

## Gooding wins Peninsula Classic for second year running

Andrew Gooding has won the Peninsula Classic at Kennick for the second year running.

It was a really challenging days fishing at Kennick in hot, bright conditions. There were lots of fish showing all over the lake throughout the day coming clean out of the water trying to catch damsels and dragon flies which were visible in huge numbers. The majority of those were browns but there were some Rainbows and Blues in amongst them. Despite all the surface activity, tempting a fish on a dry was really difficult.

The stocking from the dam last week meant some fish had stayed in the deeper, cooler water by the dam and this was the most productive area during the day. Andrew caught his fish in the last hour of the day at 4pm and bagged his 8 fish limit very quickly once he found the right method. A Di-3 line with a cats whisker retrieved roly-poly style proving the most popular for Andrew.

Andrew wins a season ticket for 2019 for a lake of his choice. Dave Perks who finished second won a £100 voucher for Fly fishing Tackle of Crediton. Rob Gale finished third and won a £50 fly fishing tackle voucher and a day permit for Kennick. Darren Penfold won a boat ticket for Kennick and a £25 voucher for Fly Fishing Tackle and Barry Ware Senior won a £25 voucher for Fly Fishing Tackle.

1<sup>st</sup>: Andy Gooding 8 fish for 12lbs

2<sup>nd</sup>: Dave Perks 3 fish for 4lb 9oz

3<sup>rd</sup>: Rob Gale 3 fish for 4lbs 5oz

4<sup>th</sup>: Darren Penfold 2 fish for 2lb 15oz

5<sup>th</sup>: Barry Ware Snr 2 fish for 2lb 11oz

Best of the Best Qualifiers: Alan Brown 1lb 8oz and Ray Butler 1lb 6oz

Joint 6<sup>th</sup>: Nik Tompkins and Alan Brown 1 fish for 1lb 8oz

Joint 8<sup>th</sup>: Mike Boston and Ray Butler 1 fish for 1lb 6oz

10<sup>th</sup>: Chris Bolt 1 fish for 1lb 4oz

Total fish caught: 24 for 16 anglers

Rod average: 1.5

Congratulations to Andy Gooding and well done to everyone for taking part and sticking at it in very hot weather.

My thanks to Howard Thresher from Fly Fishing Tackle Crediton for sponsoring the competition and to Mark Baxendale, Countryside and Angling warden at Kennick, for doing a cracking BBQ for everyone.

<https://www.fly-fishing-tackle.co.uk/>

Ben Smeeth  
Head of Angling

Pictured from left are: Rob Gale,  
Andy Gooding, Dave Perks and  
Howard Thresher

