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And here we are...rolling nicely towards Spring! We bet you cannot wait for that.

This month sees the return of the angling shows finally,

starting with the Northern Angling Show at Manchester on February 26/27 at Event City, Manchester. We are sure it will be a packed out affair and we will be in attendance both days, mooching around, so if you spot the Talking Carp logo anywhere, say hi! We love meeting you all face to face.

So pop on down and see the latest bits of kit to be spending your money on.... See you there.

This month inside Talking Carp we continue to bring fresh and new material as always... and we introduce a few new writers to the stable, so please have a read and enjoy what they bring to the table. We have new junior writers, and also reports in from the Ladies Carp Academy.

Add all that to our regulars Scott, Jules, Joe and Richard you will be hard pushed to put this issue down once you start!! As always feel free to email us at any time and keep those articles and catch reports rolling in.

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Talking Point

*with
Julian Cundiff*

TALKING POINT...

WINTER INTO SPRING

with Julian Cundiff

Hello and welcome to the February issue of Talking Carp Jules...
Where did January go? Did anyone see?

This can be a very exciting part of the year for carp anglers across the country. We have those who have stuck it out through winter like yourself, and now will be looking forward to the snowdrops, daffodils and longer warmer days arriving, or for some it will signal the start to another year of carp angling, where plans will be made, cobwebs blown off and time to start looking at their tackle for the coming season.

So how do you transform from your winter angling to the Spring? Do you have a ritual that you may stick to every year at this time? New gear? Out with the old and in with the new?

J.C Yes welcome to February but in all honesty, I cannot complain about my January. It's a tough month to catch carp but you can only catch them by being there which is what some fail to do whilst tapping away on their keyboards. I had two trips which were totally blank overnights and on one the blooming water froze up on me again. With a trip abroad looming I had one more chance on my birthday of all days to catch one to redeem myself. My first three waters were frozen solid and with cat ice on the canal I thought I was done for. I dropped in at a local park lake and found one ice free area no bigger than two family cars in a line. By feeding some bread in I got the park ducks to open it up a bit more and soon had two rods fishing. By mid afternoon it was freezing up on me and I had to keep raising the

tips to avoid the marginal ice taking over. With the sun fading the LHR tip bent over slightly and stayed over. I could feel the line tremor so struck.....carp on. I ended up playing the carp under the ice and had to break the marginal ice with my landing net pole to get it netted. Would you believe it, the lakes biggest carp and after catching one more shortly afterwards the lake froze solid. So that's why I go all year round....you never know ! My records show eight trips, nine carp and four blanks

T.C As Spring approaches, some anglers will be looking at new lakes, and we have found that it is time well spent spending a day or two at a new lake simply looking around the lake, watching the water, and a day or two mapping out the new lake with marker floats and a booklet. Would you agree with that? Is there anything you would add to that list?



A cold night under the stars

J.C. Spring is defined as March through to May so if you are reading this in February it's definitely still winter carp fishing but with a glimmer of hope at the end of the winter tunnel . I certainly won't be changing much stuff at the moment but if I can find where the carp are spending their time I'd be happy to feed in some food between trips. February can be a very cold and tough month, so my advice is to treat it like mid-winter unless the carp are telling you otherwise.



Another one solid

One thing I do advise is not to just think short term but put in place your long term plans as well. I've finally got a place on a good cold water venue in Lincolnshire and although my ticket does not start till April and my main push will be November onwards it's secured, paid for, visited once and I'm doing my prep. The indicators may not be sounding as much at this time of year but there are always things to do. I've got a new set of Daiwa Emblem 35 5000 reels to allow me to fish straight through 20lb mainline on the new water (the rules state that is the minimum line strength), I'm prepping my spring Scopex Squid

pop ups (they take six weeks to glug, glaze etc) so I'm on it whilst not forgetting it's February. With new waters my advice always is do your prep but keep an open mind. Where they are now probably has nothing to do with where they are once the sun starts to warm the water up. Yes draw a map. Yes be aware where the sun rises and falls and a little light leading work can come in handy for depth and weed. Unless the water truly is off the beaten path a little research will be a better idea than thrashing it to a foam with leads and floats. Local tackle shops, the internet, social media, the waters own website



January was not easy

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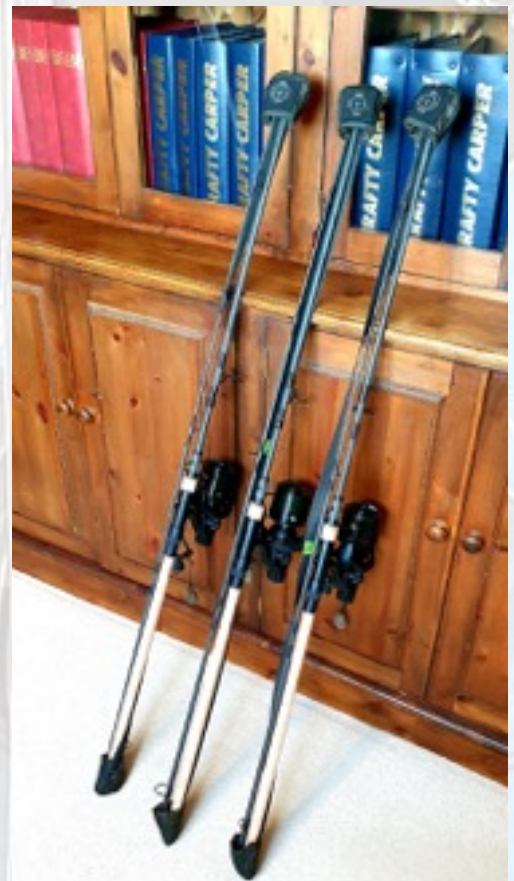
and so on. Combine it with a few visits and see it with your own eyes. How big does it really feel? How busy is it? How does the wind affect it? Just be there, don't be a pest but observe and write it down to sift through later.

T.C The annual show season is truly upon us, and we see that Northern Angling Show 9 is going ahead now, as is The Big One at both Farnborough and Stoneleigh. With the relaxation of rules such as masks no longer being required, and it being more of a personal choice now, and a huge majority of the British public having had the vaccine and booster jabs, would you consider attending the shows or are you still happy to give these a miss this year?

J.C. Good point and the answer is I am not going. I've attended the major shows since the mid-eighties and from the mid-nineties probably contributed every year via main stage talks, slide shows, panels, hosting, stand appearances, running the rig clinics and so on. I'm a people person so the reality is that for each show day I will have hundreds of close contacts for significant periods of time INDOORS. Each show season I will go through around 600 signed cards I sign and give personally to visitors. Add to that signing books, doing close up rig demonstrations,



I always have the tackle box



Loaded the Emblems with 20lb and treated myself to new Nash Scopes



I love to interact but there is a time and a place

selfies etc that's a lot of contact. Three big shows (NAS, The Big One and Brentwood) is six full days and I'm giving it 100% from 9 am to 4 pm. Not in the bar but interacting with the visitors. It does not make sense for me, my family or friends to be there this year. Hopefully people will understand this and bear with. Remember as a visitor you can pick and choose who you come into contact with, as a ' face ' you don't get that luxury. I wish all the shows the very best and I'm a great believer in choice but for me it is a no.....



With the big shows I add images to the talk

T.C That is a shame that you will not be there, and we know you will be sorely missed by the public. Without a doubt you are one of the hardest people to get 5 minutes with...such is your popularity at these places !! But for those who have never attended or seen you at a show, it can be quite an exhausting weekend for those doing the talks and displays. How did you prepare for such events? Do you plan your talks in advance? Any hints and tips on keeping the audiences entertained and coming back for more?

J.C Yes, they are exhausting because



Plenty of close contacts at the shows

me delivering to the audience and giving them the best I can. Every year at the end of show season my voice will be gone, the feet shot and no doubt some germ / lurgy will have attached itself to me. If I'm doing a mainstage talk with images, I will prepare that soon after Christmas. These will be loaded onto a memory stick with a backup one too. I never do the same talk two years in a row but if I'm doing the three big shows in one year it makes sense to deliver the same talk to each audience as you get different audiences each time. Once I've seen the images once at home it's done and I just make it up on the day. Whether I've got 30, 45 or 60 minutes to play with I just pace it accordingly. Having worked in court and controlled courts for 35 years it's easy to do no matter how big or small your audience is. The trick is to KNOW and READ your audience. How I might talk to an audience of BCSG members will be different to how I address general anglers at NAS and so on. Too many faces talk over the heads of the audience because they cannot read their audience. Being able to catch big carp and being able to pitch your talk at the right level are two different things I can assure you. Make them feel important and engaged and they will come back for more. For smaller shows I always have my tackle box and tie up and give away loads of rigs.



I have promo cards I sign and give away, spare fish prints I sign and give away and so on. Nash are always kind with bait books, hookbaits, stickers and freebies too for those that attend.

T.C So what are your personal plans for the year ahead? Hopefully we will be seeing you somewhere along the line. What about your fishing? Have you set yourself any targets for 2022? Maybe a particular target carp? Maybe a new water to try? Or will you continue to carry on merrily



With the big shows I add images to the talk

We go back thirty years but this year I secured a place on his carp syndicate

as you are now? Happily fishing your spots and putting plenty of carp on the bank?

J.C. The older I get the less LONG TERM plans I make as life tends to get in the way of plans as we all know. I wanted a nice quiet week away in the sun prespring and that's sorted now and very nice too. I got the winter syndicate place I wanted and kept three more tickets . I'd like to catch more of the A-Team from Jurassic Park but other than that to just keep enjoying it. KISS and Maiden at Download please and F1 and TDF too. I will be having a few trips with Ritchie McDonald, Joe Turnbull and Rich Jennings but as ever I will be flying solo most of the time.

T.C Well that wraps up another issue for now, and we thank you for more great insight into the world of Jules!

Remember folks you can follow Julian Cundiff on all his social media platforms for daily content.... You never stop learning!!

J.C. Thanks Brian much appreciated

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PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS PART 3



BY JOE TURNBULL

SELF TAKES.

If you read the last instalment, you'll know that this month we are going to be looking at a subject that lots of us seem to really struggle with. It's something I really can't understand why so many appear to have problems, but I guess once you have something to hold your camera, you're more than halfway there. The first thing you really must purchase is a tripod or something to mount your camera on and there are a few ways you can do this. Online is usually the best place to look as there are many to choose from and you get can get one that will hold your phone and your DSLR. You can also use a bank stick for the same outcome, but you must purchase a camera adapter that will screw into the bank stick and camera first. Either way you need to get yourself something to mount the camera on. Something like the one I pictured, I found online for around £24 which does the job admirably. This is great in many ways as not only is it compact, light and strong but also comes with a small Bluetooth remote control that links directly to your phone via the Bluetooth setting. The tripod also comes with a phone holder which you can move both 360 and 180 degrees so even if you're on an uneven surface you can adjust everything to suit your situation.



A tripod is must and game changer

GETTING YOURSELF IN FRAME

Getting yourself in frame is simple these days you can see your self in the cameras screen before taking a photo. Back in the day we didn't have flip screens or a screen which would enable you to see yourself but flips screens make things so much easier.

First off, set up your camera in the tripod by placing it the holder making sure that you have the camera in landscape mode. By that I mean length ways and not in the conventional up right way you'd use your phones usually. Next, set your tripod up roughly at the correct height and place it in front of your mat as in the photo. Make sure you choose a nice backdrop such as an old tree or large shrub, reeds or even flowers. You want your photo to show people viewing it that you are in a lovely surrounding if you have one, which most of the time we are. You don't really want someone else's bivvy in the photo, nor do you want another angler in it as this is your special moment. Also remember that the sun can be your enemy at times so as a rule of thumb always place the mat so that the sun is behind you and on the subject. However, when the sun is at its highest watch out for shadows on your subject so be cautious on very sunny days.

