

Spider Lake, April 7th

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TheCourtJester called for a fishout, and it was popular ~ HisRoyalDashness, theWelshMan, theYorkshireTerror, Blackie, theDagger (KeithS), LibraryMan, Smokin'Dickie attended. There were a number of NCAs on the water, including ColonialCopper, as well as boaters. Conditions were good:

water: 10 – 11.5°C, very high and clear. Note there are no photos, as Jester's techie forgot to pack the bag of electronics – repercussions to follow.

air: 10 - 18°C, mainly bright sun but beginning cloudy. There was a N drift that occasionally became a slight breeze. When the breeze waned, it was hot, especially on the main lake.

The day began with much surface action, thus the surface lines produced the action; late morning, the surface became quiet and only deep lines delivered. Jester started the day with a floater on one side and a hover on the other. The latter didn't give one hit, so Jester retreated to his deep set up. These observations were mirrored by others.

It was not a really hot fishing day ~ Jester boated five, keeping two around 13". The remaining stockies were released, including a surprise, unwilling donation to the feed-the-eagle foundation! It was reported that Copper netted the catch of the day at 17". Jester had a number of hits, not always on the prevailing rod; his score was 10?-5-1, the last being a jumper that threw the hook when out of the water. For Jester, the magic fly was that product of a brilliant, but deranged mind, the "Dead-in-the-Water-Welshman", hereafter DIWW (ink is expensive).

On the wildlife side, Jester observed many tiny midges in the morning. All water contained a huge number of the red copepods. Silent bufflehead ducks and vocal geese were again main birds present; previously, the ducks were extremely nervous and kept well away from anglers. However, in the NW bay, Jester was passed by a flock, no more than 30m distant. **As in previous spring visits, the eagles were on patrol, with a couple of successful thefts.**

Not a bad day,