

# Linear record falls to Odyssey XXX – Baz Lloyd

We were very pleased to hear from Cheshire-based Barry ‘Baz’ Lloyd who has again trekked down to Linear Fisheries from his home in the North West of England. Barry had recently banked one of the cherished 40lb+ Linear fish so with this in mind, and Odyssey XXX and Northern Specials in his bait bag, he was understandably confident of more success.

Justifiably so it seems.....

*“I arrived at the manor at 11am on Monday 17th October. After a quick walk round the lake I was told that only one fish had been out in the last couple of days. My previously ‘chosen’ swim was occupied so I had a quick chat with the angler occupying it to see when he was pulling off, to which he told me he was leaving at 4pm the following day.*

*Due to the lake being quite busy with not many pegs free I decided to set up in the swim next door called ‘The Willows’ so got the rods out and set up camp. I didn’t see any signs of fish for the next 24 hours and was eager to get in the swim next door where I had seen and heard fish crashing all through the night.*



**An autumn morning on Manor**

*4pm couldn’t come quick enough and when it eventually did I was in there in a flash! I soon had three rods baited with 15mm Odyssey XXX hardened hookbaits and a white Northern Special pop up on a 4 inch snowman rig cast to the spot at 110 yards range onto a silty patch amongst weed.*

*I then spodded out a jar of CC Moore Intense Hemp and 5kg of chopped 15mm Odyssey XXX before sitting back to put the kettle on, confident of a take.*



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*The night soon drew in and so I retired to the bag. I was up at first light, watching the spot like a hawk. At around 8 'o'clock I saw the first fish crash out, bang on the money; then again, then again. I just had to get a take..... then at 9.30 the right hand rod was away!*

*The line pulled up tight and I was on it straight away. As I lifted the rod the fish showed on the surface then took off like a rocket. I gave her a bit of pressure and slowly managed to turn her. I gained a bit of line before she decided to tear off again, also picking up my other two lines. I quickly loosened the spools and dropped the rod tips.*

*After a bit of a battle I managed to get her to around 15 yards from the bank when it all went solid..... NOOOOO...!!!! I kept the pressure on and started to walk back onto higher ground to try and get above the fish... Then, thankfully, the carp gods decided to answer my prayers and she came free... YEESSSSSS...!!!! I soon had her under the rod tip and after a 25 minute fight she finally admitted defeat and was mine.*

*I peered over the net and instantly knew which fish it was; it was the awesome "Spike" one of the manor's old originals. GET INNN...!!!!*

*I unhooked her before carefully slipping her into the retainer then phoned the fishery manager Chris Blunt who came round straight away. On the scales she went 45lb 2oz after which Chris told me I had just landed a new Manor Farm Lake record! This just made the capture even better.*



**'Spike' - a new Linear Manor Farm record at 45lb 2oz**

*Chris did me the honours with the camera before I slipped her back to her watery home. I punched the air 'GET INNN...!' This was my second forty from the Manor in only 20 nights; and "Spike" was also my new PB. No more action came throughout the remainder of the day and I was off the following morning. I got picked up by my brother Scott and Myles who congratulated me on my capture. As we drove through the Linear gates I knew it wouldn't be long before I returned in search of one of the Manor's big linears...!"*

Well done on another great result Baz.

Linear sees a tremendous amount of angling pressure so it is clear that the tactics you are using are certainly helping to pick out the bigger fish..... a sure sign of a good bait presentation, application and finely tuned tactics.

Keep up the good work!!!!  
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