and morning however just as I thought my chance was over at 9.30 am, my alarm was off to a flier! There was no time for waders so after jumping up to my rod, battle commenced. It was apparent a big fish was attached to my line charging for every reed and weed bed possible.

However eventually she was lay beaten on the surface. I quickly unhooked her and slipped her in the sack. After seeing the small mouth I had it in my head it was The Small Mouth Common. But when we weighed and photographed her it was a very spawned out Blind Eye! At 38lb 8oz she had dropped 6 pounds in weight since last time she was caught but when they look like that who cares!



The following night produced a further two in the shape of a 23lb 12oz mirror and a 21lb 6oz common.

I must admit I really am left blown away by this N-Gage. Ever since I have used it my results just keep on improving and long may it continue!

See you soon

Dan