

LINTON ANGLING SOCIETY – Newsletter - March 2008

Stallance Reservoirs – Stocking update

Tuesday 26 February 2008

A quick update report on the latest information on the stocking of the above reservoirs.

Chris arranged for the EA to come along & net the smaller reservoir. The objective being to transfer some of the smaller 'silver fish' into the larger one.

A note to put members minds at rest. It is EA policy that they are not allowed to transfer Carp of any description from waters or into any other waters.

Fortunately this occasion it was a beautiful day, no torrential rain this time. Chris, Don, Kevin, Adrian & John & myself meet up on site about 9.30, John Smith & his colleague Trevor turned up a little later, the rest of the entourage including 'health & safety' even later. (Can't get away from it these days, still it has saved lives in the building trade)

I've attached a few photos to show what went on.



The Objective, to remove some of the 'silver fish' like Roach, Rudd & Perch from this, the small reservoir.



EA operatives John & Trevor make a start at the netting operation.



Getting nearer



Gives you an idea of the size of the net required to do the job!



Getting closer



A nice surprise is revealed after all the carp & small fish are removed...
Some good size Grass carp!



Great news, so we thought...
“Sorry you haven’t got a permit for keeping Non native species in your waters, these can’t go back, they can only go back into a water that has a permit or unfortunately be destroyed”

You can imagine our reaction!
My suggestion “Can’t we call them big Chub” didn’t wash!
To cut a long story short after a number of phone calls by John Smith of the EA & after agreement with the his hierarchy we managed to get them returned to the water.
This was on the proviso that we put in a license application to hold this type of non native species in this particular water. (I understand from Chris this has now been done)

Bureaucracy at its best!

Still at least I saved Chris from throwing someone in!



A bucket of young Roach & Rudd that will hopefully grow on in their new home.



One of several buckets of small fish we transferred into the Larger Reservoir.

All in all I wouldn't describe it as the most successful netting day I've been on, As usual a lot of the larger fish slip the net by keeping to the sides or go under in the deep holes, there not daft that's why they've grown large! There again we weren't after them.

But we did achieve the objective of moving a load of Roach & Rudd into the large Reservoir.



Afterwards they tried the electro-fishing...



It only seemed to produce quite a number of fine wildies & commons, these we all returned to the water.

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Further to the decision at the last committee meeting Chris had arranged to purchase some more fish stock from a reputable fish farm. In this day & age we just can't take any chances.

Our Don Brown & Dave Chapman met the tanker on site to supervise & witness the release.

The following fish were stocked on the Tuesday.

500 - 6" to 8" Roach

20 - 1lb+ Roach

100 - 6" to 8" Tench

In April we have arranged for delivery of the remainder of the order:

500 - 6" to 8" Rudd

500 - Mixed size Crucian Carp & Crossbreeds

We are looking to continue the stocking program again in the autumn, we will keep you all informed.

Tony Spall
(LAS Chairman)

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