



# MKAA VETERANS

**Dateline:** 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010

**Venue:** Claydon Lake

## **TRIUMPH FOR THE 'WAGGLER'**

This get together was re-arranged from the listed venue due to the poor returns on our previous visit, and our grateful thanks have to go to Barry Witteridge and John Weatherall for allowing us to us Claydon Lake. Now it has been a few years since I used to fish here on a fairly regular basis and there have been a significant number of changes in fish population and catches. Recently, Calvert AC who control this venue have introduced over 1000 small carp in an effort to revitalise the lake and get some colour back into it and hope that this encourages other species to breed better. Recent reports have confirmed that these small carp are indeed giving good sport and are enjoying their new surroundings and are piling on the weight – this could prove a good move for future years – if you are a carp angler that is. Today's weather was absolutely ideal – overcast, cool and with a slight breeze to ripple the water if you were lucky enough to draw the field that is. Understandably, the water level was lower than normal due to the continued dry year we have endured but then we have to fish to conditions don't we?

Drawn in the field on the 30's, Austin (Mr Artful) Maddocks was straight into a reasonable carp before some of us had baited a hook and we were both aghast and hopeful that we could do the same. After this initial excitement, it was the turn of John Weatherall on peg 3 to turn heads as he had 6 carp in as many put ins but then his peg faded and all attention was back to the opposite bank where Robin Page, fishing his trademark waggler to devastating effect (as usual) was netting in his words 'only a skimmer' – in truth a bream of about 5lbs! It appeared that the far bank was producing the better fish even though the wind was slightly coming off their backs which goes against the normal adage of fishing with the wind in your face for best results. Paul Chapman on peg 6 landed a decent tench then lost a big fish on the next cast whilst John Harvey on peg 4 landed odd bream on Polony meat to keep the other bank on their toes so to speak. Meanwhile, Alan Ford was locked in a head to head with Ernie Sattler on pegs 22 and 23 and was taking good fish on the pellet whilst Ernie could only unusually watch the action next door. Back to the field and Mick Heffron decided it was his turn to get amongst the action and landed 3 good fish to put him in contention before Robin and Austin turned up the heat and establish themselves as the leaders of the pack!

As the match progressed, it was evident that the waggler was producing better results and Alan Ford had switched on to this with even better results than earlier. So, for the final summary, it was a very close and enjoyable match with everyone catching and we will be looking forward to the club get togethers and other matches on this venue. Today's results then:

1<sup>st</sup> Robin Page 23lbs 6ozs ( 3big bream, small carp and bits on Big Red over Caster feed)

2<sup>nd</sup> EQUAL Alan (Mr Versatile) Ford and Austin Maddocks with 19lbs 5ozs

A Section EQUAL Mick Sibley (all small fish) John Harvey (Bream on feeder fished polony) and Paul Chapman (Tench and bits on a variety of methods) all weighed 12lbs 8ozs. Due to the double act on B section, Mick Heffron who weighed a creditable 16lbs just missed out on the coin.

Next week is the Furzton Festival and our draw time is not 7am as listed on the fixture list but 8am to allow anglers from far and wide time to get here. Phone TV if you have not already done so to book in – there are only a few spaces left and it is our chance to add to the Willen Hospice donation. See you there

*Roachman*