

End of one era ... beginning of a new one

By Mark Brisley

I had my last long session (6 nights) on Kingfisher Lake at the Bluebell complex and have to say my mind was pre-occupied with a new and challenging lake where I did a 48 hour guest session - I will come back to this later.

Getting back to Kingfisher Lake I arrived early on Sunday morning and for a Sunday most of the popular swims were taken namely the two Points, Lock Bank and the Woods area but managed to get into a swim called LPJ which is opposite the points. Parked up and decided to have a walk round to see if anything had been caught. Got chatting to the two lads in Double Woods and they commented that nothing had been out but one of them had lost a fish at 2am so with that decided to set up in LPJ.

I had not fished Kingfisher Lake since April and the owner Tony told me that no 30lb+ fish had not been out for 2 weeks and with the weather not looking very carpy (ie; sun out and hot) spirits were a little down! Got set up, put the kettle and had a brew and decided to get the marker out and to my surprise from about 20 to 50 yards there was weed!! The last time this lake was weedy was back in 2004 so this was a real surprise to me! Next chuck with the marker at approximately 65 yards it was clear so decided then to do my usual tactics - fish 4 rods at that range in a line. Out came my trusty live system boilies (with a tweak!) - wouldn't fish anywhere without them!! Proceeded to put 2kg of 18mm boilies followed by my 4 rigs.



The next 24 hours - no action - no sign of fish and no one on the lake caught a thing so decided to bring all 4 rods in and have a re-think.

At this stage introducing any more bait probably would have been pointless so re-chucked to the same spots and let the waiting game begin!

To my surprise and normally being an early bird I happened to sleep in until about 8am the following morning my alarm call was a one toner on the left hand rod producing a 33lb 11oz common.



This lifted my spirits and the rod went back out to the same spot and within a couple of hours off went the same rod and I caught this lovely looking 22lb 2oz common

Unfortunately the rest of the week was very slow and I had no more fish but was pleased with my result in all the circumstances as mentioned above. As they say as one door closes another one opens



Which brings me nicely onto my up and coming new and exciting challenge a lake called Grenville Lake in Cambridgeshire - what a place! I have just come back from a 48 hours guest session on Grenville Lake - Wow what a session it was!

When I arrived on Friday afternoon I had a look in swim 3, saw a fish show at about 50 yards and thought that will do for me. On setting up to the right in the margin saw 2 fish show there as well so proceeded to get 2 rods out to the 50 yard shown fish and 1 rod in the margin and then baited up with my old faithful (take it anywhere) Live System (with a tweak).

8pm that evening the right hand margin rod burst into life and what a fight from this absolutely stunning 20lb 9oz mirror

Re-baited with another half kilo and on sunset away again with the margin rod, this time another Grenville stunner weighing in at 27lb 2oz mirror. As this 27lber went into the net the middle rod burst into life - in again - two on at once this time a magnificent 35lb 1oz mirror. I think I am going to like it here!!



I re-did the 50 yard and margin rod and re-baited with another half kilo per rod and went to bed very happy.

At 2am another screaming take on the right hand margin rod this time a 21lb 1oz mirror.

I put the rod back out and at 3.30am away again on the same rod and this time it was a 28lb 2oz mirror.

Paul the owner did warn me that when it kicked off it can be hectic but I didn't realise it was going to be this good! Pound for pound these are some of the best fighting fish I have had the privilege to catch. With 72 acres and 1,000+ fish stocked it is a fisherman's dream. For more information go to www.grenvillelake.com and if you are interested email Paul with a bit about yourself and your angling history.

All the best

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