

Cwm Hedd Fishing Report, to week ending December 3rd

Cwm Hedd has been fishing extremely well; those who braved the atrocious weather were well rewarded with good catch rates and fighting fish.

Both east and west banks are showing consistent sport, with cats whiskers, fritz and damsels, diawl bachs and buzzers proving productive. Fish are being picked up in all depths of water. Amongst the week's catches were those by Malcolm Reed, who took a nice two and a half pound rainbow plus released a further three on diawl bachs. Regular Al Miller landed four fish averaging three pounds on buzzers. Ken Pascoe took seven on gold head damsels and a black widow. Rob Davies had great sport with three fish landed and four released on cats whiskers.

Cwm Hedd Fishing Report - week ending November 26th 2006

Even the most enthusiastic anglers have been taxed by this week's torrential rain and gusting winds. In spite of, or maybe because of these challenging terrestrial conditions, excellent sport continues at Cwm Hedd, with some notable returns.

Results for the Gwent Police '999' competition: first place, Ken Jones, who arrested 4 fish to 12lbs, including a 5lber; second place, Tony Pearson, boasting a clear-up rate of 4 fish weighing 10lbs; third place went to Graham Tamplin, who put away 3 fish to 8lbs.

Regular Grant Carlson bagged a lovely 6½ lber, plus released a further 3 on a living damsel; Malcolm Reid landed 8 fish, including a 6lber on diawl bachs and olives; enthusiast John Phillips took home a nice 2½ lber, returning a further 8 on lures and buzzers.

All in all a very pleasing week, with consistent catch rates and happy anglers. Hurrah!

Next comp is Sunday, 3rd December - Slip into that slinky Neoprene number, get down to Cwm Hedd and do battle. And if it turns out to be one of those days when the tight lines' are on your face rather than your rod, warm your tootsies by the fire, or indulge in one of Gwyn's breakfasts - you know it makes sense.

Cwm Hedd Fishing Report - week ending November 19th 2006

A cracking week at Cwm Hedd, with nearly all anglers taking fish. Changeable weather conditions and a further drop in temperature have called for varying tactics and patterns. Damsels, fritz' and daddies, plus nymphs and buzzers have been most productive. Ben Martin bagged a nice 2½ lber and released 7 on fritz' and mudlers; Graham Bickerton took a 2½ lber and put 5 back on diawl bachs, buzzers and sedge. Brothers John and Gary Phillips took home 5 between them on cats and orange lures; Terry Coles took 1 and released 7 various lures.

Cwm Hedd Fishing Report, to 12th November 2006

Fish are showing good form and fighting hard. Care is needed when playing fish as aggressive takes are resulting in snapped lines - minimum 6lb leader is required.

Fish are being taken on montanas, cats' whiskers and diawl bachs, with hares' ears and buzzers also proving productive.

Results for the 'roving' competition are as follows: first place Ian Humphreys from Pontypridd, who quickly bagged his two to 6lb 1oz on cats whiskers, followed by Rad Novakovitch (2 to 5lb 11oz) , and in third place, John Turner, who took one at 2 ¾lbs.

Some of this week's other catches were Don Crocker's 4 on a sporting ticket (montanas), Steve Dawes' 2 to 5lb (black and red montanas, catch and kill ticket; John Edmonds, 6 on cats and damsels (sporting ticket).

Junior anglers fared well on the lodge pond, with Marcus Jones taking 4 to 6lb on orange Fritz, Sam Parkinson 3 to 5lb on cats' whiskers, and James Pugh, 4 to 6lb on cats' whiskers.

Cwm Hedd Comps! First 12th November 2006.

- *Competition starts at 9am sharp. Anglers to be at the lodge by 8.30 to draw peg numbers. The competitors will move 5 pegs anti clockwise every 30 minutes when the whistle is blown. Competition finishes at 12.30pm.*
- *Entry fee £5 plus purchase of ticket to fish £9 plus fish charged at £4 each. Limit of 3 fish per angler.*
- *Prizes are for first second and third heaviest bags plus a prize for heaviest fish.*
- *Competitions will take place every 3 weeks on a Sunday, dates are:*

12th November, 3rd December, 23rd December, 14th January and final comp 4th February.

Gift Vouchers

Fishing gift vouchers are available from the lodge - the ideal gift for Christmas or birthdays!

Cwm Hedd Fishing Report, to November 5th 2006

Varying patterns this week; bright, cold conditions and changeable wind directions have meant a good chance to land fish off any peg. Regular angler and Cwm Hedd guru Ken Pascoe took out his float tube and netted a 3lb rainbow plus a second 3lb off the bank, and 3 in Lodge Pond.

Mike Rogers from Machen bagged one for lunch and released a further 3 on black buzzers-nice chat about the different methods of growing mussels too!

