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Carp on the Fly

15 "merry" men turned up at Springbarn to catch carp in terrible weather conditions including frequent heavy rain storms and very high winds, otherwise conditions were perfect !

All anglers availed themselves of the net heads, which was a requirement of the Syndicate. The porch covered area was much appreciated and the fishing method devolved

into sprints between the covered area and the fishing pegs.

The Syndicate has carried out a number of improvements including fishing platforms, an additional overflow to alleviate flooding, strengthening of the footbridge and stone erosion protection.

The day started with the carp going into their usual feeding frenzy resulting in some easy catches but by lunch time the fish had stopped feeding and fishing became much more difficult. Almost all court fish with some in double figures. Cork flies seemed to be the most successful (I am ashamed to say) although some fish took deer hair pellet imitations.

Don't blame me for the weather !

Tony Woolnough

All at Sea

As some of you may know, during the summer months, as a member of Hove Deep Sea Anglers I tend to go out at weekends in a boat, sea fishing.

The other day was no exception. It was lovely weather, the sea was also relatively flat and we were fishing a few hundred yards off Brighton Beach.

I was using two rods, one going after Plaice, and the other, a heavier rig going after Rays.

For what ever reason, I thought I should check the bait on the heavy rig. On winding in the slack line, the line suddenly appeared to be snagged on something. I thought I had managed to free the line, for the line to start moving. It was then I knew I had caught something, but what. The line continued to move slowly about. It took about 15 minutes to get the fish visible to discover I had a rather large Smooth Hound on the hook. As I got it

close to the boat, my fishing partner, Ollie Pearce, was able to get it into the landing net and get it on board. It was then that I saw that a number of other club boats were close and had been watching the event with interest.

After untangling the Smooth Hound from the line and removing the hook, the inevitable photo was taken and the fish was then returned to the water.

I suppose if you go down to the beach at Brighton, have to ever thought that there were sharks species swimming out there.

Next month we will have Andy Woods Tour de France Carp angling adventures. There must be other members out there that go fishing so lets have your stories please.



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Articles needed for the News Letter

During the Summer period there are few fly fishing articles being forwarded for the news letter, hence my sea fishing story.