As you can see the small one sit on top of the camera and the other acts as the remote



Once you've got that far, go round to the front of your phone and press the reverse button (see pic) or if you're using a flip screen camera, turn the viewing screen round so that you can see yourself. Once

you've done that, you should be able to see yourself and the mat that the fish will be in, on the screen. At this point depending on what you're using, either set the phone on a timer by using the 10 second timer option (see pic) or if you're using a DSLR with a flip screen set the camera's timer to 10 seconds, if it has that option. Most DSLR cameras come with or can be purchased separately a small remote which works in the same way as the one that comes with the tripod for the phone's camera.

Once you're ready to take a photo, simply hold the fish up with the remote in your hand and press the button. After a little practice it is possible to drop the remote from your fingers and hold the fish in the conventional manner whilst the timer counts down its ten seconds. All that's left for you to do is smile and pose or look happy at what you've just caught. Practice pictures are usually best before you attempt to do it with a wet slippery often lively carp or any fish for that matter but once you get used to it, it will become second nature.

I also use a different kind of timer system for self takes but this only works with my DSLR, and it's called an intervalometer. This is a type of timer



Use anything for height, this could be any buckets or tackle boxes you may have

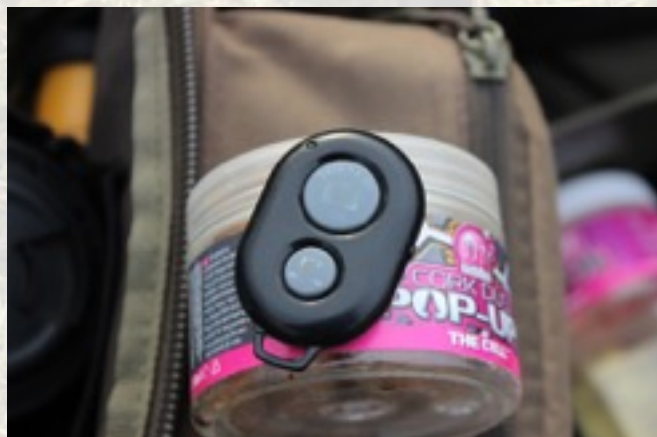


that works alongside your camera and unlike your phone, can be set to take as many pictures as you want. It also has a setting which allows you to set the number of seconds you want between each picture too. This can be very handy for taking photos of large fish when you need to take your time. It works in two parts, the first you plug into your camera and the second acts as the remote

I use a Hahnel intervalometer which is one of the best but not silly money

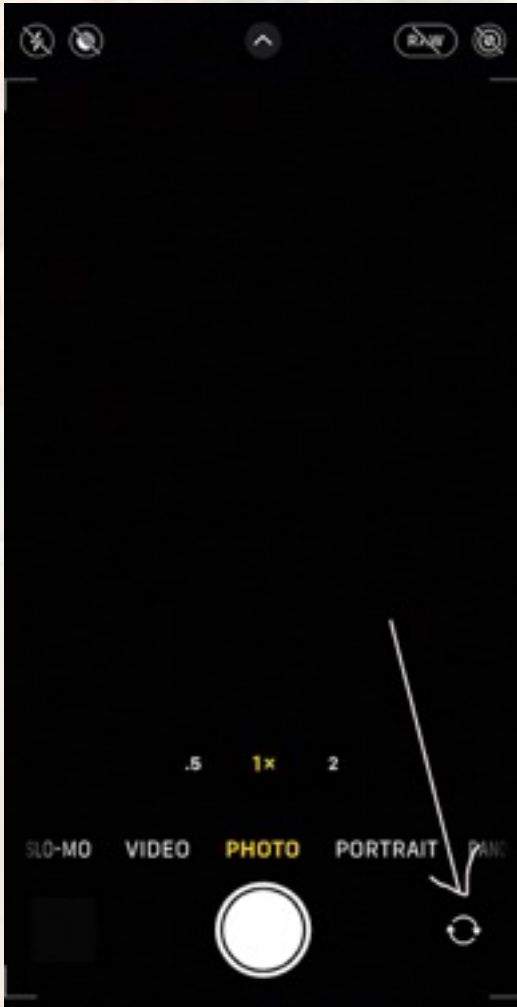
which also contains the settings for the number of photos and time between photos.

There really is no excuse for on the mat shots even if you don't have a remote as there are ways around this. There has been many a time where I have forgotten my tripod so here's an easy way around it. First you need some height for your camera, I'm guessing the majority of you will be using your phones, but you can do this with a mobile or a larger DSLR camera. All you do is take a few items from what you have with you, here I've used a bucket turned upside down, a tackle box from my bag and another smaller bucket I have with me. You simply lean your camera up against the bucket and follow the steps I've

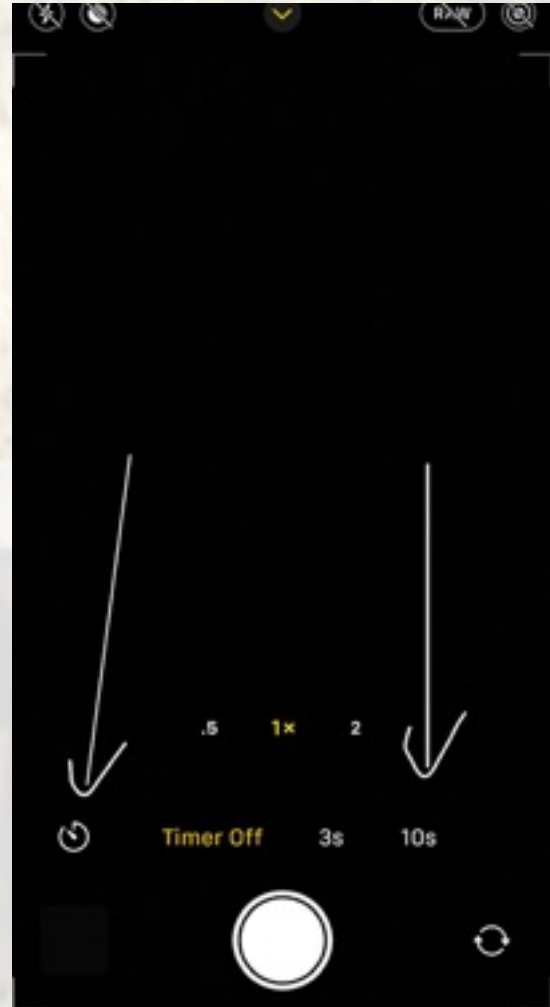


The small Bluetooth remote works seamlessly

just written about; it really is that simple. So long as you have some kind of height, it should be really easy to take a photo of yourself with any camera.



Press the reverse camera button on the phone



Set the 10 second timer button

HOLD THEM CORRECTLY

Lastly, I wanted to touch on how to hold carp and although this can be a deep and sometimes touchy subject, I just wanted to mention it briefly because it can make a huge and often drastic result to the outcome of your photos. Holding a carp is pretty much straight forward but the basics is that you want to try to keep your fingers as much out of the way as possible.

Remember that you are trying to display the carp in all its glory and that the colour of the underside of your hands is such a different colour to that of a carp, that they stand out like the flash on a Goldfinch (look it up). This in mind we want to keep our fingers out of the way of the finished photo and display as much of the carp as possible. On a serious note, make sure that you never tear or bend any fins backwards whilst handling carp for photos. Also, always keep a good eye on the front pec as you first lay the carp on the mat making sure that its folded inwards against its belly. Lastly, water, make sure that you have plenty of water to keep them wet and shiny for the photo as water can give them a nice sheen which really makes them shine.

I sincerely hope that if you were struggling to take photos or were unsure about self takes that you've gained something from my ramblings.

As usual if you need anything hit me up on any of my social media feeds

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Best of luck JT



Note here how the fish is straight the fingers are out of the way and the horizon is slightly off as I'm on a hill.



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The Oaks

(Other tree named lakes are available)



By Dave Locke

Back in 2018 I had to make the sad but sensible decision to give up my syndicate ticket. I loved the place but due to ongoing health problems I could only fish short day sessions normally of 7 to 8 hours, and it took me an hour each way to travel from home to the lake. Sometimes it could take me up to 2 hours due to traffic hold ups on the A12.

So as I would much sooner be spending my time fishing than driving I had to look much closer to home for a water to fish. I was already a member of a couple of clubs very close to home neither of which were my ideal waters with one being a runs water with nothing over 18lb in it and the other one being very busy at all times.

I happened to mention on Facebook about

how sad I was to be giving up my syndicate water and a chap mentioned that he fished a water that was very close to my home and invited me to come as a guest for a day.

Now I had never meet Alan in person, so I had no idea what to expect. Turns out he was a float angler that had caught a 17lb carp while roach fishing with pellets and he wanted a few tips on how to catch a few more carp from his club water.

We arranged to meet at the beginning of April and I followed him to the lake. Weird thing is I had lived within 3 Miles of this place for over 30years and I had never even heard of the lake, all very hush hush. The weather was dreadful rain and a very cold easterly wind and the place looked a bit bleak. The only fish caught that day was by

Alan who caught a load of roach, but I did see a couple of promising looking shows out by an island in the middle of the lake.

I had a couple of farewell trips up to my syndicate which resulted in a 22lb mirror and a couple of trips to the runs water which produced a hatful of low doubles.

At the start of May I went back with Alan to his secret club water and I couldn't believe the difference. The lake looked lush and green and the sun was shining, so much different to my first visit there. As we were the only people fishing I decided to have a flick about with the marker rod and found the bottom to be fairly even around 12feet deep with very light covering of silt over nearly all of the lake. But there was two long weedbeds on



the west side of the lake with a 6 foot gap between the weedbeds 30 yards out. Both rods were cast 20 feet apart into the gap with flying back leads on the line. My thoughts behind this were, as the lake is deep and I was fishing quite close in I didn't want my line coming straight up from the lead and if I had used a normal tethered backlead my line would still be coming up high from the lead because of it laying over the weedbeds.

I spodded out ten small

spods full of boilies and then sat and showed Alan how to tie a hair rig. Ten minutes later I was playing my first carp from the water a 12lb common. Being fair I wasn't impressed with this as I could catch 12lb commons all day long at my runs water club. Another run resulted in a 14lb mirror so they were getting bigger.

The fishery manager come bailiff turned up and seeing my marking rod laying against a tree informed me that we were only

allowed two rods at this water. I told him it was a marker rod and he then said he had never seen anyone use a marker rod on this lake, something I just couldn't believe, how could anyone fish the place without knowing where the weedbeds were and what the bottom was like. Turns out almost everyone was using chod rigs and fishing tight to the island.

Just as the bailiff started to walk away my buzzer burst into life and I pulled into what was obviously a much better carp. A very long hard fight saw a 24lb mirror laying in my net. The bailiff informed me it was the only 20lb mirror in the lake and the second biggest carp in there. I was a happy chappy three carp on my first proper days fishing there



was a good result.

I had to keep myself amused by going to the runs water a few times before Alan asked me if I would like to do another guest day. It was the end of May and a bit overcast but there was a nice westerly wind, so we went back onto the west bank and I used the same tactics as the last time.

First cast and a 21lb common had its picture taken with me followed by 3 doubles and then

another 21lb common.

Just as we were packing up the bailiff appeared and I was very surprised when he offered me membership of the club. I knew they had a 3 to 4 year waiting list so I didn't hold out much hope, of course

I took up his offer immediately.

I thought I should put a bit in about my tactics which were nothing special at all. Standard

9 inch hair rig with 2 inches stripped back from the coated hook length and an inline 3oz lead .

I tried a couple of different makes of spomb but they were not opening all the time for me, so I stuck to a small spod. One thing I did different to others was I would make up a stiff mix of stale bread crumb and liquidized boilies and use the mix to plug the bottom of my spod, this did two things, it stopped the boilies falling out of the spod when I cast out and also put a cloud of



ground bait through the water column. It might have taken me a lot longer to fill the spod and cast out but it was a tactic that I had used in the past that worked well for me.

