

Fishing – free summer holiday fishing places for kids still available

Pottishaw near Whitburn (pictured) has been fishing well with the best fish of week – a 9lb blue trout – landed by Michael Cuthbert.

Evening sessions are best with big sedges hatching. Intermediate lines and damsel patterns are doing well during the day with dries and buzzers also attracting evening fish. The fishery is open until 11pm.

Youngsters can enjoy free fishing from 1pm to 5pm on a Friday afternoon but phone the fishery on 07907 284567 to confirm if there are spaces.

Glencorse Reservoir above Flotterstone has also been fishing well despite the changeable weather.

Owner Bill Taylor says no set patterns are best but CDC yellow owl and hoppers continue to tempt fish.

At Bowden Springs near Linlithgow, there have been some good returns with the best fly patterns being buzzers, fabs and suspended buzzer or dry flies.

Chris Thompson from Edinburgh was among the anglers who reported good bags and he landed five rainbow trout for approx 16lb, the best being 5lb.

Peter Darling from Portobello also hooked four rainbows for 12lb 2oz with a best of 3.5lbs.

The bait loch has also been attracting interest and the water

clarity is excellent with most methods catching fish.

On to coarse angling and Mark Gleave took third place in the Scottish Federation for Coarse Angling Veterans (over 50s) Championship at Orchill Fishery, Perthshire.

The Edinburgh and Lothians Coarse Angling Club member was in a field of 30 from all over Scotland.

It proved to be a difficult day but Mark made the most of his end peg to put together a package of good fish of up to 6lb for his 32lb total weight which was only four pounds behind second place and 13 pounds adrift of the winner.

Moving off-shore, the Bass Rock Sea Angling summer league begins again on Wednesday after the summer holiday break.

Barry McEwan from Port Seton leads the title race so far with 32 points, eight ahead of Paul Robertson from North Berwick.

Chairman Craig Ogilvie said they were always keen to welcome new anglers to the club.

Wednesday's event is a North Berwick Rover event anglers can fish where they like north of the River Tyne.

Registration is at 6.30pm at the East Beach and Barry McEwan from Port Seton leads the title race so far with Paul Robertson from North Berwick in second spot.