

## VETS REPORT

CANONS ASHBY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011

### **STRONG WINDS, SUN AND HARD FIGHTING CARP**

25 Vets fished this, the first of 5 lake matches in a row and the first of 3 away venues. Despite the weather forecast being wrong – again, there was plenty of action for most even if hooked carp proved very hard to actually land. In fact there were significantly more carp lost than the number landed. That said, the size of the carp were large and they had obviously been in training as they knew every snag and I had visions of the little blighters being cheered on by their mates as they toured around the lake with our gear on tow!. One person who definitely got the upper hand was the invincible man on top form – Ernie Sattler who landed 5 carp for 51lbs – the best of the quintet weighing in at 12lbs 1oz all falling to pellet or paste ‘down the edge’. Adding 6lbs of skimmers to his other net Ernie absolutely dominated the results and good luck to him as carp that many more of us hooked just could not be stopped and 2 pole breakages occurred. Nearest weight to Ernie was Terry Lancaster who feeder fished his way to runner up position with a near equal split of carp and bream. Pegged opposite Terry, Paul Barnes also changed to the feeder as the pole seemed to produce very little and he had top spot on his bank with 27lbs 14ozs. Down on Lake 1, Gordon Metcalf had a very busy match fishing red maggot over ground bait for top spot there with 19lbs 13ozs of skimmers, which just got the edge over Roy Ash who amassed 19lbs 2ozs.

Entertainment today came in the form of Mick Heffron who mistook ‘solid’ ground for surface cover and joined the mermaid club. Joking apart and sadly for Mick, he broke his pole looking for something to hold onto but at least in the nice sunshine and his sheltered swim he soon dried out and he then proceeded to catch the biggest fish he has caught – a carp weighing in at 7lbs 9ozs.

Everyone seemed happy at the end even if some of us were ruing those lost carp. Next week sees our 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to Clattercote – lovely -can’t wait. Today then ended as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ernie Sattler	57lbs 7ozs
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Terry Lancaster	32lbs 10ozs
A section	Gordon Metcalf	19lbs 13ozs
B section	Barry Witteridge	15lbs
C section	Paul Barnes	27lbs 14ozs

Tight Lines

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