

## Spider Lake, March 30

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Based on fabulous catches a few days before, TheCourtJester called for a fishout, and they came ~ HisRoyalDashness, theWelshMan, theYorkshireTerror and Blackie (AngusH) were at the launching bay with Jester. Later, BellTower and theCrier showed up. There were a number of NCAs on the water, as well as boaters. Conditions were good:

water: 10 - 11°C, very high, surprisingly up more since the previous Friday; see the photo section. Also, the water in the southern part of the main lake was a little turbid, whereas the NW bay was pristine.

air: 10 - 18°C, mainly bright sun with some high, thin clouds. There was a N drift that occasionally became a slight breeze. This was pleasant when the sun was at its strongest.

Another trying day. Jester spent most of his time in the NW bay, because the main lake showed few fish on the sounder, versus huge numbers in the former. Hits were few and far between, and there was very little surface action. In the end, Jester's score was 5-3-0, with one keeper. All action was on the shallow line, with a small pumpkin head; no other fly got a sniff. Most other members reported similar days ~ Crier two to the boat, Welshman 4, Terror 6. Only HRD scored big with 17!! Others reported many hits that didn't provide a hook-up.

On the wildlife side, Jester observed a few tiny midges and HRD reported a large hatch, in the main lake, late morning. All water contained a huge number of the red copepods. In addition, Jester saw two unusual swimmers in the NW bay – a frog and a snake! Silent bufflehead ducks and vocal geese were again main birds present. HRD reported the Lady of the Lake was harassing anglers in the main lake, but she never made it to the NW bay.

Frustrating after the previous day,

TheJester