My luck continued through the next couple of months, most days I would get between 2 or 5 carp and normally there was a twenty amongst them. At the end of August I turned up on an extremely hot day without a breath of wind so I decided to go onto the south bank to get a bit of shade from the sun. It meant

I could still cast one rod onto my usual spot between the weedbeds. The right hand rod was cast in front of reeds on the bottom end of the island.

I wasn't all that optimistic to be fair the weather conditions were not exactly my favourite and there were a lot of fish cruising on the top.



However, first cast on my usual spot got me a high double, and apart from a couple of slack hours around midday the takes just kept coming in the 6 hours that I was there that day I landed 14 carp three of them were 20s all commons.

I have no clue as to why the carp decided to have a good feed up that day especially considering the unfavourable conditions, will we ever



completely suss out this carping lark? My catch rate of 2 to 5 carp a day continued right up until the middle of October then the lake just died a sudden death, nothing was caught right up until the beginning of March, I had done ten blank days in a row on this lake and had to pop to my runs water just to make sure my rods were still capable of bending.

At the end of March I managed a low double by casting to a showing fish, the first one I had seen all through the winter. April the first and I was on the east bank which was closer to where I had caught the carp the previous week. A nice koi cross looking carp of 18lb was the first one followed soon after by the big mirror slightly down in weight at just under 23lb.

I had another couple of blank days after that and then the carp all started up again.

The end of June I had just got set up when I saw a load of carp splashing about in the reeds, they were spawning, so I didn't cast out I phoned the bailiff and put a note on the FB page for the lake. Sitting there for a couple of hours just watching I was amazed to see loads of small carp around 2 to 4lb following the bigger carp .Nobody had ever caught one of these small carp even the float anglers that fished there I spoke to hadn't ever caught any, strange old lark this fishing.

A fortnight later I was back on the west bank and yet again caught the big mirror, this time he had a 4 inch long scar down its side, obviously caused

by over enthusiastic spawning. I treated the wound but I didn't bother weighing it this time.

Summer was much the same as the year before, then just before the membership was due all members got a letter informing us that the lake was to be close to all fisherman as from the end of October.

After a bit of investigation, it turned out the farmer couldn't get on with a couple of blokes that run the club so had just stopped all fishing. One of the chaps that had been a member since the club started had a word with the farmer and persuaded him to allow fishing again if the old member ran the club. But the rent had almost tripled, which meant so would our membership dues.

This wouldn't have been so bad as it was an up and coming fishery, but there was also a couple of new rules introduced.

The lake is one of those raised out of the ground reservoirs that had been dug out for the farms irrigation, The ground leading to the lake was extremely steep, this wasn't any hardship for me as I used to reverse my motor up the slope,

unload my gear onto my barrow and then park my motor in the carp park. Everyone did the same thing just to make life a bit easier, but the farmer decided he wasn't going to allow this anymore, so that made it near impossible for me as I am not fit enough to push a loaded barrow up the steep slope.

That was the end to my couple of years

on this lake, shortly after the country was in lockdown and there was a lot of problems with people still fishing the lake during lockdown and they very nearly lost the place again. A lovely little lake with a good atmosphere and a growing stock that just seems to be plagued by politics and bad luck.

Dave





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The Stunning Baby Coconut



by Scott Geezer Grant

After my unbelievable session a few weeks ago, it was business as usual for me. I had a 4-night session planned and was so looking forward to it. I prepared my bait, making sure everything was how it should be. I checked the weather but to be honest it's something you can never rely on, as they always seem to get the predictions wrong.

I arrived at the lake around 11:00 o'clock only to find 3 anglers on, my old mukka Porky was in swim 1 and 2 other anglers in swims 2 and 3. The wind was pushing down towards the gate in 3 a cold North/North Easterly. I popped round to see my old porkchop for a cuppa and a catch up, not much had been happening which was music to my ears, hopefully that will all

change when I get the rods out. I left Porky and went for a wander around the lake. I didn't see any signs of fish, so I opted to go back into swim 6 and fish the same areas I had caught fish from previously. With all the pressure up the other end the fish could be up this end.

Two barrow loads later I had all my gear in the swim, it started to rain only lightly so the first thing was to get the bivvy up and everything put away so everything was nice and dry. An hour or so later the bivvy was up and everything was in its place. I then had

a little breather sitting on a bucket watching the water vapping like a dragon. All of a sudden, a fish crashed over the left-hand spot, ten minutes later another fish crashed over the middle spot, to say I was excited was an understatement, it was time to get the rods on the dancefloor lively.

I sorted my bank sticks and got the rods prepped one by one. All hooks were still razor sharp so it was just a case of new hook baits and get the rods out. I fished the rods on exactly the same areas I had fished 2 weeks ago.





Bait wise I was still using the formidable Monster Tuna in different sizes, plus crushed boilies along with pellets and the awesome chillie hemp. With the rods out it was time for a nice cuppa and sit and watch the water.

It was now nearly 2pm in the afternoon and I was just having my first cuppa, I watched the water for over an hour or so and didn't see another fish show, but after what I had seen its not to say the fish are not down here. Later that evening I invited Porky round for dinner which was the infamous home-

made chillie washed down with a couple of bottles of cider. After a lovely social evening I retired to bed just before midnight. It didn't take

me long to get off to sleep, but I woke up busting for a wee just after 3 o'clock, typical!! The bladder isn't what it used to be, well to be honest nothing is when you get old. I relieved myself then got back in the bag and was awake again at 6 o'clock, and the kettle went on for the first morning coffee. I laid there watching the water, listening to the wildlife it really is the best time of the day. Mid-morning and I did start to think that the fish had moved out the area and down the other end. Just before

11 o'clock as I was making some notes the right-hand rod gave a couple of bleeps, I walked over to the rod and the line started to tighten, then went into full blown take mode, made me jump I can tell you. I grabbed the rod and started to walk back keeping the rod high and hopefully the fish out of the weed beds.

This one was having none of it and even though I kept the pressure on, it found sanctuary in a large thick weed bed. I put the rod back on the rest keeping the line tight, but only tight enough that if the fish wanted to take line it could.



I gave Porky a ring and he came across in the boat, I put my lifejacket on and had the net at the ready, once in the boat I reeled towards where the fish was buried, once above the fish I had to give it a bit more welly to try and free the fish from the weed. After a few minutes I felt the fish kick only to find another weed bed, luckily this one wasn't as dense and after a bit more persuasion the fish hit the surface and Porky done the honours with the net.

It was a lovely dark mirror around the upper 20lb mark, it was one of the stockies that are coming through thick and fast. Once back on the bank I got everything sorted, the fish was then brought from the water and lifted up on the scales, which read out a weight of 27lb 4oz. Porky was on hand

and took epic photos as he always does. With the fish treated she was returned safely to fight another day. I re-baited the rod and got the rod back out on the spot.

No sooner had the rod been out when the left-hand rod burst into action, the fish started to strip line as soon as I lifted the rod, again I kept the rod high as to try and not let it bury itself in any of the weed beds out in front. I managed to get the fish under control and thankfully the fish didn't weed me. After a few

more minutes a lovely plump mirror was engulfed in the net.

The fish turned out to be yet another stockie weighing in at 25lb 3oz, not a bad start





in the water and should I change over to zigs.

I love catching fish over large beds of bait it's my favourite way of fishing as with zigs it's just a piece of foam cast out! No skill really involved

and the run continues, the fish are obviously gorging on the bait which fills me with so much confidence. I've also still got 3 nights left so could it be another bumper session who knows. Nothing else happened for the rest of the day, and it was a quiet night even though I sat up watching the water into the hours of darkness I see the odd fish but nothing like the previous session when the big girls were showing.

I was up early the

next morning after a lovely night's sleep, laying there in all my glory watching the water drinking coffee. Just after 9 o'clock I received a couple of bleeps on the right-hand rod, but nothing materialised. Maybe it was a liner were the fish closer in now? I didn't get any more bleeps so I left the rod where it was. I checked the weather as I constantly do when I'm fishing and the pressure was going to start rising, I started questioning whether the fish were higher up

in my eyes. Later in the afternoon I re-baited the rods and replenished the spots with fresh bait and plenty of it. If the fish are in the area hopefully, they will get their heads down, surely it won't be long before an A Team member slips up. As the evening started to draw in you could feel the coldness of Autumn.

I had a lovely meal washed down with a bottle of cider then watched the water until my eyes couldn't stay



open any longer. I drifted off and had the best night's sleep, without waking up once for a pee. When I did wake up the coots were going mad making a right old racket fighting and squabbling like a load of young school kids. Something had got them spooked whether it was the change in weather or just the fact they were on one, who knows. As I sat there drinking the first morning brew I got a couple of bleeps on the left-hand rod, the heart started racing and the adrenalin pumping, but not for long I hasten to add, it was short lived as nothing else

happened. Mid-morning and Steve Bugg popped over for a cuppa and a natter and as we

stood there talking a big common poked its head out right over the right-hand rod, well let me tell you that got me really excited, it proved that some of the big girls are still out in front of me hopefully it's just a matter of time before one of them slips up. My takes have been coming between 11:00-12:30 so after that time I don't expect

any takes, when the window opens you have to take full advantage of it and make sure your rigs are in place with plenty of bait. After a couple of hours Steve left to go and do his Bailiffing duties on the day ticket lake, and I got myself comfortable in the chair and was sat watching the water for any more signs. Come late afternoon I decided to leave the rods in place and not to rebait them, I knew my rigs were presented and there was enough bait already on the spot so I left them alone. I retired to bed early and was woken by a single





bleep on the left-hand rod at 4 o'clock, and once my eyes were open yes you guessed it, it was time for a pee. After relieving myself I got back in the bag and eventually drifted back off to sleep. Only to be woken up by the ducks laughing like mad right in front of me!! I decided to get up and get the kettle on. I checked the weather and the pressure was on the way back down which was a good sign the wind had eased somewhat and it looked good for a bite.

Around midday right in the zone for bite time I got a couple of bleeps on the left-hand rod, the bobbin started to dance and I just knew the culprit was a tench, it was a typical tench bite. Low and behold I lifted the rod and yes, a tinker was on the end, I unhooked it safely and returned it. I was wondering if the carp had moved out and the tench had moved in. I re-baited the rod and got it back out on the dance floor. I went for a wander and there were 4 other anglers on in swims 1,4,8,9. Nothing

had been caught so I was thankful for what I had caught earlier in the week. I was going into my final night of the session and to be honest even though I was in high spirits and full of confidence I didn't think anything would happen.

That evening I had a lovely curry which was washed down with a lovely cold bottle of cider, I had a little social with a few of the lads before retiring to my bivvy well after midnight. I woke up the following morning with



a thumping headache and motionless rods. After a couple of headache tablets to ease the pain, I started a slow pack up. It normally takes me ages to pack up and due to being a tad fragile I knew it was going to take me a lot longer. I had the first barrow load ready to go and just as I lifted the barrow the right-hand rod bleeped, I put the barrow down and was sure it was the coots diving on my bait, I looked at the rod and it was hooped round I grabbed the

rod and yes there was a fish on and it was no tench, the fish stayed deep and fought hard, taking line whenever it could, thankfully the fish didn't go for any of the weed beds out Infront. After a good few minutes, a big common hit the surface. I kept my cool and slid the net out towards the fish and after a few more seconds the fish was laying in the bottom of the net. Wow I let out a massive sight of relief. I got on the phone to Porky who came straight round

camera in hand. I got everything ready and composed myself before lifting whatever fish this was onto the mat. With the net peeled back the fish was none other than Baby Coconut and she looked big. With the digital scales zeroed I lifted her up

Porky read a weight out of 40lb 6oz, the first time this fish has ever gone over 40lb!!



