

# MKAA VETERANS St JAMES LAKE, BRACKLEY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2011

## TROPHY DECIDING DAY

The latest vets venture to this new and popular venue was the last match for the Ted Brown trophy this year and the tension was obvious for the leading two anglers. The draw as always played a significant part and when Ernie Sattler and John Harvey drew very close together they were able to watch each other with intense interest. The expected fishing however did not prevail and it was the feeder anglers on the opposite bank that faired the best.

A cold night with heavy dew turned the roach off feeding and it was the bream anglers that had the best of the day. Feeder fished worm, pellet and sweetcorn proved the best tactics today and there is no better master on this than Paul Barnes who took the honours with a fair weight of 25lbs 6ozs. Drawn further along the same bank was 'Likeable' Les Smith who proved that a laid back approach has its advantages and caught steadily throughout the match to run Paul close, and if not for a jack pike taking a liking to his bait and upsetting the feeding bream, could have easily won.

As for our bank, Ernie took advantage of an empty peg to his left to win his section with a modest 7lbs 7ozs and gain a 6 point advantage over John who fished very well but could not match Ernie's weight and this left him 6 points behind on the day. Tony Richardson drew 2 past Les and relied on feeder fished worm to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the day and a well deserved section win.

For the rest of us it was a head down and catch what you could. By alternating between feeder and pole proved the better option and it was this that gave Barry Witteridge the edge on the chasing pack on the right hand bank. Newcomer to the vets group but a well known and respected angler in his own right, Ron Hillier used his knowledge and experience on this venue to full effect by fishing pole, alternating between punch and hemp and thereby claiming 5<sup>th</sup> place just behind Ernie. We will have to keep a careful eye on this master!

So, a disappointing day for most of the field but it just goes to show that you cannot beat the elements that dominate fish feeding habits.

The two elements for today then were as follows:

### Match

1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Barnes	25lbs 6ozs
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Les Smith	19lbs 12ozs
A Section	Tony Richardson	11lbs 6ozs
B Section	Ernie Sattler	7lbs 7ozs

### Ted Brown Trophy - Top Ten Placings

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ernie Sattler	363 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Harvey	346 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Hewison	312 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Neave	271 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mick Reynolds	263 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mick Heffron	222 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Wright	211 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Tebbut	207 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	Alan Ford	205 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon Metcalf	180 points

A full list of points and the results sheets from each match is available for viewing from John Hewison.

Well that's all for now – hope to see everyone at the Furzton festival when *Roachman* becomes an official OAP – cake provided of course!