

# MKAA VATERANS LODGE LAKE 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2011

## DRY NETS GALORE AT LOTTERY LODGE

With just two rounds to go in the Ted Brown trophy, the expected tussle at the top is growing in momentum after this visit to the Lottery that is now Lodge Lake. 25 members turned out for this match but those hoping for a favourable draw and getting amongst the venues bream and carp were to be bitterly disappointed as they failed to show FULL STOP. In fact to be totally honest the entire lake from the Chinese restaurant to the bungalows fished dire. Now whether this is due to atmospheric conditions or the fact that this venue has had a lot of matches on it recently is up for debate but you cannot ignore the fact that at least one angler should have got amongst the large shoals of bream.

'Where do I begin'? Having decided to spend a few days practising for the Div 2 national on the Basingstoke canal in preference to fishing this venue my decision was the right one by all accounts and reports back. I just don't understand what has gone wrong with this venue which would produce double figure bags of roach from anywhere a few years ago but with that pollution and the increasing number of cormorants feasting themselves over the winter periods this is now just a shadow of its former self and I am not alone in not fishing it out of choice.

So, for the match report, there are no prizes for guessing who drew yet another end peg – this time on the small part, just past the fence where Ernie Sattler found roach topping in the swim on his arrival and set about them in his usual proficient way to absolutely dominate the field catching on his favourite hemp. On the fence swim, Gordon (Mr consistent) Metcalf fished his usually tidy match opting for pole and pellet to secure second place with again mainly roach. It was a far different story on the main lake where many a good angler was left wondering where the bream shoals had gone and the top weight was a very modest 4lbs 7ozs!!

Today's results then were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ernie Sattler	17lbs 2ozs	roach – pole fished hemp
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gordon Metcalf	6lbs 10ozs	mainly roach - pole fished pellet
A section	Chalky White	1lbs 9ozs	small fish on pole/maggot
B section	Austin Maddock	4lbs 7ozs	roach & skimmers pole/maggot

Next week sees a return to the canal at Mill Road and we are all hoping for a trouble free day with boats and cyclists now that the holiday season is in full swing.

*Roachman*