

Fishing – Allandale Tarn-ing on the style



A section of The Tweed near Peebles in glorious sunshine. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Allandale Tarn fisheries near West Calder is basking in the good weather and receiving great comments about their hard-fighting fish.

Many anglers are reporting snapped lines, straightened hooks and long runs well down into their backing line.

Even during the brighter spells, fish are feeding high up in the water column most of the day and evening.

The only time they are turning off, says owner Iona Allan, is when the wind switches direction.

Favourite flies here are mainly diawl bachs, peasant tail nymphs, F/flyes, emergers and spiders.

On the Bait Pool. fishing has been more sporadic. There is a slight PH difference between the waters, so this can account for the different feeding patterns in the fish.

Most fish have been getting caught off the bottom on either live bait or green power bait during the brighter days, but the top foot of water when it clouds over.

Allandale is currently open for fishing from 9am to 9.30pm every day, except Tuesday.

Nearby Morton Fishings has provided good sport for some with one angler landing 15 in a session on Wednesday.

Others have also reported good bags with diawl bach and yellow damsel being the favoured patterns and owner John Mackay will welcome a large group of anglers from the British Legion on Sunday.

At Clubbiedean, owner Steven Johnston reports that his fish seem to be holding on the bottom, but they are still being caught.

And re said that a cracking big wild brown trout was caught a young angler on the fly

Moving over The Pentlands, Jimmy Barrett, fishery manager at Kailzie Fishery, is enjoying good trade for his Bait Pool which is ideal for those new to fishing.

It is only yards from the office and well-stocked tackle shop and only yards from the main pool which will house the free open day organised by Peebleshire Trout Association on Saturday, June 2.

Instructors will be there from 10am to 4pm so you can try fly fishing and the Bait Pond and putting green will also be open. A BBQ will be available on the day.

Onto the rivers now and Adam Cross, chairman of Cramond Angling Club, walked the The Almond river near Edinburgh Airport in mid-week and reported fish moving and a health hatch of insect life.