

## Shepherds Lake Looking Good



All up and down at Shepherds Port recently. Anglers and good catches one day and few of either the next. What ever causes the difference? Wind, temperature, atmospheric pressure, high sun, anglers skills? I know when I do a bailiff stint sometimes I see few fish.

**Kings Lake:** Keeping most anglers happy with some very good bream catches, probably the busiest at times. Best I heard 27 bream in a sitting , not a bad session. Pretty peaceful down there too, don't know how to pick the best peg with the fish likely to turn up on any. Although the carp anglers usually prefer the far end but then again, one assumes the fish keep swimming round?

**Shepherds :** Chub , bream and carp on Shepherds. It has been noticeable that anglers have fared better on the far bank pegs. It might be a walk but it's also the sunniest, and currently the most productive. Successful anglers catching very close to the the reeds.

**Bear :** Few on Bear when I last visited but most of the action close to the margins. As one bailiff says Bear Lake is being Bear Lake producing some good catches and keeping anglers happy most if not all of the time. Everyone fishing it always seem to be content. Guess even if you are not catching it's not hard work sitting on the bank, enjoying the day, knowing you will eventually catch. Unlike deeper, harder waters where fish don't always play ball. Similar to some of the local lake match reports I have read.

Springside : A similar story on Springside with the carp ignoring anglers baits and loose feed as they cavort about. Here again some days have produced some good catches. Pole fishing around 8 meters has seen some good roach nets, mostly to maggot. I do wonder if the introduction of hemp might even improve the action.

Was asked this week about fishing Gravel Bank by an angler moving to the area. Brings back memories when we used to cycle there to fish, even dabbing in the close season. Time was a I left a rod tackled up in a workmates garage as his house backed onto the water. Remember the late Jeff Rix running some winter matches on the venue. Used to be well worth fishing for some good nets and stickle backs at times to. Often go that way in season but never see any anglers now.

Paul Wilkanowski recently retired from the Environment Agency after many years' service as a Fishery Officer. I would like to thank him for his help to KLAA and myself when I was secretary. He was always on the end of a phone to offer advice, assistance and practical help for our members. All the best for his retirement, and after all those years he has at last been mentioned in dispatches.

For those interested the KLAA Ltd AGM is on Wednesday May 13 at the Farmers Arms, Knights Hill, 7-30pm.