

MKAA VETERANS
GU CANAL MANORFIELDS 12TH OCTOBER 2011
WHEN IT'S YOUR DAY - IT'S YOUR DAY

A relatively average number of 23 joined in today at this re-arranged venue to the listed one and at least 8 members opted for a lie in! One member on a rare day out was Paul Chapman who was ecstatic to draw the swim he always goes to for a practice – mmm sounds a bit lucky that. Ian Greenwood drew end peg 1 and Charlie Lancaster drew peg 3 and found himself with empty un-drawn pegs 2, 4&5 mmm lucky again Charlie? With a number of boats moored on the length Ken Mott, our volunteer pegger outer had an unenviable task but in his usual diligent manner completed the task effortlessly.

The match really was one of two halves. Those on the right of the bridge did far better than those pegged towards Mill Rd and Ian Greenwood showed us how to do it by netting 4 skimmers in 4 put ins which prompted Charlie to switch tactics and he followed suit. Paul (the grafter) Chapman however got the edge on us all by snaring better samples and was way out in front after the first hour. Fish can be very temperamental in what they feed on – both Paul and Ian caught on pellet but neither Charlie or myself could raise a single bite on this bait and ours both favoured worm – sometimes you just cannot work it out can you. Roy Ash opted to fish waggler 3 up from the bridge and I really felt for him as the lovely tree that had featured opposite had been decimated – most of it has ended up on the boats for fuel but there were branches sticking out of the water which must have been a real nuisance for him but he plugged on and did exceptionally well to end up with 4lbs 5ozs – just 8ozs behind Ian who took the section. Ernie Sattler had a nightmare of a start – bite and fish less for the first two hours from what is usually a productive swim and a moored boat which decided to leave and completely messed up the swims on route certainly did not help but in his usual manner persevered and eventually got some roach (rarely seen of late) to claw his way back up the ladder. On the other side of the bridge sport was very very slow and Tony Richardson did best here tying with Austin (end peg) Maddocks for the section honours with a relatively low weight. Mick (Punch wizard) Heffron had a decent skimmer which frightened Austin on the next peg by testing his elastic (No 2) to its limits before Micks skill got it safely netted. All in all, the venue did not fish anywhere near to its full potential and a change in wind direction after an hour and a half seemed to turn what fish were feeding right off!

So, for today's results then:

1 st	Paul Chapman	7lbs 1oz
2 nd	Charlie Lancaster	5lbs 8ozs
A Section	Ian Greenwood	4lbs 13ozs

B Section – equal – Tony Richardson and Austin Maddocks 2lbs 13ozs

Next weeks venue on the canal again at Galleon/Deans Rd will test the parking arrangements to the limit but hopefully we will manage to sort it out.

Roachman