

First Fish of the Year 2009

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Not quite a New Years resolution though I wrote (I think) on the "My Year In Pictures (2008) that I would once again write about my Carp Fishing trips.

My fishing buddy Matt had January 2nd off of work so we decided to go and do some fishing as the forecast was predicting mid 60's. We decided to fish just up from the Melrose swim on Ladybird Lake nearly in front of the hostel. I had fished here quite a bit in 2008 although I had several 30lb+ buffs I had not caught any common carp over 30lb, the biggest being 27 - 28lb if I remember correctly. Anyway, the water temp was 54F and I had heard that Buffs prefer feeding in colder weather. As usual I was fishing hominy on a hair, 6-7inch hook length using "the method". During 2008 I had experimented making my own method mixes instead of using (Wacker Baits) buckeye blend. Buckeye Blend had worked reasonably well for me except it was expensive to ship and did not stay on very well on a long cast. After much frustration and mixes that would cast to the horizon but would reel in 2 hours later or would fall off on the bank during the lightest of casts, I perfected a mix. Although I am not going to share the complete mix I will tell you 3 fantastic binders are bread crumb, jello and instant grits.

The 2nd fish of the year came just before dark, so I would imagine 5.50pm. a beautiful gold bar weighing 16lb 8oz. What a great way to start the New Year.

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