

MOORES THE MERRIER –

TNA or The Novice Area was created to engage junior and novice carp anglers in the familiar environments of either their favourite tackle shop or day ticket venue. Unlike the many road shows that take place, the emphasis of TNA is to basically turn up at a day ticket fishery and for anglers to simply pop round and ask questions.

The other bonus is that the rig clinic that takes place is supported by Thinking Anglers, Osprey Angling Developments and Rig Marole and all the rigs that are tied can be taken away by the junior angler with bait attached and a pva bag of freebies. This year I was advised by my good friend Steve Fantauzzi at Thinking Anglers to contact Ian Moore with the view of asking him to support some TNA events. After a couple of emails Ian kindly sent me some CC Moore products to use.

Now that I have used CC Moore products at TNA events I can honestly say that the products are a top quality component that when used sensibly can only improve your fishing.

Cottington Lakes Deal – TNA Weekend April 010

The first TNA event of 2010 saw me make the short journey along the coast to Cottington Lakes in Deal. Although the sun was shining the temperature was still chilly so I decided that the Live System that Ian had sent would be the bait to take. On arrival I set up on Alder, which is a long thin lake that is only fishable from one bank. I set up in the corner swim as this provided with a selection of areas to fish to with out the risk of other anglers casting over my own lines.

On one rod I set up a running a Live System pop up on a chod rig using the soon to be released Thinking anglers Leadcore, and placed this on a silty area that I had found around a close in weed bed. I then baited the opposite bank with about a kilo of Live System boilies and LS pellets. I then placed a Meteor pop up on my favourite pop up rig over the top for something slightly different. Following a quick cup of tea I finished setting up my brolley and then set about organising my swim. The day passed and, as is the case, a few junior anglers popped down and a variety of rigs were tied and explained to the enthusiastic young carpers. The strong northerly wind meant that the fishing was very slow and most anglers struggled with the conditions. As the day ticket carpers began their slow pack up there were many despondent faces, but this is carping - especially at this time of year.

Saturday morning was a frosty affair and with a bleep-free night I was wide awake and ready to start the day. My first visitor was a young local angler who was down for the night and he was dead keen to see the John Mac rig explained. He left happy after learning to tie the rig and with the LS pop up attached and a pva bag of crushed LS boilies and pellets he quickly cast out with a huge smile. The day passed as the previous with a couple of older anglers coming down to ask questions and have a chat which is a great part of the TNA events.

That night the young angler who had visited me earlier reappeared and asked if I could come and take a picture as he had just caught a near twenty on the JM rig, Result and its these sort of results that illustrate the success of the events. Following the paparazzi session I helped the young man bait up and I returned to my swim. Suddenly the right rod, which I had cast out on arrival screamed and the chod had done its job and there was a very angry carp attached which was a high double. I recast the chod back to the silty spot and retired to the warmth of my sleeping system. At 2 am the rod on the opposite bank gave a drop back and I wound down and connected to a hard fighting carp which gave me a right run around. The result a low twenty pound mirror which was a welcome sight. Three fish out on the CC Moores, which might not sound great but only five fish were caught that weekend. Oh and the other two were caught by another angler down demonstrating that weekend and although he was sponsored by another bait company following the young anglers capture of the near twenty he had asked if he could possibly have a couple of handfuls of LS to look at. The result all five carp were caught on the CC Moore as I said 'Moores the merrier'!

Cottington is a great fishery fully equipped with a tackle shop that stocks CC Moore as well; what more could you want for a weekend away?

NORTH COMES SOUTH –

Stream Valley & Crowborough Tackle Open Day – April 010

Friday afternoon and I am driving through the Sussex countryside to what is one of my favourite lakes, Stream Valley. The plan was to fish the Friday night at the local Stream Valley Lakes complex and then to attend the TNA open day at Crowborough Tackle. I met my good friend Ray in the car park who was down for the night. I showed Ray the new Northern Specials from CC Moore and told him how I was sure to catch with one of these! I set up quickly as darkness was approaching and scattered some baits in my right hand margin close to an overhanging tree. I then attached a white Northern Special to my usual pop up rig and cast this over the top of my scattered boilies. A Black tiger over hemp was then placed to my left. Ian had kindly sent me two tubs of the new pop ups earlier in the week and I had been instantly impressed by not only the smell but also the colour of the baits. Often white baits are not really white but in the case of the Northern Specials they are fantastic white, I wonder if Persil have seen these!

I then finished sorting myself out for the night and sat talking to Ray until the sun finally set and jumped into my sleeping system and fell asleep. At around 4am my right hand rod roared off and my bite alarm let out a single tone. I was on the rod and after a lengthy fight a fantastic mirror in the low twenties was on the unhooking mat. I quickly returned the fish and recast to the same area. I then noticed my sleeping bag was a bit frozen so I brushed off the ice and jumped back into bed and fell asleep to the morning. I awoke to a bright but chilly morning and quickly packed up my bedchair and rods then Ray and I headed off to the shop. On the way I asked Ray if he had had caught anything to which he replied that he had blanked along with the other three anglers, so the only fish of the night had fallen to the white Northern Special, which proves that I was right (excuse the pun) to say that I was going to catch one.



The northern Specials took centre stage at the Crowborough open day and as many of the anglers attending the event were also keen Stream Valley visitors much of the conversation centred around the bait and rig that had been used by myself the night before. Most of the guys had heard of CC Moore but few had seen the products on the counter so to speak. The 'Northern's' were an instant hit with all anglers commenting on how they were like nothing else that is currently available. They also liked the idea of them being supplied with the flavour sachets..... awesome!

Crowborough Tackle always pull out all the stops when it comes to open days and I love supporting the events that small shops put on to support their customers, long may it continue.

MAY AT MONKS –

TNA at Monks Lakes Weekend May 010



The last weekend of May signals the first of a series of events aimed at the junior angler and is held at Monks Lakes in the heart of the Kent countryside. I arrived late Friday afternoon and set up on the point area of Bridges Lake.

The weather turned bad on Friday night with a bitter wind and sheet rain hindering the day as very few anglers ventured out of their own bivvies. Those that did really were impressed with the Northern specials and the fact that I managed to catch three carp on one rod when many others blanked proved what a great bait they really are.

Throughout the weekend I fished a single white Northern Special on one rod whilst others blanked fishing over beds of ready-mades. The Meteor also out fished most of the other anglers' baits and these were used alongside meteor pellets in quantity at about 30 yards to show how to hold fish on a commercial fishery. Although not all the fish caught on this rod were carp, the effectiveness of big beds of quality bait certainly became apparent to those who attended the event.

I would like to thank Ian and everyone at CC Moore's for supporting TNA with what to me is a genuine quality product. The results have shown me that CC Moore products consistently out fish other baits – it really is that simple!!

The next event will see a TNA supporting the newly formed Kent Disabled Anglers Association on June 10/11 and 12th at Hadlow in Kent maybe if your local I may even see some of you there!

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