

Jersey Freshwater Angling Association

Fisheries Report 2010 Season

Another year goes by and what a busy year it has been with much work done behind the scenes to make our fisheries into what they are today.

The Fisheries

Grand Vaux

A strategic decision was made to relocate a large amount of our carp stocks and this appears to have paid off with very few fatalities recorded.

The number of anglers using Grand Vaux is itself proof that the decision was a good one and whether a weekend camper, or just an ordinary member, Grand Vaux provided excellent sport right up until the recent cold weather arrived. Several fish over the 20lb mark have been reported which in itself bodes well for the future as only one fish of that weight was stocked.

Waterworks valley

While difficult at times, the fish could still be found and caught for those willing to put the effort in and the building of a new stage at Dannemarche provided a safe place to fish for those inclined to do so.

Les Mielles

It's difficult to say how well the waters at the Golf Course fished as after the 1st June arrives, very few people fish there. However, for those that did make it down there, it did fish very well, no doubt partly due to the lack of angling pressure!

St Ouens Pond

I have left the Pond until last as negotiations are ongoing with the National Trust. However, I can say that the new site and materials for the walkway/stages have been agreed upon, and we are awaiting both preliminary planning approval and legal guidance prior to taking the next step.

Roundup

Some may note the lack of proposals, plans and wish lists that normally make up a large part of reports such as mine, but I feel that in light of the fish caught this year it would be of value to the Association to stand back and let the waters settle for another year. Therefore, the effort will focus on the improvement of waters rather than fish stocking. We are still no further on establishing weed at any water despite considerable effort.

As an addendum to the above, the news that we will be expected to remove all the fish from Val de la Mare came as a shock and as such, throws out my "leave alone" idea. The Perch and Rudd will need to either be spread around all the waters unless we can find a suitable large empty private pond. The Wildies can realistically only go into Les Mielles, but to do that we will need to remove as many King Carp as possible. These would be transferred into Grand Vaux which will be a long, messy, wet job which will need the assistance of many members.

All in all, another successful year all round.

Graham Carver.