

KLAA TASTER DAY REPORT AND PHOTO GALLERY

A successful Taster day on Bear Lake last Sunday. After the cancellation of the first taster day due to the British Weather A fantastic Summer Sunday helped to make up for the previous disappointment of the participants.

24 new anglers arrived in eager anticipation, each had at least a full hour with an experienced angler on a one-to-one basis. A good mix of all ages took part, from the under-fives, to the retired, but the enthusiasm, effort and skill was high all day.

The weather was kind, a cool breeze and sunshine ideal for a good day's fishing.

The day started with fishing short elasticated margin poles/ whips with pellet feed and maggot bait. Rod and waggler fishing were tried, but most stuck with poles. Bites came thick and fast with red maggot preferred by the fish. A wide range of fish were caught from small roach to carp close to 10lb, and of course a few big ones got away.

Feedback from parents, coaches and the anglers was "WOW". All parents appreciated how well organised the day was and how relaxed and good the coaches were. The participants were all amazed how many fish they were all catching, obviously a prerequisite to encourage beginners into the sport, most commented that they only expected to catch a few small fish.

A few younger members who were already into fishing said they had all learnt something new. All the coaches commented on how enjoyable the day was and how receptive all participants were, and a pleasure to teach. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and fun. Smiling faces, laughter, excellent instruction and plenty of fish.

The organisers would like to thank all the coaches involved, Anglers Corner, for providing the bait.

Thanks to all the people who donated fishing equipment to help the youngsters get started and to Alex Bates of Tackle & Bates at Rookery Farm Pidley for the loan of the Margin poles. Resulting in a really enjoyable, and successful day, looking forward to an even better event next summer.