

‘Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.’ This has been the guiding principle of organizations that promote the idea of self-sufficiency, and it has informed the thinking of those that are trying to alleviate world poverty. It is a great principle for us all, to guide us when thinking about charity and what is the most effective way of giving. It also tells us that fishing is not just a sport but, for many, it is a way of life and a lifeline to a better life. However, that way of life is under threat from climatic change and when you see news items about rivers, such as the river Po in Italy drying up it makes you realize how crucial the next few years are going to be in the race to save our planet. For the anglers of the Brenig then maybe these thoughts are far from our minds as we enjoy a day’s fishing but even here many anglers combine a day’s fishing with helping someone out by taking a fish to give to their neighbor or a friend who may be going through difficult times in this economic crisis that we are facing and you never know how important it will be in the future to know how to fish.

Last week there was much talk of a heat wave coming. It was a bit like waiting for Godot as, fortunately the heat never really materialized which was a blessing. The weather was warm with the water temperature rising to 14 degrees C, but there was plenty of cloud cover on a number of days which allowed for some fine fishing during the week. Although we tend to complain about the weather at Llyn Brenig we are blessed as far as fishing is concerned as the water never really gets too warm or the sun too hot for the fish to feed. The high altitude is a distinct advantage over many fisheries particularly at this time of year when the sun is high in the sky. Last weeks catch returns indicate that the lake fished very well with a rod average of 4.8 fish per angler including fish returned. Mr. Bob Williams had a good day despite the bright sun commenting that, ‘for a blistering hot and sunny day a six fish bag limit was an unexpected bonus.’ Mr. Richard Cheetham enjoyed his day proving that its not all about the fishing but the enjoyment of the moment as well, writing, ‘Beautiful day, lake covered in mist until 8am. What a great sport.’ It’s great when you can fish and also appreciate the natural world that surrounds you at the same time.

Not only was it fishing well but the bigger fish are still there to be caught. Mr. Mike Henshall caught a 5lb Rainbow, and both Mr. Nathan Hughes and Mr. Dave Borage landed a 6lb Rainbow whilst the biggest fish recorded this week was 8lbs 0oz and was caught by Mr. E. Buckley. There have also been some heavier bags recorded this week with Mr. Dave Borage from Northwich weighing in with the biggest bag standing at 18lbs 5oz for six fish caught.

The top flies have been daddy long legs, hoppers, bibio, cdc’s, diawl bach and various blobs and boobies.

There have been lots of surface feeding all over the lake with the hot spots for the boat anglers being Tower Bay, the Brenig Arm, along the Dam Wall and Hafod Lom. The calm and hot days have proved to be challenging but there have been consistent catches all over with the hot spots for bank anglers being the Visitors Centre Shore and Tower Bay along with the Brenig Arm and Nant Glyn shore which have also fished well.

A reminder that our new parking system has gone live so make sure that you have given your vehicle registration number to a member of staff in the Visitor Centre foyer on arrival.

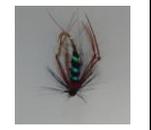
The main gates will be closing at 5.45 this week and therefore boats need to be back on the jetty by 5.15pm.

Tight Lines

-Jim Jenkins – Seasonal Ranger.



Weeks Top Facts



Bank Fishing Hotspots	Visitors Centre Shore and Tower Bay along with the Brenig Arm and Nant Glyn shore.
Boat Fishing Hotspots	Tower Bay, the Brenig Arm, along the Dam Wall and Hafod Lom.
Top Flies	daddy long legs, hoppers, bibio, cdc's, diawl bach and vari blobs and boobies.
Top Bag (For six fish caught)	18lbs 5oz - Mr. Dave Burance from Northwich
Biggest Fish	8lbs 0oz - Mr. E. Buckley
Rod Average	4.8 fish per angler (including fish returned)



Paul's fly of the week - Bibio hopper.



Left: Mr. Joe Crowther with a good days haul.
Below: Mr. Andy Finney caught three great fish.

