

By George as Pellini hooks into 23 at Linlithgow

It's been a good week at Linlithgow Loch, administered by the Forth Area Federation of Anglers (FAFA), with 33 boats launched with 56 anglers on board.

They kept 22 fish weighing $76\frac{1}{4}$ lbs and 304 fish were returned with midge-tip, sink-tip and intermediate lines used with blobs, cormorant, black and green lures, Humungus and snakes, especially pink, were the most successful patterns.

Graham Phusein with his boat partner kept eight fish for 28lb and returned 20 to fight again, reports FAFA secretary, **Tom Lambert**.

Ali Fyvie and George Mackintosh took four for 14 lbs put three back and they also missed a few using orange blob, Humungus, booby, gold cat booby.

John and Robin Lambert kept four fish weighing $12\frac{3}{4}$ lb during their session and Mr Penman, who was out himself, returned seven trout and Mr Skedd, fishing from the North Bank, returned eight rainbow trout to the Loch.

Tam Robinson and his boat partner joined in the fun, keeping two trout for $8\frac{1}{4}$ lb and returning nine with George Pellini returned 23 fish while Mark Smith returned 13 trout.

Nick Pollard and partner kept two for 8lb and they returned six fish, while Gavin Dunn and Jimmy Russell returned eight rainbows trout.

Nigel Muckle, fishing alone returned 18 trout, and Robin Smith with George Mackintosh also returned 18 fish. Ian Dobbie returned six while Freddie Padden with Mark Lawton returned 21.

Saturday was among the best days with Heriot AC, out with six anglers, returning 30 trout, however Falkirk Fly Dressers, out with three anglers, beat that, returning 39 fish.

Aaron Myers and partner were out for four hours and returned 12 and four fish respectively and Alan McGregor, fishing solo, returned 11 fish. Young Jude Whitfield and friend had never fished the Loch before but managed to net four trout.

Mr Gibb and partner returned five trout, Des O'Connor kept two fish weighing 6lb, Ali Fyvie out with Jimmy Russell had a couple by noon while Jim eventually returned 11 rainbows. Craig Cowan had a great day by himself, returning 16 trout.

The club continue to stock regularly (see Facebook) and boats are available on most days for a full day or four-hour sessions. To avoid disappointment, call 01506 671753 or book online.

FINE FISH: Four trout from Linlithgow Loch. Picture courtesy of the Forth Area Federation of Anglers