I was blown away absolutely flying you couldn't have written it. Porky as always took epic shots as did Carl it was like a paparazzi photo shoot and I was loving every second of it. With the photos

complete she was treated and returned, I packed the rod away and just sat there in a daze. This place is really where dreams come true. That for me was the end of the session, I packed the

rest of my gear away then had a coffee with Porkchop before leaving the lake with a dirty big grin on my face.

My next session will be back over Bayeswater



Syndicate in a few weeks' time. Can I carry on catching these beautiful fish, you'll have to wait until next month to find out.

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We are now well and truly into Winter, there are prizes to be had in all their winter colours if you put the effort in, the rewards are so much greater. I hope 2022 brings all of you happiness and good health. Not forgetting plenty of chunks in the net.

Stay safe and remember its only fishing.

*Scott "Geezer"
Grant*





**IN THE MARGIN
PARTICLES**



*Introducing-
Ronnie and Teddy -
@juniorcarphunters*



Back in late 2020, I had a follow on my Instagram Page from a couple of brothers calling themselves @juniorcarphunters.

After looking through their page, I could see that these two young lads, supported by their Mum and Dad, were keen anglers and loved spending time on the bank, in all weathers.

With the permission from their dad, they went on to have a small Catch Report feature in the Magazine and have also shown off their new PB's in the pages too....

From that point, I have stayed in contact with their exploits (and their dad) and we did arrange to meet up and fish but unfortunately, with my works and various pandemic restrictions that never actually managed to happen and then when we were all available, I was booked on another fishery or France or something...anyway, back to the point...

...Having followed the boys, I could see how enthusiastic they were and for a while now, the Magazine has been on the

lookout for a 'Junior Writer'. The last one we had wrote each month from issue one to issue nineteen and he was my son, Ethan Carper...!

So, what would be better than one monthly junior writer..? Well, 'Two' of course.... And without further ado, here they are with their 'Intro Piece'.....

Ronnie and Teddy

Hi, we are Ronnie and Teddy, Ron and Ted to our friends.

We have fished with our dad for the last four years. For the record, Ronnie has the short hair...!

We try and go fishing every weekend (if mum lets us!). We love catching carp and finding new places to fish and also when dad takes us to the tackle shop! This is a little bit about us...

How old are you?

R- I am 9 years old

T - I'm 8

What are your hobbies?

R- Carp Fishing – Cricket - Gaming

T - Carp Fishing – Football - Gaming

When did you start fishing?

R- My dad took me fishing for the first time when I was 5 years old

T - I went with daddy when I was just 4

What is your current PB?

R - 24.12lb Mirror

T - 22.08lb Mirror

What is your Favourite Rig?

R – “Ronnie” Rig for me.... because it’s easy for me to put the bait on.... and nothing to do with my name..!

T - A Normal ‘Hair Rig’ for me, because it’s easy for me to tie (with a bit of help from dad) and I like threading the boilie on!

Favourite Fishing Lake?

R - Churchgate Lakes, Essex - because it’s clean, and all the members are really nice

T - Crow Green, Essex - because I catch lots of carp there!

What you love most about fishing?



R – Although I do like the peace and quiet, it's so exciting when my bite alarm screams off and I love it when I get a cast spot on and my dad high fives me and says "that's a bite"..!

T - I do like holding the fish, but my best bit is when my alarm rips off!

What are your goals for fishing this year?

R - I'd like to catch a new pb and beat my dad!!

T - get up earlier and get to the lake earlier and hopefully catch bigger fish!!

This month we have had one session so far, we visited Crow Green Fishery in Brentwood, Essex. A nice lake and we like the people who run it and they have two cute dogs too! We caught nine Carp and two Bream (sshhhh..!)

I caught the biggest! (Ted) 12.02lb Common (but I caught the best looking!! (Ron)) 7lb Ghost Common. We will be out again very soon!

Happy fishing and wet nets

Ron 'n' Ted

@juniorcarphunters

I am also delighted to say that both the boys have been taken on as Team Members of Seasoned Baits and Roddy Clips...!

Thanks to both companies for recognising the potential of these two and for giving junior anglers a chance at team spots, after all, they are the future of the sport, and I am certain they will be an asset to both teams. – Mark Carper

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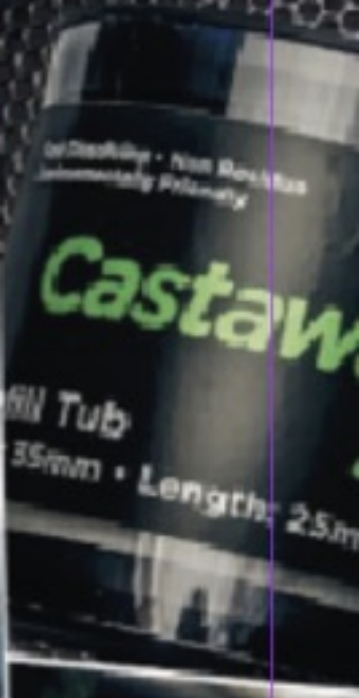
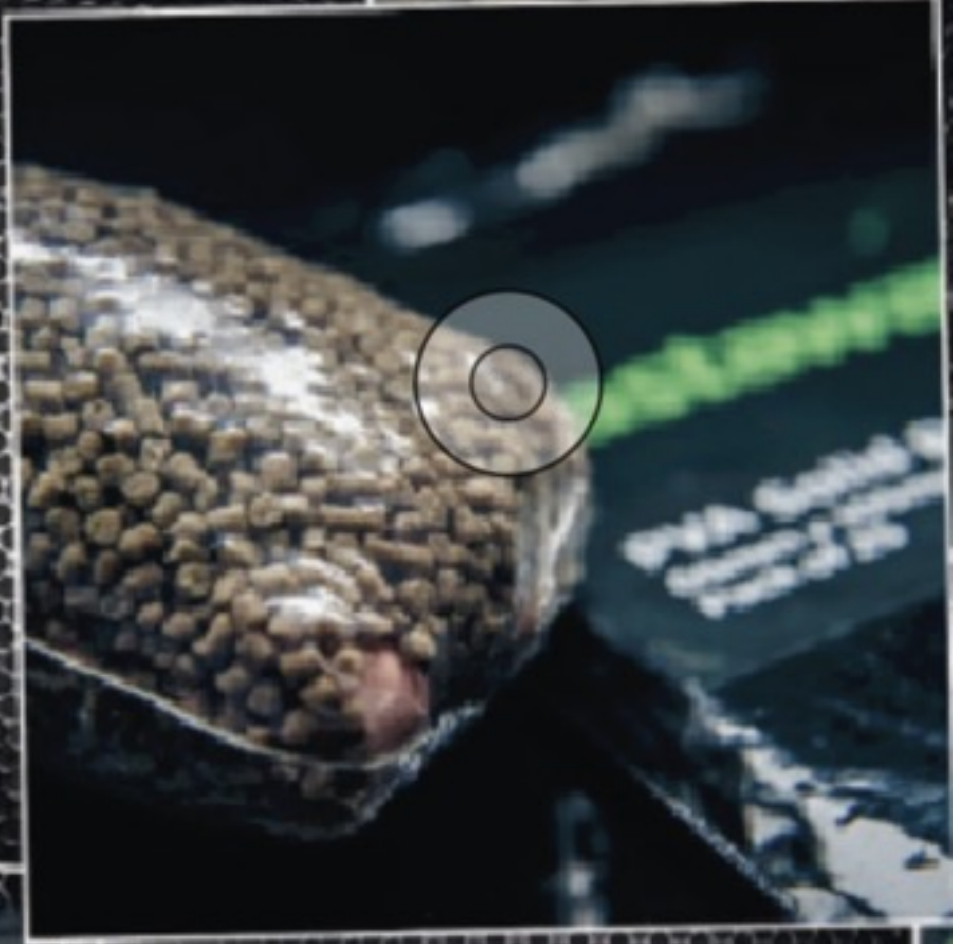


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Keep on rolling
by Dan Winfield

It's around this time of year when the bites slow down and the weather is against us that my mind starts to wander towards prepping for the warmer temperatures and the season ahead.

The buzz of catching has usually somewhat been subdued due to how hard it can be to get a bite. However, I replace it with another buzz and that is prepping everything in anticipation for what's to come.

Respooling my reels and replacing any old items of kit and tackle actually gets me pretty excited. The only thing more exciting than that is making my hook baits for the coming season.

Making your own hook baits can be a little time-consuming, and a little more effort is required, but it can be a brilliant addition to anyone's arsenal. I, personally, tend to lean towards cork ball pop-ups and always have.

It's safe to say I love DT's range of hook baits, but I've always enjoyed making my own "specials". There's something nice about playing a bigger part in your success and for me making your own hook baits is just that.

DT thankfully have that covered too with a fantastic range of bait making

products from ready-made paste to base mixes and a vast array of flavours.

Bright coloured pop-ups definitely have their place, for me, it's in the colder months when I'm fishing singles.

I've always felt many of the bites I've had at these times of year are more out of curiosity than the necessity to feed, I liken it to lure fishing for carp.

Numerous times I've observed carp and their behaviour when they are approaching fluoro/washed out singles and it's quite different from when they're feeding, which is why I've formed this opinion.

In the warmer months I like to match the hatch, however I also like my hook baits to stand out from the free offering without being glaringly obvious. I do this by using a flavour or bait spray in addition to what's



used in the paste. Don't forget there's only a thin layer of paste over the cork, so you need to impregnate the paste with slightly more attraction than the feed baits to ensure they are still pumping out the food signals for as long as possible.

Everyone has their take on these things, and I'm sure there are people reading this with a different view and experience, but these tactics have held me in good stead over the years.

So, why cork balls?

All popups will eventually take on water if they have been out in the lake for a prolonged time. Cork balls give me the confidence that my rig is presented exactly how I intend it to be and that it isn't hindered in any way by how long it's been out there.

Also, as previously mentioned they are great for giving the appearance of one of your free offerings. As the season rumbles on, carp can become more wary of certain hook baits and methods. Do they associate bright colours or something that visually stands out with danger after being caught? Who knows but one thing for sure cork ball pop-ups made using a matching paste will be harder to

pick out and harder for them to associate with danger?



How I like to make my cork ball pop-ups.

Step 1.

I usually start the process by cracking one egg into a bowl before adding a small amount of either liquid flavouring or bait spray. I then whisk the mixture thoroughly before soaking the cork balls in the concoction.

Step 2.

At this point, I would typically start sieving the base mix and adding egg albumen, but I bypass all this and use the ready-made paste supplied by DT Baits. This product is perfect and rolls exactly as it should do. This is when I use a small amount of extra flavour attractor or bait spray, needing



it into the paste. I then leave it in a bag in the fridge for an hour or so.

Step 3.

Pinch a small amount of paste off, roughly enough to cover the cork ball, remembering you want an even 2 mm all the way around. I like to work the paste a little using the palm of one hand and my fingers and thumb of the other hand. Once the paste is nice and pliable, I cover the cork ball and begin rolling it between the palms of my hands until its good and round. (Alternatively, you can cheat and use one of the CC Moore rolling tools) I then carefully place the baits

on a sheet of greaseproof paper.

Step 4.

Once I have rolled the desired number of baits, it's time to boil them.

It's essential that the hot water is vigorously boiling in the pan.

I place a number of them in a small sieve before lowering them into the boiling water. It's at this point I start the timer on my phone. 45 seconds is all you will need to reach the required firmness.

Step 5.

I place the boiled baits on a cooling rack next to an open window before transferring them to an air dry bag. I then hang the bag and dry the baits out for around 3 to 4 days.



Step 6.

The baits can now be put into pots. I tend not to over fill the pots, so the baits can move freely. This is because I like giving them a good blast of the matching bait spray before screwing the lid on and giving them a good shake to ensure they are all glazed before sticking them in the freezer. I repeat the glazing process once every week or so until I'm ready to use them.

