



MKAA VETERANS

Dateline: **19th May 2010**

Venue: **GU Canal Manorfields**

Following on from last week's huge disappointment, hopes of a good days fishing were foremost in everyone's minds today. Well pegged by Ken Mott the previous day, the lack of moored craft on the stretch and a forecast of good weather certainly had all the ingredients to fulfil expectations. Just before the draw, Ted brown proudly showed us a photograph of his previous days catch from Willan Lake – one bite one fish – a Fantastic Bream of 9lb 1oz. Now Ted is getting a bit of a reputation for his feeder fishing following last year's excellent result in the Ken Ball Memorial Match on Furzton Lake. He makes his own bait – mainly paste and whatever is in it certainly attracts the bream.

Just 19 attended today partly due to booked holidays now the ½ term is over so plenty of room for all and some useful empty pegs if your draw hand was lucky. Following on from the previous night's win, Ernie Sattler drew well and made the most of his good fortune. Starting on the traditional groundbait and maggot approach he netted some 11 skimmers before changing over to pellet to land 3 good bream. Next door to Ernie, Ron Hedges could only watch the action before the shoal moved and he took advantage of his good fortune. Around these two it was a different story as bites and fish were hard to come by. On the other side of the bridge, TV fancied his draw but after a good start the fish backed off and it was a different match for him. Ken Mott put his faith on the caster but found red maggot more productive and but for a lost 4lb + bream his fortunes would have been far different.

Pegged side by side, Roger (Canal Maestro) Tebbut and Mick (Punch Wizard) Heffron were head to head in the early stages fishing bread but on different lines before the colour dropped and fish backed off for Mick and Roger, who cannot be given any advantage used his immense knowledge to change tactics and carry on catching. On the end peg which just happened to be the carp swim, Ted Brown set up his trusty method feeder and hoped Mr Carp would oblige. After 2 fruitless hours he changed to maggot bait and proceeded to catch bream! At the all out, it became clear that the fish (which are still cold to the touch) are still in pockets and not yet spread out enough for everyone to benefit. Today's results showed this and whilst 1st and 2nd were away on their own, the battle for 3rd was very close with only 2ozs separating Ted Brown, Ron Hedges and Ken Mott.

1 st	Ernie Sattler	10lbs 4 ozs
2 nd	Roger Tebbut	7lbs 11ozs
3 rd	Ted Brown	5lbs 13ozs

Next week sees us on our 2nd outing of the year this time to Clattercote which means an even earlier alarm call!!

Roachman