



# MKAA VETERANS

**Dateline:** 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010

**Venue:** Lodge Lakes

## **'ON THE BOIL (OR IS IT BOILLIE) FORD'**

Lodge Lake is a superb venue, noted for its bream, roach and good tench and in more recent years increasing numbers of carp. Where you draw depends how you approach the venue – and there are a number of options you have to cater for. The water clarity today was quite clear and coupled with blazing hot sunshine (back to barmy temperatures) meant that caution in feed amount and keeping tackle away from the fishing area was essential to catching.

Again, all eyes were on the draw to see who was on the steps, rushes and behind the bungalow in the paddock area where you have to fancy the best weights to come from and this proved once again the correct forecast. Meanwhile, on the back lake where the short walkers are always located, expectations were not realised as this proved to be an unusually difficult area. Why this was is anybody's guess but the general consensus is that fish shoals have been decimated by the increasing numbers of cormorants that have been seen there all year. Whatever the problem is will ultimately result in a demise of anglers wishing to fish the venue.

As expected, the feeder was the method on the day and those who opted for this were justly rewarded. On the back lake drawing one of the undrawn short walk pegs, Barry Witteridge, fishing a small cage feeder made his long journey sort of worthwhile when he landed a bream first cast. Sadly, this was his one and only bite but was good enough to take the section! Enough said. Around Barry, those fishing the pole and float only had occasional fish and what I have said earlier obviously played a major part in their catches today. Meanwhile – at the expected hot swims areas, there was a real head to head between Alan (Has my very dismal run finally ended?) Ford on peg 4 and Jack (Mr reliable) Wilson on peg 9 - both of them catching on the feeder. It was Alan who varied his hook baits (and a last cast carp) between worm, maggot and boillie who just got the edge over Jack who fished a very tidy match but needed just one or two more bream. Ernie Sattler resorted to his preferred pole fishing to steadily catch roach but could not contend with these two. Paul Hamilton, pegged just before the paddock gate also found some nice roach but on peg 18, Ted (method man) Brown, was also getting amongst some bream all falling to his own prepared bait - so there was some sport but not as hoped for. Final results for the day then were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Alan Ford	35lbs 7ozs
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jack Wilson	30lbs 2ozs
A Section	Ted Brown	15lbs 8ozs
B Section	Barry Witteridge	2lbs 6ozs

Next week sees the first match on the river at Toombs and the main – early reports are that there are some reasonable weights coming out so let's hope this continues. Look forward to seeing you there.

*Roachman*

