

Welcome to the second Newsletter from Burton Springs Fishery. We hope you all had a most enjoyable Christmas and wish you all the very best for 2011. It was, to say the least, an interesting time here with ice on both lakes. Despite our very best efforts to keep them clear we did eventually admit defeat and just admired the scenery which was beautiful although tiresome! We felt for loyal Martin from Minehead though who was due to fish on Christmas Day but had to find some other form of recreation. Fortunately, so far the fish don't seem to be any the worse for the big freeze and both lakes have been producing some beauties. ☺
We have just celebrated the end of our first year at Burton Springs so would like to thank you all for your support and for making us so welcome. Anyway, we've lots to tell you about, so hope you enjoy your read.

News from the Fly Lake

Tagged Fish Pool

A rather special fish was added to the fly lake at our last restocking. We have now started a Tagged Trout Pool. Anglers fishing the Fly lake can enter the pool for £1 which is added to

their fishing ticket money at the time of purchase, prior to fishing. If an entrant catches the tagged Rainbow trout then the pool money is theirs. This is proving very popular and the current balance in the pool is well over £50. Not bad for £1! If you fancy coming along and trying your luck the full conditions are displayed in the fishing hut and on our website. The special Rainbow has been tattooed on its belly and is about 3lb in weight. The lucky winner will be announced in the lodge, on our website and in our newsletters.



TAGGED TROUT PRIZE

Catch the marked trout and win the pool - currently over £30
(Last updated 1st February)
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Recent Catches

The lake has been regularly restocked and is fishing well. Despite some truly horrible weather some lovely fish continue to be caught on a variety of flies, buzzers, bloodworm and hoppers. As usual we struggle to get photographs from fly fishermen but we must mention John Hill's record catches so far this year of a lovely 9lb Brownie and 12.5lb Rainbow. Very well done John!

Festive Special Offer weekend

We would like to thank those diehards who turned up to support us on the weekend of 18th/19th December when we offered discounted tickets. It was a shame it was so cold and there was ice on the lake but it was lovely to see you all. Hopefully the ice will not put in another appearance this winter

Tight Lines

Did anyone see Tight Lines on Sky 4 on Friday 28th January? Keith Arthur gave us a glowing report and also some helpful hints on conditions, flies etc. We were very proud! *Sky 4 do show reruns but you can download the latest Tight Lines podcast every week, on skysports.com!*

News from the Coarse Lake

Recent Catches

Wow, despite a frozen lake for the best part of 5 weeks, rain and gale force winds the fish have woken up and there have been some fantastic carp landed, in beautiful condition. Many have fallen to maggot or a maggot and boilie mix (banana nut crunch is still a firm favourite).



Andrew Tremayne (aka Spike) had a great weekend fishing and, among other doubles, landed the year's best weight with a fully plated Mirror at 23lbs 8ozs from swim 4. It was on his last cast while packing up too! Great catch ☺

However, Spike's record didn't last long, as a couple of days later Andy Carroll landed this lovely Mirror on Banana Nut Crunch boilies. It weighed in at 24lb 5ozs!



This 15lb 7oz beauty fell to Gary Davis on fake maggot! Well done Gary. Gary is one of a group of students from Cannington College who will be working with our fishery over the coming months as part of their course. The students will be assisting us with some development work.



That was a great looking fish Andy, well done. This is now the current record for 2011. If anyone out there fancies their chances then get on down here. We know there are bigger fish in the lake than this so 'Let the battle commence'! Andy and Jess had a brilliant few days despite gale force winds and caught several doubles; check out the website for photographs.