



NKAA VETERANS

Dateline: 12th May 2010

Venue: Water End Fishery Maulden Beds

GRIM & GRIMMER

This, the first veterans outing of the year away from home just happened to coincide with the lowest night temperature since 1996 and the result was indeed grim in regard to fishing. Today was also one of our popular pair's matches and to make things even more exciting (we certainly needed that after enduring 5 hours of stagnant float watching) we decided on a blind draw match where only the 2 organisers knew who was paired with who until the results were in and calculations made.

As for the fishing, or rather the lack of it - it was grim and grimmer as the match dragged on. All in all it proved to be a very expensive and unrewarding day for nearly all the 21 souls who turned out. Fishing totally opposite to what we were informed the venue was capable of, only 5 members broke the pound barrier and some were even awarded the minimum 8drm weight for very small fish. On peg one, Mick Reynolds began well catching some small fish until Mr Carp woke him up and promptly made him re-assess the swim's potential. John Harvey was also catching some small fish and was admitting to 25 at the mid-way stage (Green envy from many of us) Jack Wilson took an early stroll to reassure himself that his swim, having produced a pound perch was not the only one devoid of feeding fish. Re-assured, he speedily returned to concentrate on catching more! That master of canals and in later years commercials Paul Barnes used his immense knowledge to good effect to snare a 4lb carp in the first hour followed by a better fish about halfway through and that left everyone else playing catch-up. When someone who is normally verbal becomes quiet, you know that it's for a reason and Ken Carpenter was very quiet indeed so just what was the reason? He had found a method that was working and quietly catching (but also losing) perch. However, inevitable sighs of relief were heard when the final whistle blew and then mounted excitement as to who was drawn with Paul Barnes! So, the final results were:

INDIVIDUAL

1st	Paul Barnes	10lbs 5ozs (2 carp and 1 minute perch)
2nd	Mick Reynolds	5lbs (1 carp and some bits)
Equal 3rd	Ken (Chippy) Carpenter & Jack Wilson – 2lbs 5ozs (both had 2 perch!)	

PAIRS

1ST	Paul Barnes and Gordon Metcalf	10lbs 5ozs 8drms
2nd	Mick Reynolds and Roger Tebbut	5lbs 0ozs 8drms
3rd	Jack Wilson and Ken Carpenter	4lbs 10ozs

Next week's venue is the GU canal at Manorfields and it has got to fish better than this!

Roachman