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because I like giving them a good blast of the matching bait spray before screwing the lid on and giving them a good shake to ensure they are all glazed before sticking them in the freezer. I repeat the glazing process once every week or so until I'm ready to use them. I hope this helps you if you have ever thought about making a pot of your own hand rolled specials...

All the best,

Dan.





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Winter Carp Fishing
by Richard Handel



Fishing for carp is certainly a hard task in the Winter. In reality, it only starts in January for me as December is mild these days and I always take the holiday season off with the family. I then start full-on in January.

This year I will be concentrating my efforts on Meadow Lake and hope the lockdown days are over. It will be nice to have another go, as maybe it's time to find another winter water, but it will need to have the right appeal. I will still stay a member here as I love the Airfield Lake so much and I also have the School Lake for those short days I so love doing this time of year.

The Late 90's

My approach is small food items, not too much until I locate

them and they are up for a feed. I then pile it in. I have to bear in mind that if others are fishing and they will soon work it out as well. You may have to be a bit sneaky and arrive before they do or even set up in the dark, but once you've had your fill, it's nice to step away and let other enjoy themselves.

I spend a lot of the dark hours up and about and then have a good lie in the next morning. Some people think I'm missing out on the carp showing themselves at first light, but I've already located them and moved swim or my rods. Sometimes, I may need to wait until another angler has gone home, I do find it hard moving swims in the

Winter, despite my reduction in the tackle I take, so I may just take note and fish in that area next time in out (generally the following week). I'm lucky with this lake, as a number of swims have parking behind them.

If you get the opportunity, prebaiting works very well in Winter, but stick to a few boilies here and walk around the lake a few times a week, even better.

High water level

Finding a trusted fellow angler is also a perfect solution, especially if you don't fish the same nights as each other



and you pool your information. This definitely will help you and they get some carp on the bank.

I've written about keeping warm in winter, staying comfortable is a very important part of winter fishing and I feel that can be a key part. I get very cold feet and I've spent numerous Winter's trying to solve this issue. My issue is that I live in wellies a lot and my feet freeze in them. So, I've taken to when I'm in the bivvy putting my feet on a dog thermal mattress, this has helped a lot, it keeps your feet off the ground a few inches and away from the cold floor.

Setting up in the dark can take its toll on you over the years and it did finally for me. It's the constant setting up and packing away in the dark hour, it's really hard going. A

couple of years back, I started to do two nights, this made the setting up in the day feel a lot more worth it for me again and that really paid off over the last few winters.

However, with missing out on last winter (due to the lockdown), I'm finding it a lot more of a struggle this year, as the Christmas break is just around the corner, sometimes it is worth having a break, resetting the clock and going full-on again once all the festivities have passed. If you can get a few fish under your belt the motivation will pour out.

Another way, I've found to deal with the lack of motivation

is to consider the 23rd December as the shortest day, once that has passed,

you're back in the swing of it, Spring is ever closer, use the Christmas/New Year holidays as a natural break. After a few years of doing this, I began to realize that Winter is very short, the crowded lakes will be back again sooner than you were hoping for and you will be longing for those long Winter nights!

I hope this gives you a bit of motivation to get out over the winter months, when the carp look stunning and the rewards are certainly out there, with the empty banks.

Until next time

Richard



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When The Effort Pays Off

by Chris Flack



I got off to a great start on my new syndicate catching some stunning scaly carp up to 26lb from pit 3 and with three lakes at my disposal I was spoilt for choice, but pit 2 was my nemesis having fished 12 nights with no reward. I was determined to put that right. It was early July and after a family holiday, I still had a bit of time off before I was due back to work and once I'd got the ok from misses I had 3 nights booked in. The bait was prepped and the rods sorted, all that was left to do was load the van ready for the morning .

The morning soon arrived and with the excitement of chasing some big carp and I was soon on my way up the M3 towards Farnborough. Luckily the traffic was on my side and I was soon at the gate. Once in

I headed down the gravel track to the car park, and being midweek it was pretty quiet and there was only 3 cars on. As I pulled up I see one angler loading his gear into his car I stopped for a quick chat. He told me he didn't catch but did see plenty of fish showing all over the lake. We said our goodbyes and I grabbed my bucket and went for a look around the lake. I had a area in mind where I wanted to fish so I headed in that direction . On my way my round I bumped into the

crayfish man who was emptying the traps from the lake as they are plagued by the little buggers and in his bucket was a female and she was a whopper too... about 10 inches long and pretty impressive but I wasn't there for the crays it was the carp I was after and I soon heading off towards the area I fancied.

It wasn't long before I found them, and the area had plenty of bubbles coming up, almost like a Jacuzzi in places and soon followed by a few topping plus that swim



was free... 'result'. I stood and watched for a while to make sure I was happy with my choice before getting the gear from the van. Once back in the swim I cast out the marker float to find some clear spots. With the lake being weedy it wasn't easy finding any but after a bit of time I managed to find a gravel bar about 40 yards out, that will do for the middle rod. I didn't even get a chance to get the other rods out as the heavens opened and I had to take shelter in the bivvy. Once the rain passed I cast the remaining rods out and baited up, it was now time for a brew, and after reading a few chapters from my favourite book Terry Hearn's 'Still Searching', and with the fact the lake is known for its big scaly carp I was feeling inspired but the first

2 nights passed with no action. I was feeling a little frustrated with fish still showing in front of me. I knew I was in the right area. Sipping on a brew I was thinking about a move, or do I change rigs or even put out some more bait out but I didn't need to do any of it as my delkim on my middle rod let out that delightful tune. I was in after 14 nights. I was finally in to a pit 2 carp and it felt a goodun



too but joy soon turn into disaster as the hook pulled!! Feeling deflated and gutted I sat back down on the bedchair, head in my hands. Why does it hurt so much when

you lose a fish? I sat there for a while just looking out at the lake and thinking why? The hook felt sharp so worries on that part. I finally got myself together and cast a fresh rig back on the spot and catapulted out a few boilies and waited. About an hour had passed when I had a few bleeps on the middle rod and what happened next was truly amazing the 14 night blank was about to be a distance memory the middle rod went into meltdown! This time I was determined to land it. The carp was doing its best to find weed bed after weed bed. I was praying to the carp gods to take pity on an angler down on his luck, as the fish edged closer to the safety of the landing net. It took one final dive into a weed bed in the left-hand margin and then everything went solid



moment but keeping the pressure on I teased it back slowly towards the net. A big lump of weed surfaced and not knowing if the fish was still on I just dipped the net down and scooped the whole lot up, and as the net came up I could the tail of a carp flip over the net cord.... she was mine!!

Ripping the weed away revealed a huge set of shoulders on a mirror carp and it looked big, very big. Thinking I recognised which fish it was I quickly got the weigh sling and scales ready and once everything was set, I hoisted her out of the water and onto the landing mat. Looking old but stunning she felt rough to the touch and covered in scars. One of the other anglers came round and he knew straight away which fish she was and confirmed

my guess. I caught ANNIE, the oldest and one of the most sought after carp in the lake and is said to be over 50 years old. I remembered when I first started on the syndicate my mate Ian showed a photo of her and we both said we would love to catch her. Totally overjoyed she weighed in at 36lb 8oz and is a new personal best and is such a memorable capture. After the photos were done she was returned to her watery home, a few phone calls were made to my mate and wife to inform them of my achievement was then followed by a steak dinner and a couple of beers as a celebration... and the action didn't end there! On my final morning the right-hand rod

was away and after a short battle a 30lb 8oz common was my reward. What a great trip this had turned into. When I look back, I can truly believe all the that effort really had paid off especially when you think like most anglers having limited time when trying to juggle family life ,work commitments and carp fishing. So, my point is keep going, never doubt yourself, keep putting the effort in and it will happen and it is totally worth it . Until next time tight lines and be lucky

Chris.



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Ladies Carp Academy

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Set up and launched in 2017 by Bev Clifford, the Ladies Carp Academy was the first of its' kind has grown from strength to strength and is in part, responsible for the influx of female anglers now regularly on the banks... I say 'In Part' because you must also credit the England Ladies Carp Team and that of the Welsh Ladies too, who have also been a driving force to encourage female anglers to take up the sport.

There has been Ladies and Mixed Carp competitions for a good few years now, but to be fair, 'Match' Angling isn't for everyone and that is where the Ladies Carp Academy has excelled in enabling those that take part to have the confidence to venture out on their own and target the Carp as a hobby.

Pool Bridge Farm Fishery, specifically 'Q Lake', was the first ever venue back in 2017 that saw twelve ladies take part in the inaugural event and they were coached by some of the members of the England Ladies Carp Team, including Miss Clifford herself.



Since that event, and even with the interruptions of 2020, the LCA has grown and now has several events a year at some special venues too.

The Academy also now offers 'Female Only Socials' as an alternative to their Coaching Sessions so, whether you are an accomplished angler, someone looking to 'have a go' or anywhere in between, the Ladies Carp Academy could be just what you are looking for and you can find everything you need to know on their Social Media or Website....!

Some of the events planned for 2022 are;

19th - 20th March – Wraysbury Lake, Hut Island - SKILLS WEEKEND

6th – 8th May - Acorn Fishery, Somerset - SKILLS WEEKEND

24th - 26th June - Ashbury Fisheries - The Mere & Top Lake - SOCIAL

29th – 31st July – Girton Complex, Cove Lake - CASTING & RIG WEEKEND

19th – 21st August - Pool Bridge Farm, York - SKILLS WEEKEND

...and don't forget, you can see (and hear) Bev and some of the England Ladies Carp Team live on stage at the Northern Angling Show on Saturday 26th February.

In another 'first' Talking Carp Magazine will have a dedicated section each month to the Ladies Carp Academy for the participants to showcase their catches and each month we also feature one of the anglers, so, ladies, make sure you get those catch reports into us.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LadiesCarpAcademy>

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Amy Emery

This lovely mirror was caught from B2 at the Linear Fishery. I was there fishing as part of a Charity Match of "Girls vs Boys" I had five carp in total but this 28.8lb Mirror was by far the prettiest...! Caught on a presentation of a Solid Bag, filled with Nash 'Scopex Squid' 2mm Pellet with a little Scopex Squid crumb for good measure and simple but effective 'Blow-Back' rig (with a rig ring) topped with Fake Corn... The pics were taken by my teammate for the event, an honorary lady, Terry Wood.





Jo Higginson

I fished a team competition between the ladies at M Lake at Poolbridge Farm in York.

As the Carp in this particular lake are on the smaller side, we decided to downscale our tackle and try the Method Feeder as a tactic... which for me definitely proved a worthwhile option as I landed nine fish over the twenty-four hour session, including a double take, with the biggest Carp weighing in at 16lb....!





Charlie Myhill

I arrived at Berners Hall for my First 'Ladies Carp Academy' social.

It was a new venue for myself, and I got to work finding somewhere to place my rigs.

With the area in front of me being pretty much the same all over, I opted to fish 'Spinner' Rigs in a weed-bed that I found close in and attached a 'Yellow Ones' Sticky Baits Pop-Up.

It was early morning and I started to get a lot of liners when suddenly, I was forced out of my bed by a screaming take..... My first Berners Hall Carp and a beautiful Common tipping in at 21lbs



Sam Hoskins

Here are a couple of nice ones from the Ladies Carp Academy social at Berners Hall, in Essex earlier this year. Great event, a really fun 48 hours with the girls, BBQ and social and fishing for some cracking Carp.

I managed 2 fish on the session, 19lb and 36.8lb Mirrors caught on solid bags filled with Mainline Baits Spod and PVA Pellet Mix with Essential Cell Pop-Ups.

I fished into the shallow bay on a clear area about two rod lengths off the bank. PB Products 'Jelly Wire' hook link and a size 6 Barbless Jungle Hook staying strong through an epic battle in the weed...!





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*KATRAN -
Fantom Fluorocarbon Line*



Review by Mark Carper

Before I get into this review let me introduce you to, Katran Fishing Line, the Company...!!