Mike Bevan took home four from the main lake on montanas, damsels and hares ears and Margaret Allen brought in four on the lodge pond on white

tadpoles.

Fishing Report week ending 29th October 2006

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Sunday was fine and clear and the drop in temperature has finally brought the fish on - either that or they were confused when the clocks went back, not unlike Roland Davies and Alan Stonelake, who arrived at the lake at an unearthly hour and proceeded to land two fish each on orange fritz'. Regular Malcolm Sainsbury took two to 5lb on orange fritz - well done Malcolm.

Senior Graham Jones dusted off his rod for the first time in 18 months and proved that 'when you've got it, you've got it', dispatching 3 to 8lb on - yes - orange fritz, a black daddy and one of his own green and black patterns. Cwm Hedd's own Rad Novakovitch decided against fishing the depths of the Bristol Channel, his wise move being rewarded with a lovely $2\frac{3}{4}$ lb trout on a dry. A big pat on the back to 14 year old novice, Oliver Jones; under the skilful tuition of dad, Mike, Oliver landed his first brace of rainbows on orange fritz'.

Eleven new anglers took advantage of the free coaching sessions with Welsh Federation coaches and had a thoroughly enjoyable time getting to grips with the art of fly fishing. Here's looking forward to a good winter's sport. Tight lines everyone. PS competition on Sunday 12th November - be there or be a turnip!

DECEMBER IS "CHECK YOUR TACKLE" MONTH AT CWM HEDD,
with two events to raise money for testicular cancer research:

ANGLING FOR LOVE?

Speed dating evening - For those looking to reel in the catch of a lifetime!

Ninety-five per cent of anglers are male. As part of our aim to redress the balance and introduce ladies to the joys of fly fishing, *Cwm Hedd Lakes* are holding a 'speed dating' evening on Thursday December 14th. The aim is to have an entertaining evening with the emphasis on fun.

For any male anglers out there who are searching for someone to go starry-eyed over their tackle, or for ladies who want to get 'up close and personal' with the owner of a pair of Neoprene waders, details of how to book will be published on the website by the end of October, so watch this space!

All profits from the evening will be donated towards research into testicular cancer.

SO WHAT MAKES AN ANGLER A GOOD CATCH?!

We can't wait to find out - email your comments to

RODS AT DAWN! (Ok then, midday)

Competition - "Fluff Chuckers v Maggot Drowners". A *Cwm Hedd* fly fishing team and a CymFishing coarse angling team will go head-to-head in two competitions, the first to be held at *Cwm Hedd* on Wednesday, December 27th.

The *Cymfishing* coarse anglers will combine their skills to master the art of fly fishing and fend off what will no doubt be spirited opposition from the *Cwm Hedd* fly fishing team (Please note that all members of the *Cymfishing* team will be frisked for maggots on arrival!)

A date and venue for the return match to be arranged shortly.

Volunteers needed to defend the honour of Cwm Hedd! e-mail Your fishery needs you! Entry £10, to be donated towards research into testicular cancer.

Good luck and tight lines

Fishing Report week ending 15th October 2006

Fickle fish in fluctuating (nice alliteration) temperatures tested the tactics (and again!) of anglers last week. Plenty of fish are showing but are not yet feeding consistently; the west bay and behind the island were the most productive, with anglers picking up fish on cats whiskers, goldhead damsels, black and green fritz' and diawl bachs.

To make up for the brevity of this week's report, we thought you might like some advice from *The Sotheby's Guide to Fly Fishing for Trout*.

"Never become rooted to one spot. You can try to track down specific fish by peering into holes and likely places such as beneath trees..." **If these tactics fail, try looking in the lake.**

However, *"Fish that are lying motionless either very close to the bottom or near the surface tend not to be interested in artificial flies."* **This is especially true if the fish are dead. They may have spent too much time in a hole, rather than in the lake. See above for clarification.**

"You may need to kneel to land a large trout"

Fishing Report week ending 9th October 2006

Cwm Hedd has been completely re stocked; after a long period of inactivity and a prolific daddy long legs hatch the fish are at last switching on. The strong westerly breeze blew terrestrials onto the water, and challenge dangles' casting skills. With water temperature dropping by $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2° a week and the first frosts of autumn forecast, anglers can look forward to some exciting rod bending action. Sunday saw a significant improvement in catch rate: on the main lake most anglers were picking up fish and reporting knocks in the west bay and on the far bank opposite the lodge, with black daddies and green and black vivas proving most successful. Fortnightly competitions begin at 9am on Sunday, October 15th. Coaching sessions are available for booking on Saturday, October 28th and Wednesday November 1st. Cwm Hedd is open from Wednesday - Sunday, 7.30 -dusk.