



NKAA VETERANS

Dateline: 7th July 2010

Venue: Castle Ashby – Brickyard Lake

DAVE BACON MEMORIAL MATCH

Just 19 Anglers turned up for this, the now annual Dave Bacon Memorial match which was disappointing but allowed us all to fish the one lake as some pegs were deemed unfishable due to low water and weed growth. In conjunction with the match, a collection was made for Willen Hospice in memory of Dave and a total of £70.00 was raised for this more than worthy cause.

On to the fishing then and as is always the case, the draw bag plays the biggest part in the day's outcomes – but then you also have to produce the goods! At the start, weather conditions were perfect with cloud and a slight breeze which then changed direction and picked up speed which pushed the fish down to the entrance area and left some of us more than a little disappointed. That said however, the aim of these matches is to enjoy a day out together without the pressure of having to do well for a team. Ted (Method man) Brown had a 4lb carp in his net before I had even started fishing and then not to be outdone, Ken Mott on the opposite bank netted 2 tench in successive casts to which Ted responded with a tench of his own and for us at this end of the venue it was beginning to resemble Wimbledon!

Down at the entrance area it was all action as most anglers were into (and for most losing) fish and the scene was set for a potentially big weight day for some – but how wrong can you be? Fish after fish were being lost except for Mr Artful Austin Maddocks who was steadily netting bream after bream. Did they follow him from Clattercote or has he really got some secret squirrel bait? Well if he has found a formula for these fish he certainly isn't letting on! Back to the slow end and Roger Tebbut with only 1 small perch in his net decided to put 2 pots of bait in and that brought him an immediate response so he did it again and caught another bream which goes to prove that you have not got to give up – just try something different. Ken Mott was still adding the occasional fish to his net - probably due to cries of 'come on Ken, it's getting boring without action now'!! Towards the end, Ted Brown lost a huge carp which definitely cost him a B section win. And for those in A section it was a very close run affair as only 13ozs separated 4 anglers –lost fish proving the difference between success and bad luck.

So, for an analysis, this was a match of 3 sections -- 1. Being in the right area. 2. Not losing fish and 3.

Altering your feeding and fishing methods.

1 st	Austin (Mr Artful – secret squirrel bait) Maddocks	33lbs 4ozs
2 nd	Ken (Worms boy – Worms) Mott	24lbs 14ozs
A Section	Roger Tebbut	6lbs 13ozs
B Section	Ernie (lost fish) Sattler	11lbs 6ozs

Next week sees us at Clattercote reservoir and it will be interesting to see if it will be a big fish or roach day. Just for the diary, the float only match at Furzton on the 28th July will also be our next pairs match and I would be grateful for names for this so as to cut down the amount of work before the draw. Tight Lines,

Roachman.