

# Fishing – senior citizens boost at Clubbiedean

Clubbiedean had an encouraging open day and the top rod was a Alexander Chisholm who was fishing the water for the first time.

Owner Steven Johnston has also introduced a £10 catch and release ticket for senior citizens on a Monday and Thursday from 9am to 4pm.

Across the Pentlands, Roslin Elite and Borders-based Kelly's Heroes, both netted 60 fish each during their outing as Glencorse Reservoir opened for the season. Successful anglers fished D3 or fast glass lines.

And D Hughes won't forget his first visit to the popular reservoir above Flotterstone as he landed a brown trout weighing around 7lbs. Mike Connect and David Purves also took 30 to the boat.

Rainbow Angling Club from Glenrothes enjoyed their day at Morton Fishings.

It stayed fair and the water was graced by a west wind which is always best for Morton.

Members landed 28 fish for nearly 80lbs and returned nearly 30 to the water to fight again another day.

Lures, damsels, cats whisker and diawl bach patterns were best.

Day ticket regular Tam Duncan landed nine from the bank on bloodworm and FAB patterns.

And Ron Buzzer Ralston was again into the fish – all around 3lbs – with seven all tempted by diawl bach flies.

Jim Gargaro of Bowden Springs near Linlithgow reports that Bonnyrigg Angling Club landed 31 trout for 88lb 8oz with the best fish of 6lb 12oz caught caught on bait loch. Ledgered power bait being best method.

Monday, April 1 is a big day for Harlaw, Threipmuir and the Water of Leith.

That is when they re-open for the season and a new payment structure will operate at Harlaw and Threipmuir.

A day pass taking home three fish is £20 and a day permit for catch and release is £15.

A permit holding adult can have one child fishing with them free.

Evening permits start from May and they are £15 taking home two fish and £10 for catch and release.

Jim McComb, the head bailiff for Maleny Angling Association who administer the water, said permits are available at the bothy next to Harlaw Reservoir or from Balerno Post Office or online.

Permits for the Water of Leith have now been distributed to outlets in Edinburgh including the Water of Leith visitor centre at Slateford and the council base at the Hermitage of Braid plus sub- post offices in Juniper Green and Balerno. Orvis in Hope Street, Edinburgh, also have them.

Remember, West Lothian Angling Association continue their monthly fly tying at Mid Calder Community Centre, Main Calder, on Monday, April 1.

Cramond Angling Club host their first fly tying session of the season at Cramond Boat Club on Tuesday, April 9 (8pm).