

Linlithgow Loch reports improved catches

Despite the wind and rain, there were 34 boats out over the week at Linlithgow Loch and 72 fish were kept, weighing 199lbs 3oz, and 38 fish returned, writes *Tom Lambert*, club secretary of the Forth Area Federation of Anglers who run the popular water.

Better catches have been reported as water clarity has improved and Alan McGregor used a Di5 with a pink yellow blob, also, a black diawl bach to catch and release six fish.

North Berwick Angling Club's five anglers kept 16 rainbows for 51lbs and successful flies were diawl bach, cormorant, and black green mini- snakes on hover lines.

Nigel Muckle and his boat partner released 16 fish caught on cormorants and mini lures while George Mackintosh with Ian McLaren kept four for 11 Lbs and returned 6 fish. Out again, Alan McGregor returned nine rainbows which took blobs and cormorants.

Rosyth Civil Service Angling Club visited with 19 anglers and kept 27 fish weighing 72lbs 13oz and returned two. They used floating and intermediate lines with cormorant and red diawl bach the best patterns.

Eyewater Angling Club with five boats kept 15 fish for 39lbs

8oz, one of 4 Lbs and Ferranti Angling Club's five anglers kept ten trout for 34lbs 8oz and returned three. Successful lines were intermediate and midge tip with black zonker, blob, cormorant and viva's being the best flies.

Aberdour Angling Association joined in the fun with out nine anglers keeping 22 fish for 62lbs 14oz with floating and midge-tip lines tied with blobs, cat whiskers, muskins, and nemesis flies doing the business.

Ali Fyvie out with Jimmy Russell using midge tip lines with candy blobs and shell back muskins released eight trout back into the Loch.

Bosses continue to stock regularly and boats are available on most days for a full day or four hour session. Call 01506 671753 or book online.

Nearby, Leon Tringa had a beautiful 5lb brown trout from the bait pond and Robert Birrell had six on the fly pond, biggest 4lb, on egg and squirmy wormy patterns while Scott Morton also enjoyed his session with seven fish on buzzer and egg.

Chris Stewart hooked four on the five-acre bait pond including a 6.5lb brown trout and hats off to four-year-old Ella Johnstone who hooked into a 4lb rainbown trout on the bait pond. The youngester from Avonbridge held on to land the hard-fighting trout.

In the Pentland Hills, Malleny Angling member Douglas Sked hooked into six fish during his four-hour session at Harlaw Reservoir and season ticket holder Remi Zylinsky had three in only two hours.

PICTURE: Tom Lambert on the boat pontoon at Linlithgow with the West End of the loch behind him. Picture **Nigel Duncan**

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