Katran Fishing Line Company is Europe's Premium Manufacturer of, yes, you've guessed it, Fishing Line and Hook Links...!!!

Their International presence and Team of Professional Anglers, Experts and Consultants are responsible for Designing, Testing and Approving, Top Quality products with unique and specialist characteristics, all made from High-Quality Innovative Materials.... and amazingly, here in the UK, they are hardly heard of or indeed known...

...even more amazingly, I am one of the UK 'Experts' and I have been using their Line for around five years now.

A Bit of History...

My first encounter with the products from the company was while on a trip to France many years back and I needed some new Main Line as the snags in a particular water I was on had literally destroyed the line I was using and stupidly, I was not carrying any spare...



...One of the French lads I had met up with kindly took me to a local tackle shop and that was my first encounter of Katran. Since that trip, I have used their Main Line and Hook Link on and off as it was always difficult to find in the UK but for nearly five years now, I have had a good supplier and used their products exclusively and in 2021, I was offered a sponsored angler team spot as an 'Expert'...!

Each month in the new 'Katran Review' section of the magazine, I will be reviewing one or two products at a time and take you through the fantastic range they do, from their 'Chameleon' Main Line that under their special 'Blue Light' Glows like you wouldn't believe and makes seeing your line at the point it enters the water when night fishing a breeze, especially useful if you are out in the dark in a boat for example...to their fantastic range of Hook Link Material, both Coated and Uncoated, Sinking, Floating and even Weed Camo... and then there is the range of Snag and Shock Leaders, both Braided and Mono, including Tapered, Marker and Spod Braids, Duo-Braids, Zig Line, Chain-Core and of course, the one for this review, their brilliant Fluorocarbon, "FANTOM"... oh, and they have a range of accessories too, which I will also cover....phew..!!



Fantom – Fluorocarbon Hook Link

The FANTOM is the flagship Fluorocarbon line. Made using only 100% Premium Japanese manufactured Fluorocarbon, Fantom sinks four-times faster than Mono and the technologies that are used ensure that Fantom is virtually invisible in all waters.

It is super Anti-Abrasive and has a superior Knot Strength too. It is equally effective in Carp fishing where stealth is required and for use in constructing the 'CHOD' rig or even to Crimp to make 'Booms' for the Spinner Rig, as it is for use as a Leader for when you are Predator fishing... yes that's right, I did say 'Crimp'...have a read of my Review of the Roddy Clips 'Crimps and Crimp Tool' and all will be explained..(it's in this issue..!)

This high-quality Fluorocarbon is available in no less than NINE, variations, from the thinnest at 0.20mm with a 5.66lb breaking strain up to the 0.50mm heavy weight with a breaking strain of 29.73lb, and the latter is the one I use for all my 'Ronnie Booms'...!!!

The .30 and .35 both make excellent Hook Links and give enough suppleness to the rig to make it very effective and a great alternative on venues that do not allow Braided Hook Links, or just to use something a bit different...

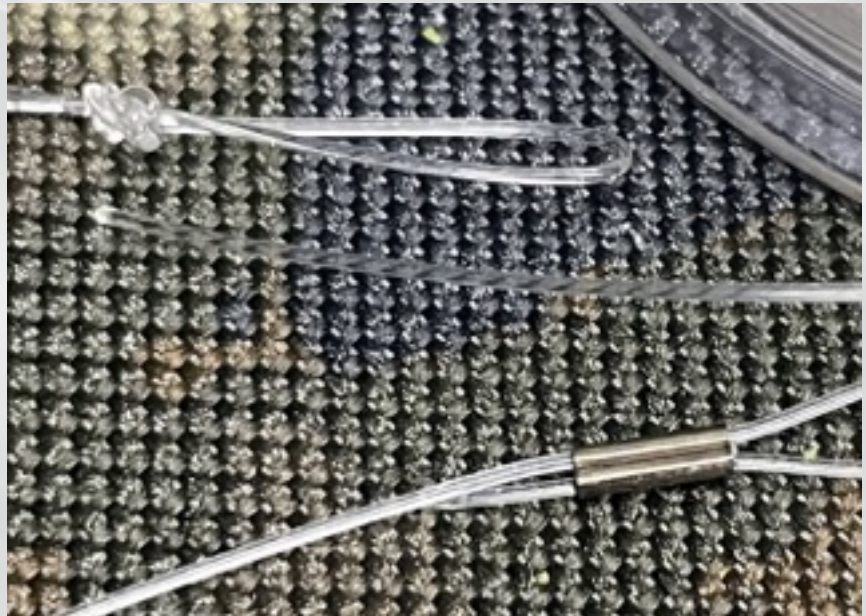
.....The .40 and .45 along with everything below these diameters, are easy to knot and even, doing a 'Figure 8 Loop' the knot is minimal and presents well, but has a great knot strength.



All diameters are sold on spools containing 30m of the line and each spool has a plastic retaining clip to help stop the line freefalling when you are measuring out the length you require.

The following Breaking Strains are available in the Fantom range;

5.66lb - 0.20mm
7.78lb - 0.23mm
9.36lb - 0.25mm
11.35lb - 0.28mm
12.62lb - 0.30mm
16.57lb - 0.35mm
19.33lb - 0.40mm
24.13lb - 0.45mm
29.73lb - 0.50mm



My Choice...

On a personal note, I use the .50mm as my go to “boom” section for a Ronnie presentation and have successfully landed Carp to 38lb on this rig and I also use the same diameter line to create my ‘Chods’ although I am not a huge user of this type of presentation I have good success whilst using it and find that the ‘curve’ is easy to create and retain in the Hook Link and it still has the softness to knot on to the swivel with ease. If I want a ‘stiffer’ Chod rig, I have used the .35mm or the .40mm, “Doubled-Over” to create a ‘Double-Stiff’ Chod (something that I was shown a few years back and have used with success on some tricky venues), however, you do need to match it with a hook size that will take the line ‘twice’ through the eye...!

If you would like to ask about a product or want some recommendations, feel free to drop me a message on my Instagram @mark_carper257 and I will be happy to help.

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Katran Fishing Line Company – Mono Main Line

Review by Mark Carper

My first introduction to the **Katran** name was when I was in France and needed to replace my Main Line as the weed and snags in the water I was fishing at the time had completed savaged the line I was using...and like a fool, I'd not taken any spare spools with me, a mistake I have never made since...!!!

On visiting a local Tackle Shop with one of the French anglers I was fishing with, I was pointed in the direction of the Katran stand..." Who...?!" I said, "I've never heard of them, have you got anything I have heard of...?!!!"

The lad I was with gave a glowing report of the line and indeed, it was what he was using, and the shop owner couldn't say enough about how good it was, or at least I guess that was what he was doing as I couldn't understand a word of it.... Something else that I have since rectified, although fluent I am not...!!!

The line was Katran '**Synapse**' **Carp** in 15.7lb breaking strain.... I went on to find out that the company, Katran Fishing Line, was in fact Europe's Premium Manufacturer of Lines and Hook Links...so, I gave it a go....

Back at the rods, I spooled up the line and was immediately impressed with how well it went on and the supple feel that it had. I then used the line for the remainder of the trip with no drama and on arriving back in the UK decided to keep the line on the spools and use it for the rest of the year and during this time I searched to see if I could purchase it in the UK, but I



was out of luck as not only could I not find a stockist, everyone I spoke to hadn't even heard of it...!!

The line performed fine, and in truth, I never really paid that much attention to it as it wasn't giving me a problem. Minimal line twist under normal use, it was casting well, sinking well and I was catching Carp, so nothing to worry about there then.... Until that was, I decided to change my reels and I could still not source the line in the UK. At this time, I had not been back to France for a while and unusually, I had kept the same line on the spools for a couple of seasons, I say unusually as I normally, and still do, change my line annually, regardless of the condition and sometimes, I would change it twice a year, especially if I had fished particularly weedy or snaggy waters, as most UK venues ban Braid and Snag Leaders.

Anyway, the upshot to all this was I asked one of the French Lads to send me over some of the line and what arrived was to change my view of line and is what has led me to write this article...

What arrived was **Katran 'SYNAPSE – Wild Carp'** in 15.5lb breaking strain.... This .328mm diameter supple line was by far the best line I had ever used, and believe me, I have used lots..!

Now, according to the information provided by Katran, this line is specially designed for Wild and Grass Carp at range, so basically, waters that are nothing like the usual Day Ticket places found in the UK.

The line has a very Low Stretch of around 10-12%, which significantly increases the line responsiveness when in contact



with the Carp and, it is Fast Sinking and hugs the bottom contours too. It has an extremely Anti-Abrasive Coating, that is 'Unique to Katran' and this improves the durability and life of the line, and it is Dark Green in colour, although spooled up it appears almost Black.... And trust me, the line lives up to or exceeds all the claims that Katran make...!

Synapse Wild Carp, is considered by Katran as one of the best lines for UK conditions, especially, where you have the need a low diameter line to allow you to cast at distance, but still have the toughness of a highly abrasive resistant line and if you don't need the casting ability, this line is now available in 0.467mm diameter with an incredible 35lb BS, which incidentally, is the largest diameter line in the Katran Range.

I have used and recommended this line for several years now and the reason I rate it so highly is because it has 'never' let me down, even after being dragged across gravel, weed, and even sunken branches... the knot strength is phenomenal, and it casts like a dream too...!

Synapse Wild Carp is available in the following Breaking Strains;

14.40 lb	0.305 mm	1000m
15.50 lb	0.328 mm	1000m
20.50 lb	0.365 mm	800m
35.00 lb	0.467 mm	800m



Crypton

So, there you have it, from a brand I had never heard of to being totally committed and fully trusting of a Mono Main Line, that let's face it, is crucial to what we do.... I genuinely did not think my choice of Main Line could get any better.... Until, that is, I was introduced to 'CRYPTON CARP'.....!

Being from Katran, obviously the Crypton Carp line is of the highest quality in terms of materials and manufacturing but the ratio of the lines Diameter to its' Breaking Strain is the best among the Katran range.... My preferred choice is the 15.5lb at just .309mm diameter as I find this suits all my fishing venues, even abroad.

As you would expect from a high-end product from Katran that uses advanced technologies for both material and manufacture, the line is very high abrasion resistance, is smooth and supple which helps it pass through the Rod Rings with ease and that then helps with those extra yards for that long distance fishing.

The line also has a polished surface, which protects it from dust and dirt and enables it to stay clean and smooth for longer.

The Bulk Spools are packed and sold in metal cans. This is to ensure that during transportation and storage, it is protected from UV and Mechanical damage, meaning it reaches you in the same high quality as it left the factory... and the Spools have 'markers'



every 250m too.

But aside from the high quality, this line has another trick up its sleeve that again is unique to the Katran stable... Crypton Carp has an innovative **Light Reflection** technology, which masks the fishing line on any bottom and gives it its 'Chameleon' like appearance.

Above the water, the line appears almost transparent, but once immersed, it changes depending on the colour of the bottom, making it almost invisible to even the most cautious of fish and when you do hook one, you can be assured that the High Knot Strength and Low Stretch of 13% to 14% and Low Memory will put you in full contact and full control, giving you confidence in any situation.

Crypton Carp is available in the following sizes although there is also a **Crypton Symbios**, which goes down to 7.79lb, 9.54lb and 11.69lb also.

12.78 lb	0.286mm	1000 m
15.5 lb	0.309mm	1000 m
17.5 lb	0.331mm	1000 m



...and there's more...

The Under-Water Camouflage properties of this line are amazing but that isn't the end of it... what it can do 'Above' the water is truly amazing.... You will need to read next month's issue to find out about that though... or you can simply head over to <https://katran.eu/> right now and find out about all their top quality products...!

Katran Fishing Line do a whole host of Main Lines and Hook Links and much more besides and over the coming months, I will be reviewing a full range of products. For the record, I am sponsored by Katran, and I make no secret or apology about that and the reason I was offered the sponsorship was due to the fact I have been dedicated to using and promoting their products for many years and I am delighted to be part of such a great team.

