

MKAA Veterans Claydon Lake 7th September 2011

LOST FISH DETERMINE OUTCOME

The latest veterans foray out of MK was to the popular Calvert AC lake at Claydon. The reports of huge weights both by pleasure anglers and last Sunday's knock-up fed the minds and imaginations of us all. Always at the back of one's mind though is weather conditions, moon cycle and air pressure movements and recently the strong winds and rain that seem to have come with vengeance and of course how these might affect the fishing. At the draw, there were the usual winners and losers cries when all the fancied hot field pegs were being taken at a rapid pace. Ernie (draw bag, luckier than most, golden arm – whichever you choose) Sattler drew peg 5 which was next to the peg he pleasure fished and had in excess of 150lbs the previous Friday and he must have been on cloud nine –then that is - but during the match he must have felt like a tennis umpire as Barry Witteridge on his left and Mick Reynolds to his right both managed to snare one of the venues big bream but the only movement on his feeder tip was from the strong wind that pounded his bank !

Over on the far bank, Les Smith, the current 'in form' man of the moment took advantage of a good peg and quickly slipped a good tench into the net that fell to his favoured pellet method feeder but then 2 further tench lost in the thick weed that was evident all over the lake must have took the shine off what was looking like another good day for this popular man. In the car park pegs it looked like an interesting 'second string' match was to unfold with Ken Mott (now fully recovered from his knee op), Tony Richardson, Bob Burdett, John Hewison and Austin(secret squirrel bait man) Maddock all watching each other for early ideas as to what was working the best. It was unlucky today Austin who set the pace when after a long tussle with either a very big tench or carp finally left him with only a huge mass of weed as consolation 'You B***** (word found in English dictionary but not printable in this report) was to be used on another 3 occasions during the 5 hours of punishment!! A visit by an unnamed angler between jobs revealed that very little was being caught and this gave (alas falsely) added inspiration to all who were still trying to wrinkle out some fish. Tony Richardson gave up on his pole line and sent a feeder over to the island and immediately latched into a carp which alas proved to be a lone ranger but at least he was now in the chase for the podium and Gordon Metcalf – going through an unusually quiet spell for him also had a late big bream but this was also a lone ranger.

Well now, how can I best describe today's sport? Disappointing for those in the field and other noted pegs , as the expected weights did not materialise – and hard graft for little return for the rest of us despite several methods being exploited by all and of course those lost fish which cost 3 anglers the top spot. Not taking anything away from the winners though – they put in the graft and got what they deserved – well done to them – tomorrow is another day for the rest of us. So, for today's results:

1 st	Mick Reynolds	10lbs 15ozs (2 Bream and bits –feeder fished Bread & maggot)
2 nd	Barry Witteridge	6lbs 12ozs (1 Bream and bits – feeder and pole fished worm & maggot)
A section	Tony Richardson	4lbs 3ozs (1 carp and bits – feeder fished worm)
B section	Les Smith	4lbs 10ozs (1 tench – pellet – method feeder)

Recently I saw a joke which appealed to me and hopefully it will to you as well:

Lady on the phone – 'NO you cannot speak with my husband at the moment – He's standing on the naughty step' OOOOh wonder who the lucky chap was!

Tight lines

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