



MKAA VETERANS

Dateline: 14th July 2010

Venue: Clattercote Reservoir

SAD NEWS BEFORE THE START

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you all of the death of one of our stalwarts. Before the start of today's match, we were informed of the passing of Bob Carr. I have no other information as yet as to cause of death or of funeral arrangements but will endeavour to inform as many of you as I can as soon as I know. I first met Bob in the middle seventies when I joined Buckingham AC and Bob and his best mate Brian Taylor became firm friends. An excellent stick and waggler angler, Bob was a force to be reckoned with on a wide variety of venues and encouraged his sons to also enjoy the pleasures of fishing. We often recall the 'Good Times' of days now long gone but we all have fond memories of the matches of yesteryear when families often made up teams. Bob – you were a very good friend and may you rest in peace.

The long journey to Clattercote is now taking its toll on attendances and again we were reduced to only 14 members. This has a double effect, as whilst we have the advantage of double pegs but we may have to relinquish this if British Waterways take the view of getting as many anglers onto the venue as possible to maintain their revenue.

As for the fishing, we found a lower water level than normal as BWB are dropping this so as to install netting along the staging to prevent the carp from inhabiting to dense undergrowth behind them and also preventing them from extra snags in which to loosen them from angler's lines. The draw made, we were off – all of us wondering if the fish that were topping would feed. The overall weights were not disappointing but were lower than we are used to but a number of lost fish determined the final outcome. Around me, Les Smith lost a very large carp after showing it some tree roots and then the landing stage stations and before he knew it the fish was lost. Gordon Metcalf was into carp and bream but like many were pestered by roach which even took his boilie bait! Ken Mott found 3 early large skimmers before they moved off and he was left scratching for what he could catch. Roger Tebbut found some bream and Charlie Lancaster was catching roach on the pole and pellet but it was Mr Quiet – Artful Austin Maddock who has definitely got this venue sorted who had the most consistent catch rate. As for the roach, the usually larger ones were conspicuous by their absence and I ended the day with over 100 for just 16lbs.

At the weigh-in, the results speak for themselves and were as follows:

1 st	Mr Clattercote – Artful Austin Maddock	36lbs 11ozs (3 carp for 16lbs 14ozs + bream)
2 nd	Mr Consistent – Gordon Metcalf	24lbs 1oz
3 rd	Charlie (The Pellet) Lancaster	18lbs 8ozs
4 th	Les (Lost fish) Smith	17lbs

Next week we return to Teardrops and are hopeful of a good day

Tight Lines

Roachman