If you would like further information how to get hold of the products, drop me a message in my Instagram [@mark_carper257](https://www.instagram.com/mark_carper257) or an email to m.galli@talkingcarp.co.uk and I will point you in the right direction... If you are a Sales business based in the UK and would like to have some samples of the products, with a view to stocking them, just drop me a message.

https://katran.eu/fishing_line





Roddy Clips...and So Much More...

Product Review by Mark Carper



Way Back in 2020.... Yes, I know it isn't really "way back" but it certainly feels like that thanks to a small virus we all became very familiar with called 'Covid-19' and its' many variants....

...Anyway, way back in 2020, I happened across a fledgling company on Instagram called 'Roddy Clips'...! My initial attraction was fired-up due to the fact they were offering 3-D Printed 'Clips Sets' that fitted precisely to a range of 'Telescopic Butt Section' Rods from both Nash and Sonik.

It's no secret I absolutely love my Nash Tackle 'Black Ops' 9ft and 6ft Sawn-Offs and I was soon in communication with Stephen at Roddy Clips to see if they had a set that suited my rods.

At that time, they didn't but they rectified that within a week and sent me a set to try for one of the nine footers... The clips fitted perfectly, and I placed an order for a full set of clips for both sets of rods and the rest, as they, is history...!

Since then, I have written a review in here and publicised and recommended the clips on my social media and I have kept in touch Stephen, the founder of the company and watched the product range





grow.

The 'clips' are unique to them but like many other small companies, they have strived to expand their range of products with one eye on the price... Now, I'm not a fan of the word "Carp Tax" as I feel like anything that has a 'Brand' Name behind it, you always pay a premium and let's face it, the consumer sets the price really, because it us the consumer that buys it...!

As Carp Anglers, if we feel something is "Over-Priced" we can always walk-away, we don't have to buy the product and if enough of us did this, the price would have to drop, or the product would simply disappear... imagine that...!!

But we don't do that, we simply purchase the product and then moan about 'Carp Tax'...but that is just my take on it...

...Now back to why I am writing this... The one thing Roddy Clips has always strived for is the best quality at the lowest price, but don't confuse this with the 'cheapest price' as that was never the aim... The lowest price simply means they are prepared to take a hit on their profit margin but not on their quality of product... and this shows massively on their latest release of their very own 'Double Crimps' and 'Crimping Tool'.

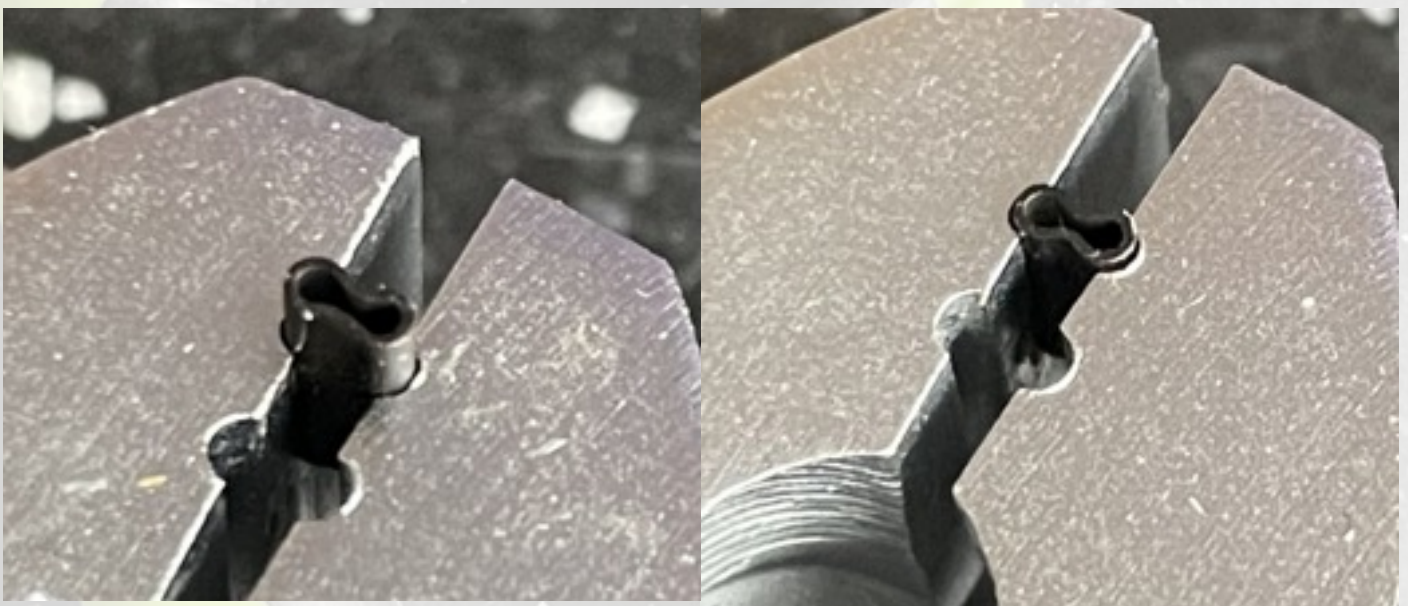
We all know about this simple system and just how effective it is to create super-strong Rigs and Roddy Clips have not reinvented the wheel, they have simply sourced an extremely high-quality set of components and decided to sell them at a lower margin, so that the angler can make an informed choice and save a few quid in the process, if they so wish.... That said, many anglers will want to stick with the 'fashionable' brands and that is their choice, my reason for writing this is to simply add my opinion, for what it is worth, of the alternative product that Roddy Clips are offering...and I have to say, it is a very high opinion indeed...!

The Crimps & Tool

I am fortunate that my Line and Hook Link sponsor, Katran, make the perfect 'Crimpable' Fluorocarbon called "Fantom" and yes, I do know that Korda state that their crimps are not recommended to be used on Fluoro, but believe me, the combination of the Roddy Crimps and Katran Fantom works perfectly and is extremely strong, as strong as Korda Boom, just a little more flexible.

The Crimps

I have tested the Crimps and the Fantom to destruction and the failure has never been slippage at the crimp, the failure has always been at least 1cm to 2cm above the crimp, which was the same result when testing the,



shall we say, 'branded' set-up...!

The Hook Link in question from Katran is the **0.50mm in 13.49kg BS** (Just under 30lb in old money...!) and I used the **0.60mm Crimps**. For testing purposes, I used both the "Korda Krimp" Tool and the new Crimp Tool from Roddy Clips, and the results were the same.... For the record, I have also tested the crimps on the **30lb Fluorocarbon 'Clear-Tech'** from "**Rig-It- Tackle**" and again, they all worked perfectly together... I have used both Fluorocarbon lines on numerous occasions and landed Carp to 38lb on a 'Ronnie' type setup with the Fluoro acting as the 'Boom Section'.... I have total faith in the setup and the materials.

The crimps from Roddy Clips have that satisfying 'CLICK' when you crimp them down and I can honestly say, I have not had any that the holes were blocked or too small to pass the line through, which I have had with both the 'Branded' and not so well-known ones. For comparison purposes, I have used twenty-six of the Crimps from Roddy Clips while testing rigs and fishing.

The feel of the crimps in the tool are soft and they appear to crush down much the same as the better-known ones, with no visible damage to the line. I did make a few test rigs using the Korda Boom and the results were the same, with no concerns of drama.

The Tool

Slightly shorter in length than the Korda version, the Roddy Clips 'Crimping Tool' feels much more solid in the hand...this could be due to the head of the tool being slightly wider than the Korda one and the fact that the whole tool weighs in at 128g, which is 19g heavier than the Korda set...they feel a more solid tool and better quality in the hand.

Add to that the 'Grips' on the Roddy Clips version are thicker, and this again, just feels much more solid, and the 'Curve' of the handles also feels more natural in your hand and makes for a better grip and user experience. Overall, they look and feel a better tool for the job...!

They have the two 'Crimp Channels' in the head with the top hole being the one for the smaller 0.6mm Crimps and the other hole for the 0.7mm (obviously...!) and they also have the 'Cutter' facility just below the holes.

Using them is no different from the Korda version, other than the whole experience just feels more positive and they work equally well with the crimps from either company, so if you have the Korda and fancy a replacement, these will do the job nicely.

Conclusion

So, there you have it, my honest opinion of a couple of new products from Stephen at Roddy Clips. I admit that the items I used were sent to me free of charge, and specifically for me to 'try out', but I will also state that I am free to write an honest review and if the items were not up to standard I would say exactly that, or more likely, I would not have bothered writing a review in the first place and simply not purchased anything else from Roddy Clips and I certainly would not promote them on my Social Media...!

If you are happy with the '(K)rimps' and Tool you currently use, then there is no real reason to change, other than to save a little money the next time you need to replenish your Crimps, however, if you've not used Crimps before and are looking to start knocking-up a few 'Booms' for your rigs, and want a very neat and strong setup, then you should seriously consider the Roddy Clips offerings.

You can find these and the full range of products that Roddy Clips offer at

<https://www.rodyclips.co.uk/shop>

Roddy Clips Hooks....

Another “new to the range” product from Roddy Clips is a ‘HEX’ Hook in both Barbed and Barbless and in three different sizes of each. I absolutely love this pattern of hook as I have had so much success with it, with amazing rock-solid Hook Holds and it is now the only hook pattern I use... In the March Issue, I will be doing a full review of these Hooks and they will be featuring on my social media from next week, along with a few other new items that Roddy Clips have added to their range.

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Is camouflage really the way to go?
By Anthony Wood

There has been so much research into whether fish see UV, etc and it certainly seems to work in the sea fishing world with UV and luminous beads, etc. We even use bright fluorescent pop ups to attract carp to our hook bait.

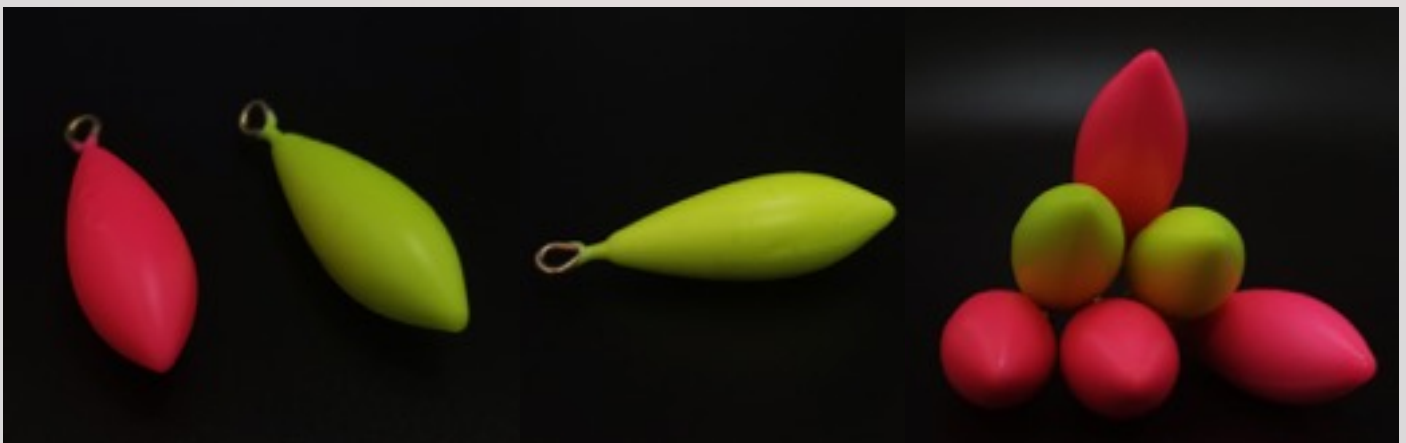
However, we seem obsessed with hiding the fishing weight, we've used moss, gravel, dirt, twigs, etc to hide the fishing weight, we've even used stones (which is a much more eco-friendly option) as a natural weight.

