

# THE FEDERATION OF PENINSULA FLYFISHERS.



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## **Loch Style Eliminator. Blagdon Lake Somerset.**

The competition has held in what had been a difficult period of fishing at Blagdon.

The catch rate was not one to recommend a visit to the lake and practice sessions by the competitors had proved to be challenging. With this in mind the organizers were apprehensive about the chance of gaining a full result.

As it transpired, thanks to Bristol Water and the weather conditions, the fears proved to be groundless.

The competition started in bright sunshine and a fairly brisk chilly wind. Local boat anglers had been catching at anchor in 'Home Bay' and 'Butcombe Bay' but these fish were hard on the bottom feeding on buzzers, this is not easy to achieve from a fast drifting boat as the fish required the presentation to be static.

Thankfully the wind dropped and the fish started to feed normally. The majority of the anglers headed to Home Bay, with the odd boat going to Butcombe. The boats in Home Bay saw immediate results with Simon Kidd catching 5 on the first drift. Simon went on to complete a limit but with relatively small fish.

The eventual winner, Dave Grove, was Butcombe Bay managed to find some larger fish.

The quality of the fish is something special at fisheries run by Bristol Water; the rod average for the day was 4.5 fish per rod. Of these there were 4 fish over 3lbs, 4 fish over 4lbs and 3 fish over 5lbs, the best being 5lb 14ozs caught by Cornish angler Tony Chipman.

The top three were;

1<sup>st</sup> Dave Grove 8 fish for 21lbs 15ozs. (Newton Abbott)

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Kempton 8 fish for 21lbs 10<sup>1/2</sup>ozs. (Exeter)

3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Johns 8 fish for 19lbs 7ozs. (St. Austell)

The competition was again sponsored by Snowbee UK and their representative Simon Kidd kindly agreed to fish and to present the prizes. Without support from Snowbee we would be struggling to provide competitions of this nature and our thanks goes to them.

