

Fishing – winter season set to start at Eliburn and non-members welcome

Winter memberships for coarse fishing at Eliburn Reservoir at Livingston, which recently produced a carp of 17lb, run from October 26 to March 28 however there is a large waiting list already.

Jason Biggin, club secretary, said anybody is welcome to join the list but non-members are welcome to fish the water on day tickets. One day ticket angler, Joshua Hughes, recently landed a fine 3lb tench (pictured).

The opening time is generally 8am all year round but check the Facebook page. Prices remain at £7 for adults (16 and over) and that is for two rods with juniors (under 16) £2 with only one rod allowed.

Anglers are reminded that it is barbless hooks only.

Membership fees are £100 with disabled and OAPs priced at £50 and juniors £20 with a £20 joining fee. Winter membership is £40, £20 for disabled and OAP and £10 for juniors., There is no joining fee.

Club member Sean Ford, has been appointed to a new trial role as maintenance co-ordinator and he has been tackling much-needed swim repairs and maintenance.

Unfortunately, weekly work parties to keep on top of the weed have been halted because of Government COVID-19 regulations.

The water has been fishing well with chod rigs fished over slightly weedy areas, poly-vinyl alcohol (PVA) bags over solid spots and pop-ups/wafters boilies over a bed of bait in silt attracting fish.

Also on warmer days, bread on the surface has produced some nice fish and tench, barbel and silver fish have also been teased out on the method feeder.

Float fishing over ground bait with maggot or sweetcorn as hook bait has also worked and Jason said carp captures are currently averaging of around 15lb.