



MKAA VETERANS

Dateline: 26th May 2010

Venue: Clattercote Reservoir Banbury

COOLER TEMPRETURES AND LOST ANGLERS

Today was the vet's second outing of the year and like our first, the overnight temperature plummeted which was both a blessing from the intense heat of late but also a firm reminder of the old saying 'Never cast a clout till May is out'!! A poor match the previous day on this venue for the Tuesday league saw attendance here plummet to a record low of just 13 which was more of a concern for the organisers than to speculate if the fishing would be better. This venue is not just around the corner and with rising fuel prices it's not a cheap day out. Suggestions that a later draw time and an increase to a six hour match were banded and I'm certain that this will be at the forefront for this venue for next year's fixture list.

Any concerns about feeding fish were quickly dispelled as Jack Wilson, Austin Maddock, John Weatherall, Ken Mott and Roger Tebbut all put bream and tench in the net in the first hour and prospects were looking good for others too. As for the pole, both Ernie and I found only small roach willing to feed and we had to draw on experience to get to the better fish. Dick Peerless on the end peg changed the events of the day by losing a couple of big fish close in which prompted Roger Tebbut next door to feed a closer line to devastating effect. John Weatherall lost a huge carp close in then persevered to catch 3 good sized tench but no more takes from carp. Meanwhile, Ken Mott followed Roger Tebbut's lead and promptly changed his fortunes catching tench and carp to go with the bream he had caught on a feeder line.

As the day progressed, bites became very few and far between for many whilst Ken and Roger were both consistently putting fish in the net. With 2 hours of the match remaining, I finally found the correct method and feeding pattern and was putting roach up to a pound and a half in the net until a disastrous half hour saw me lose enough fish to have easily won the match. Why this happens is a complete mystery for anyone who has ever had the same experience – very frustrating. The final results were:

1 st	Roger Tebbut	28lbs 7ozs
2 nd	Ken Mott	26lbs 8ozs
3 rd	Austin Maddock	22lbs 2ozs

Next week sees a return to Teardrops lake complex and we will have to wait and see if the fish have finished spawning and are now on the look-out for food.

Roachman