If, however, fish are attracted to fluoro, UV, etc, why not use the fishing weight to our advantage?

There are several "famous" fishing names that have used pink fishing weights, cage feeders, etc so this isn't something new. It is however, something that for some reason has never really taken off due to the camo brigade attitude.

I've been using C Weights Glow Grippers in my sea fishing for a while now with some great results from areas that previously hadn't produced. You may say that it is coincidence but from experimenting I truly believe that these glow grippers have made a difference.

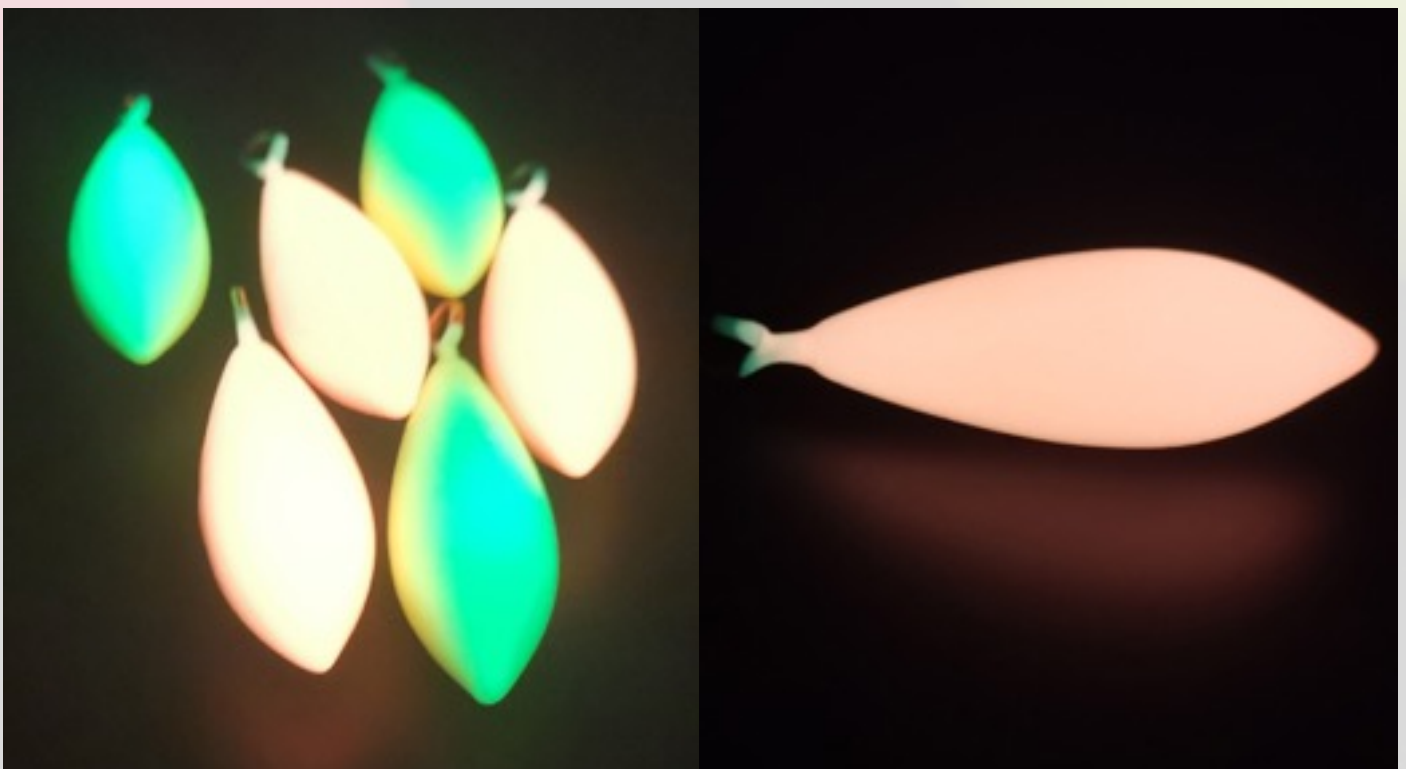
Recently C Weights has started producing coated distance weights that are perfect for carp fishing so I just had to get some for myself and I can say the quality is brilliant, they also hold a charge from the sun or a uv torch.



Do they make a difference? I think so, I certainly seem to get more interest on the rig that has a glowing weight attached to it than the one with a standard weight. Why not get yourself some and see for yourself whether they make a difference in your fishing or not!

When it comes to fishing with weights, there is a huge argument going on at the moment regarding the use of lead as a fishing weight but whether you agree with finding an alternative material for using as fishing weights, using stones or you don't believe in any of it and think lead is fine, the one thing I do agree with is that dropping the lead on purpose should be banned, if you are fishing a lake that has that much weed and snags that you need to get the fish up asap, is that not fishing at any cost regardless of the fishes safety? Add to that, that deliberately dropping the lead is actually against the law and is classed as littering and it becomes fairly obvious that dropping the lead is not a good idea (besides the cost soon adds up if you are dropping a lead each time, I don't even drop the lead in sea fishing)

You can find them at www.instagram.com/cweightglowgrippers or on their Facebook page www.facebook.com/cweightsfishing





Access2AnglingUK New Products
By Anthony Wood

You may remember a while ago I did a review of Access2AnglingUK and their superb Strawberry boilies that were catching carp all over the fisheries in South Wales, they have now expanded to be able to offer their superb range to the whole of the UK.

I thought I needed to revisit the brand as they have recently brought out some new products in the range that they are offering and again the carp are loving them.

Before I get on to the new products, I just had to give the deliciously smelling Strawberry Milkshake Boilies and the matching booster liquid another mention. As you can see from the photo the booster liquid is nice and thick and releases the amazing attractor scents that were used to create the mix.

The boilies are made to be a go to bait all year round and have been made with a well-tested mix of milk proteins, bird foods and nuts to give an optimum balance of attraction and nutrition that will leave the fish coming back for more in all weathers.

Moving on to the new products...



After a lot of testing by the promotional team and the new signature boilie “The Fishy One” has been released. Containing lots of high protein easily digestible fish products to give maximum attraction, scent and digestibility this is one that is sure to have the fish coming back for more.

The next product and the one I really like is the brand new for 2022 Spicy Chorizo Smoke Bombs. These superb little packets of PVA attraction are about the size of a golf ball and these have been tested and tested again to get the mix right.

Inside the PVA bag you will find a selection of fishmeal pellets that have been scented with Spicy Chorizo and then infused with Access2AnglingUK’s signature smoke which gives off a big red haze. Once the PVA has melted you are left with a perfect little bundle of attraction around your hook bait.

Access2AnglingUK are also looking for new promotional team members, in exchange for using their products, sending in catch reports and providing feedback (they actually listen to the feedback of their team members and act on it if needed unlike some brands), you will also get a discount off the products as an incentive/thank you. Simply send them a message and tell them you are interested in becoming a team member and they will give you more information.

You can buy the products on their website www.access2angling.co.uk and why not give their social media pages a follow for catch reports and new release notifications. www.facebook.com/Access2AnglingUK or www.instagram.com/access2anglinguk





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**Charlotte with the first of the year from her syndicate.
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Carl Crippin



“Turning up at the lake it was blowing a gale and hammering it down with rain. After a quick walk round the lake I decided to fish in the deeper water where the wind was blowing into. After finding a couple of clean areas I baited up with 1/2 kg of the test bait from EVG Baits and Particles on both spots. I fished a Banutz pop up on a Ronnie rig on one rod and a Octoberry pop up wafter style on the other rod. After having to recast both rod's during the night as the wind was blowing weed down the lake into my lines, at first light my left hand rod ripped off and after a battle of 10 minutes or more I had a lovely Estate lake common lying in my net with a Banutz pop up hanging out of the corner of her mouth. We put her on the scales and she was 23lb on the nose. One happy angler.”



Simon Ursell

After two losses, I managed to have this golden beaut sulking in the net. A Lovely lil scrap by the margin and in she went.

Second out this year and loved it, ProbaitsUK Indian spice pop up that enticed them

Ian Yabsley



I was fishing to a clear spot 40 yards out with a 12mm Octoberry Pop Up from EVG Baits & Particles using my own made Ronnie rigs! These were on a 25lb stiff boom with a size 6 pukka

krank hook, with a blob of putty to hold it all down!

I used a small bag of crumbed up Octoberry and pellet with a few Octoberry freebies as well! The fish took off and gave me a good fight before gracing the net at a very respectful 34lb 10oz this stunning mirror is known as white tip and you can see why in the photos!

David

Pendegrass



First of the new year at 30lb on the button, A2 Baits Banoffee wafter getting the first from the lake since November. The lake froze over the next day !

Louis Neil



“Well what a session that turned out to be landed 15 fish in 48 hour which is more than most people do in a season on this lake, landed the biggest fish in the lake at 33lb 6oz within an hour of being there, had my first double take on this lake when I had the black spot common, but the other fish

managed to get out the net it was only a small common. I had my first ever triple take! A mid and upper double common, landed 3 out of 5 of my target fish for the year and 1 of them might not even exist!

Peter Conn

Getting to my local water just before light and setting up in the deeper area of the lake. A few hours past without a bite. So, I couldn't sit behind still rods. After Getting everything on the barrow I had a wander around the lake. I opted for a shallower and snaggy area. couple of handfuls of triple M mix from CarpParticlesUK and A small pva mesh ball of pellets and crushed nutz and wicked white boillie with a pear drops pop up on a ronnie rig managed to trip up this beautiful 20lb 4oz common. Which is also my 1st ever winter 20



Steven Gregg



bells mill
hadn't been
fishing the
best as the
cold spells
had just
began, I began
the session
by spodding
out 4 spombs
consisting
of dead red
maggots
casters and

hemp just off the island.

A few hour into the session and I noticed the spot began to cloud up, I knew there was fish in the area and was convinced they were on the bait, but as the hours drifted past the swim had fallen silent, just as the sun was setting I placed another four spombs over the spot so I knew I had loose feed around my trap, after drifting off to sleep I was woken around 5 o'clock in the morning by what I thought was a line bite, I waited around fifteen minutes and rolled back over in a bid to catch some more sleep, I began dozing off again when the delkim screamed into life flying out of bed I lunged into action hitting into the rod but as I lifted into it the rod bounced back towards the lake and line began peeling off the Spool, i knew it was a decent fish by the deep, powerful lunges she was taking inch by inch she peeled line I'd gather some back and away she went again, after a hairy fifteen minute battle I saw her crack the surface I couldn't believe it I knew she was big but I had no idea just how big she would roll, after sliding her over the cord I gazed down and couldn't believe what I was seeing I'd never seen anything this big from this venue.

After a quick prep for photos, I lifted her out of the lake and knew she was going to roll over the 30lb mark as I gazed down at her I was in pure ore of this beauty, as I lifted her onto the scales my hands were shaking, I couldn't believe it she went 35lb 7oz of pure lump I thought the biggest was 30/32lb at most but she was bigger she was the new lake record for Bells Mill fishery.



Adam Bamsey

Adam managed this stunning 40+ mirror on a day session. Adam fished a pineapple chunks pop up to land this lovely creature.

Em Williamson

Em is off the mark with her first fish of the year in the shape of this very welcome 24lbs mirror. Em used a Cult classic pineapple chunks pop up to good effect.





Kelvin Hunt

Kelvin managed this lovely 27lbs 4oz common using a custom rolled Cold Water Green Beast variation



Terry Canam

Terry with a cracking Linea fisheries mirror that tipped the scales at 32lbs 6oz. Terry fished solid bags filled with Cold water green beast pellets and a trimmed down banana pop up.

Castaway PVA

Paul Heseltine



Adam Honeysett



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Derek 'The Don' Ritchie



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