

'Dreamlakes 1 Haulin'

Dreamlake 1 was booked for 15 anglers by Bill Hopkins the company owner of Cyprinid Products for the week of 14th October. We arrived at the destination and drew swims accordingly and had a fantastic time absolutely bagging up with some huge carp of mega-proportions.

Bill himself was in the 'pads swim' and on the first day he landed a lovely common of 25lb 14oz before quickly following that up with a right lump of a common of 50lb 3oz. Bill was applying the warlock fishmeal boilies which were specially formulated by us for the trip. He was using a snowman set-up utilizing a 16mm barrel shape bottom bait topped off with one of our supreme pop-ups in the orange 9mm barrels. Bill found them to work wonders and the fish just kept falling to them.



50lb 3oz for Bill Hopkins

The first few days were spectacular with bright sunshine and the fish in Bill's swim were having the bait big time. Fishing tight to the end of the spit-arm Bill introduced 3 kilos of boilies twice a day as mandatory and more for each time there was action to the rods.

The rigs were simple with the snowman set-up and nothing special had to be done other than get the cast right and apply the excellent food-source of boilies we had available to us. In all we took over 700 kilos between us of the warlock fish-meals and they did the business. Even other lads who were struggling on the other lakes were asking us for our boilies in which case we gave away a good few kilos and they caught well too.



Simple snowman set-up on a clip rig and foamed up ready to go

The following day Will Hopkins who was in the 'Ladies Lair' swim managed a lovely mirror carp of 31lb 8oz casting out to the gravel bar that runs directly from the spit-arm down to the beach swim where Ivan Griffiths was fishing. The bar was a massive feature to apply bait to and trip up patrolling fish during the first few days in the sun.



Will Hopkins taking a dip with his 31lb 8oz mirror

Bill himself landed another two fish on the second day, both stunning commons of 45lb 11oz and 49lb 11oz and the trip was becoming a dream of whackers. They were mopping the bait up as Bill was literally walking around to bait up, most of which was possibly gone by the time Bill had arrived back to the swim to cast out to the baited area. Nothing else was applied except for the boilies followed in by the hook-baits.



Bill with firstly the 45lb 11oz common



Followed up with this cracking 49lb 11oz chunk

The other lads around the lake began to haul a few themselves too with Ollie Lowe catching some fantastic fish on our boilies in the awesome 'Atlantic Sea Salmon, Tutti-frutti & Black Pepper smell. Ollie was across the other side of the lake from Bill and doing the business landing a string of fish throughout the week via good angling ability and a good food source to get them going and keep them on it.



Ollie Lowe was having them big time with his 41lb common (left) and a chunky fish of 48lb 8oz (right)

Further down from Bill's left were Steve Pritchard in the 'sunset' swim and Rob Rolfe in the 'east bar'. Rob caught some good fish including a stunning 46lb 12oz mirror and bagged a 20lb+ catfish too plus other fish to boot! Steve had a fantastic common of 49lb's as well as other fish and was taking them from the bar in the centre of the lake.



Rob Rolfe with his fabulous 46lb 12oz mirror



Steve Pritchard holding his amazing 49lb common

The lads were doing the business and it was just getting better and better as the fish just kept coming and more and more whackers were netted day after day. It really was beginning to get silly and then really did get silly when Jason Hopkins firstly landed an unbelievable common of 60lbs 4oz and then a chunky 40lb 9oz mirror. Jason landed quite a few fish and after a swim move during the week bagged the two awesome whackers he's seen holding here.



Jason with his 60lb 4oz common



posing with his 40lb 9oz chunk

The lake looked carpy all over until three days in when the weather changed and it became really cold at night. The fishing was still good and more whackers were to be had by the lads but certain areas slowed up and other areas began to produce which were slow in the beginning.



The scene was spectacular on Dreamlakes 1

Bill Hopkins was still getting amongst a few even though the pads swim now noticeably held less fish in the cooler weather. He managed 20's and 30's and had another 'whacker' during a cold rain filled night of precisely 47lb 3oz.



Even the cooler nights had their blessings...47lb 3oz

Ben Hall was fishing in the 'Haven' swim to the right of Bill and had two stunning commons of 37lbs and an awesome 59lb 11oz which blew Ben away. He honestly couldn't believe it!



Ben Hall with a golden common of 37lb's



Ben with his 59lb 11oz monster in the lake

And still the fish kept coming! Ollie Lowe managed a 35lb 8oz catfish and Will Hopkins bagged a cracking mirror of 33lb 10oz. It was all too much to record as fish after fish were being landed from different swims.



Ollie Lowe with his pussy



Will Hopkins chuffed with another fat fish

Ivan Griffiths on the 'Beach' swim was pleased as punch to land a 36lb 3oz common after firstly bagging a 26lb common caught from his left where the odd fish were rolling.

Ian Jones was effectively completely obliterating the place using a pulley system to drop his rigs in the far margin of the 'Snags' swim. Ian had no less than 16 fish throughout the week and the more of the 'Cyprinid Products' boilies he put in the better it got for him with a string of fish to make any session a memorable one. Ian had some stunners including five fish over 30lbs and three fish over 40lbs. They were going mad for the bait and Ian was fishing well after a slow start for the first two days. The lake was almost magical and threw almost everything at us during the course of the week.



Ivan Griffiths with his 36lb 3oz common



Ilan was obliterating the place...42lb 15oz...



and again...47lb 15oz...



and again...48lb 7oz

The list of whackers was just getting bigger and bigger and they kept coming and coming to the rods. The complex was a fantastic venue to venture to with every facility being top notch including the excellent menu for the week which was just as good as the fishing.

Terry Smith landed the 'long common' from the 'Slope' swim at a staggering weight of 63lb 2oz and Paul Humphreys managed a lump in the night during a steady downpour of precisely 49lbs.



Terry Smith with the 'long common' at 63lb 2oz



Paul Humphreys with his 49lb fish

These are just a few of the better fish from the week, there were loads and loads more and the whole Dreamlakes experience was fantastic!

And that's what we here at Cyprinid Products call a proper job well done! All the best for the future boys!