



WINDSOR GREAT PARK

Welcome to the Windsor Great Park Carp Syndicate blog.

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Water temperatures are now on the increase, and the warmer conditions have seen the fish start to move around the lake, away from the deeper areas and tending to congregate towards the shallower haunts - the various Arms and Bays of the lake. The fish make this annual excursion in preparation for their gathering to spawn, and it is at this time of the year the angler is afforded a great opportunity to spot fish. The move to the shallows does not mean that spawning is imminent, but it is a definite sign of intent. Whilst the fish are gathered in this way, it also affords the angler a chance to change to 'splash and dash' tactics. Travel to the fishery with the intent to move around the lake looking for the fish, and once located, get some bait in there and go for a quick hit.



Ross Norminton with part of his bumper haul :
top left 28lbs, top right 34lbs, bottom 27lbs

After observing a number of fish moving into one of the Arms, new syndicate member Ross Norminton booked in for a short stay. Being relatively new to the lake, Ross asked the Syndicate's Carp Team's advice as to best tactics, placement of baits, hotspots etc, for the spot where he had seen the fish gathering. Armed with this information, Ross set stall on what turned out to be a very humid and stormy night for what he thought might be a quick but productive session.

As you can see from the pictures on the left, I think it would be fair to say it all went rather well!

Ross opened his account with a run of small commons between 16-22lbs, and then with the storms moving in all around, the session went into meltdown! Next up a beautiful (and we think, unknown) common at 27lbs, followed by the Friendly Mirror at 34lbs and then another good common at 28lbs. Another run of mid-doubles took the tally to 13 fish, and then Ross rounded off a Virginia Water session to remember with another fish at 31lbs 6oz! Not content with this haul, Ross moved over to Obelisk Pond and caught yet another splendid mirror, this one weighing in at 27lbs 8oz! This great little adventure made the pages of Angling Times - got to say it, top angling, Ross!

Looking good for the summer! Tight Lines.