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A man wearing a tan cap and sunglasses is holding a yellow fishing rod and a black fishing lure. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees. The text 'Learning with. smart carping' is overlaid on the top right of the image.

Learning with. smart carping Smart Carping

When I had to the phone call from Ian Gemson of Smart Carping back in October the adrenaline started pumping all the way until the day we hit Thorpe lea fishery, I've known Ian for many moons and to finally hit the lake with him was a real honour.

Learning with Smart Carpining

Ian is the founder of Smart Carpining, a specialist PAA Qualified, Level 2 angling coach and dedicated angler. I asked Ian to treat the day as if he was coaching one of his many satisfied customers. Ian is able to supply all of the tackle required for a coaching event, which is what he did for me.

Ian provided Chub Outkast rods, Shimano XTE-A 10000 reels, solar rod pod, Delkim alarms and all other tackle needed including bait.

We arrived at a cold and dark Thorpe Lea at 630 am. We spent an hour watching the water looking for showing fish, before hitting our desired pegs.



Firstly, let's go through the tackle we will be using today" Ian explained

"For coaching all of the students get to use Chub Outkast rods including Outkast spod and marker rods these are all matched up to Shimano Reels"

I noticed previously how accurate Ian is when using the Marker rod and spodding and desired to be just as accurate. Ian explained his process of using the marker down to every fine detail, from line clip all the way up to the feature finding, and made me practise religiously until he felt I was accurate, before starting my spodding training.

Before we went any further Ian set about demonstrating how to mix up the perfect hi attract low feed winter spod

mix. The mix consisted of mixed pellets, 'Special G', Maggots, hand full of crush hemp, handful of frenzied particles, a small amount of corn and ¼ can of tuna.

I have to be honest and say spodding was one of my real weak points; I would regularly miss my marker float target suffering from bounce back or over cast. Ian showed me a few simple tips that he shows everybody on his coach-

ing sessions that would dramatically improve my accuracy. With Ian's Techniques I now felt really confident that my spod mix was landing where I wanted it each and every time. "Accuracy is the difference between catching fish

and not, but with accuracy you need to be consistent," Ian explains, and thanks to his lesson I now have that skill.

"I've had a few problems with my end tackle this year" I explained "where am I going wrong?"

"Keep it simple " Ian says before grabbing his tackle box and showing me the contents, standard off the shelf equipment, "We'll fish today on a simple running rig.

We use a simple figure eight knot at the end of my line this is to enable us to quickly connect or remove our leadcore leaders, Next Ian has me making a three foot long leadcore leader with some sandy coloured 45lb ESP leadcore. I am soon able to splice neat loops in the end of the leadcore, a lesson I will not forget making my own leadcore leaders will save me a small fortune.

Angler Profile & about lake

Name: Ian Gemson

UK PB: 32lbs

Location: Hampshire UK

Sponsors: too many to list

About Thorpe Lea

Cemex angling in conjunction with British waterways had previously run Thorpe Lea, however Gary now runs the lake. Thorpe Lea is located just 5 minutes drive from J13 M25 on the Thorpe Lea Road in Egham. The 12-acre lake has over 50 pegs and is home 4,000 big, hard fighting carp originally from Drayton reservoir. Priced at just £12 a day, it is well worth a visit.



"I Love to Coach"

"IAN MAKES UP HIS SPOD"



the spod mix, for the other rod I used a chopped dumbbell and again a very small amount of pellets in a pva out in deeper water.

At this point I was looking forward to a couple of hours relax, how wrong I was to think this, the thing is Ian is a very busy angler and swear's by the fact that is what makes him so successful, "changing your pva bag and applying fresh bait every 20-30 mins will give you more runs, fresh bait for the carp is what they want, not a boilie that has soaked for 3-4 hours" he points out.

While talking to Ian he explained more about his passion for coaching people,

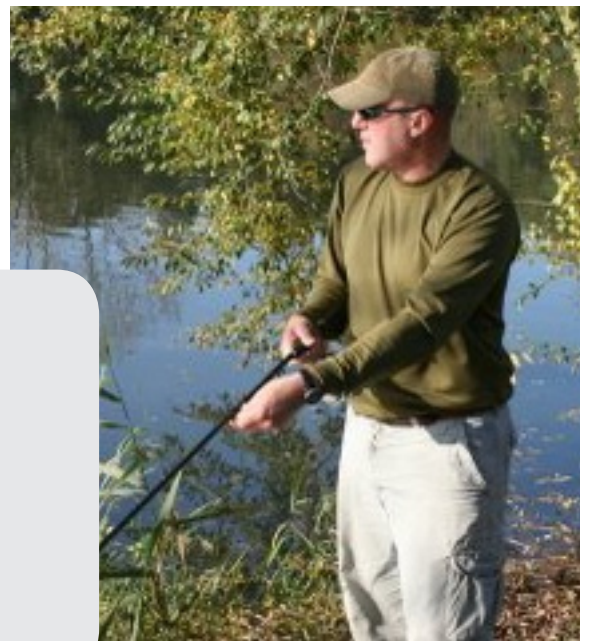


"I love fishing and get a lot of enjoyment from the sport." "Being able to coach beginners and experienced anglers, with the aim to help them excel their game is the best job in the world" just as Ian starts to carry out another bait change we have a guy walk up who happened to be a guy Ian coached just a few days before. The guy had been able to better his pb on that coaching session catching a 19lbs 03oz fish, and saying just how much he enjoyed and how much he learnt from his coaching session, turning it into his style of fishing.

As anglers we are all constantly learning new things, I've been carp fishing for over 8 years now and have learnt more on this session than I have over them past years. We

spend hundreds of pounds (£) a year on fishing and tackle, but for just over £100 you'll learn more than you could ever imagine. To me know a coaching session with Ian is by far the most important piece of tackle you need!

For more information about Coaching and Smart Carping please visit www.smartcarping.co.uk



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