

Spider Lake April 14

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The CourtJester called for a fishout, and at the launching bay he met HisRoyalDashness and Blackie, later WallyS joined the group on the water. There were a few of NCAs on the water, including DuncanDon and two friends. Conditions were good:

water: 10.5 – 12.5°C, still high and clear (see the photo section).

air: 10 - 20°C, starting in a slight rain, which gradually waned until late morning, then mainly sun until the end. There was a drift that moved around the compass, occasionally becoming a breeze.

The day began with a bang, as Jester released a stockie, less than two minutes of entering the main lake. Then it slowed, although surface action was moderate, but continuous, for the day. It was not a really hot fishing day ~ Jester boated ten, with at least double that number of no-hook hits. The fly of the day continued to be the DIWW, on the surface; a deep rolled muddler hooked one with a few hits. Blackie took home a 14", while S was unreported. No surprize, HRD boated 21!

On the wildlife side, Jester observed many tiny midges throughout the day; there were sufficient at the beginning to interest a small group of swallows. The red copepods were everywhere, but perhaps not as many as before. A few bufflehead ducks and pairs of vocal geese were present. Also, the LadyoftheLake patrolled the main lake at the beginning, but was prevented from successful thefts, by our group spotters. She followed Jester into the NW bay, but left after a period of non-action, not to be seen again.

The worst event of the day was Jester realizing that neither Blackie nor HRD were receiving his radio messages; turned out the former's transmitter died.

Not a bad day,

TheJester