

MKAA VETERANS
GU CANAL GALLEON/DEANS RD
19TH OCTOBER 2011

EARLY BIRD RON ROMPS HOME IN STYLE

With the ever diminishing parking and growing number of boats being bought and used as homes we were tentatively cautious how today would work out. No problems today though with only 2 hire boats on the galleon and basin and a fewer than expected number of owner occupied boats moored up at Deans Rd. A reasonable turnout of 23 came today and I decided that 3 sections would be in order as there were 7 'short walkers' in attendance and these were given the advantage of being in the basin for this match, and then they will be at Deans Rd for the next one.

With the canal being mainly vacant, I was able to give 30yds between pegs which is a good bench mark for 'winter' fishing. A section on the galleon straight was an unknown entity but with plenty of space then we were hopeful of a reasonable days sport. Being able to give mainly double pegs made it all the more appealing but all eyes were on the usually prolific basin and dean's road should have been a fair event. Starting on bread, our very own early bird (first one to arrive nearly every match) Ron Dorrill found the fish very hungry on his end peg on the galleon straight and had netted 2 skimmers before John Harvey had finished feeding! His sport continued to excel until he was double boated which was a shame as the number of boats were far fewer than of late. Didder Heffron, on a rare day out stuck to his trusted caster approach and soon netted a decent perch. Mick Reynolds, a usually prolific skimmer finder on bread could only find small roach but stuck to his task as did John Hewison on the next peg which goes to prove that these skimmers are not so spread out as we may have thought.

Meanwhile on the basin things were very grim with anglers really struggling for bites and fish which goes to prove that prior thoughts can be oh so very wrong. With the exception of Paul Neave on the rushes peg, only Roy Ash (2 bites 2 Perch) coming to his worm offering could tame this section.

Alan Ford gave this match a miss (in favour of home decorating) and during a rest came down to see what he was not missing and brought some disappointing news that apart from 'End peg' (YES AGAIN) Ernie Sattler, things were grim indeed at deans road with very few fish showing. This lifted the rest of us on the straight and Ian Greenhood made a determined effort to get in the coin with a good perch to push Didder for section honours. Then, as if the fish were moving down, Mick Reynolds hooked but lost a big perch and was left cursing his luck. With a prolonged spell of no boats, the water clarity became very clear and the fish became harder to find. So for today's result:

1 st	Ron Dorrill	13lbs 1oz – Skimmers and a 14oz Roach – bread punch
2 nd	John Hewison	4lbs 7ozs – Roach and 1 out of 3 perch – pinkie & worm
A section	Didder Heffron	4lbs 3ozs – Perch & Roach – caster
B section	Paul Neave	3lbs 10ozs small fish on squat & pinkie
C section	Ernie Sattler	2lbs 13ozs – small fish – bread punch

As per the voted for match next week we return to Heyford Fisheries and are hopeful of better sport than the last visit – all will be revealed in the next report!!

Roachman