



# NKAA VETERANS

**Dateline:** 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010

**Venue:** Lodge Lakes

## **PREDICTION CONFIRMED**

Today's venue was once regarded by many as the one that held such a good head of fish that you were always in two minds as to best approach a match there. Now it seems that the once prolific head of roach have been decimated by the flock of cormorants that are present every morning on the floating stages – (presumably initially meant for ducks) or some other reason beyond our knowledge. The delemer we face is always if the bream don not feed, will there be sufficient roach to make the frame? Today was no exception as this report will show.

23 arrivals meant a good turn out again and most were obviously hoping for a draw in the paddock area around the steps being the favourite. However, the lack of any rain (and we do need a lot – but not all at once!) meant there was no colour again and so the feeder was a wise initial choice. This proved to be of little effect though for most and within 2 hours there were more poles evident than feeders. Drawn in the big bay on the paddock, I was very optimistic of a few bream but after 2 fruitless hours searching 3 swims for any sign of activity I went for a walk to see how others were faring and it seemed that I was not alone with the exception of John Wetherall on the rushes peg it was 'all quiet on the western front' – so to speak.

On the early back lake pegs, there was very little action until you got to the last 2 pegs where Robin Page was fishing the waggler to his usually high standard to catch a few decent roach on red maggot and on last peg John (Half a mo) Harvey was engaged in carp tormenting. Other than that there was just the very odd fish being caught. Back to the big lake then, and Austin Maddock found his peg opposite the restaurant to be abnormally quiet, and next door Alan Ford, who had a lovely 10oz roach first cast on the hemp and thought he was onto a winner was quickly brought back to reality with no further action worth reporting. Ted (Method Man) Brown plugged away on his tried and trusted method feeder but bites were few and far between. Next door, Roger Tebbut had got his head down catching roach and was hoping that these were going to give him a decent result. Meanwhile, John Wetherall went through a purple patch and got amounst some half decent skimmers whilst Steve Wright had resorted to the pole and was catching small roach up in the water. Opposite the bungalow and fed up of staring at a motionless tip, Mick Heffron also resorted to the pole but could only get the odd occasional bite and small roach when out of the blue he was woken up by a very angry tench which he played to perfection on his very light gear and this little beauty nudged the scales to an impressive 4lbs 7ozs. A beautifully conditioned fish which Mick admitted was his biggest tench he had ever caught and was without a doubt the best fish of the day. The final scores were: 1<sup>st</sup> John Wetherall, 12lbs 13ozs. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Harvey 10lbs 14ozs. A section (4bites 3 fish) Terry Lancaster 9lbs 1oz and B section Robin Page 7lbs 9ozs.

Now for an **IMPROTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**. Next weeks match is listed as Manorfields but the draw will be at MILL ROAD. This decision is due to work on the walk over bridge and lower weights coming from the right hand side. Also, the week after, the venue will be Claydon Lake and as there are only a limited number of pegs, names will be required. Last but by no means least, 25<sup>th</sup> Aug is the vets Furzton festival names please to Terry Valentine.

*Roachman*