

MKAA VETERANS - HEYFORD FISHERIES - 26TH OCTOBER 2011

TO RE-VISIT OR NOT

As we approached the venue, a thick fog loomed but as daylight appeared, this cleared and low and behold a sharp frost appeared and all before was white. To give us the best possible chance of catching, the owners had given for most, double pegs on the most productive areas. Once the draw was completed it was off to our pegs with the short walkers going either side of the first bridge. First impressions were good with odd fish topping but that was where for most it ended.

After the first hour, some were already walking and apart from a few very small perch showing there came the news that Paul Hamilton on one of the end pegs had a reasonable carp first put in! After 2 and a half hours doom and gloom had set in and even Ernie Sattler despite catching 2 carp off the very end peg (yes – AGAIN) was checking out the opposition and was seen almost running back to his peg! Terry Lancaster had managed to catch not only a few small perch but a nice 6oz roach and then switched to his far bank line and immediately landed a small carp which boosted his moral until Paul Barnes next peg landed 2. Bites were for most non-existent or very few and far between. Don King on his very first venture with the group had a steady stream of small perch on his favoured worm and then had to patiently wait until the last 5 minutes of the match before an unexpected carp graced his net.

Roger Tebbutt on the early pegs was doing the business with small fish but an over feed of groundbait put the fish right off and like those around him was left wondering what to do next. The day was in a nutshell VERY disappointing which is a shame as the venue is great, breakfast excellent but the seemingly lack of fish overtakes the desire to return – well until next year when the weather warms up at least. We are seriously looking at next year's fixture list as we seem to be hitting a brick wall with the venues available for this well supported group. The canals are getting difficult as the never ending growth of boats mean that what parking is available is often taken up by boat owners vehicles and with less parking available and a council enforcing no verge parking means that this is a problem for not just us but the angler in general. The river banks are getting very bad for the older person and we cannot fish the lakes all the time. The day ticket cost on commercials deters lot of the older members so any thoughts will be welcome. Watch this space comes to mind.

So, today's result came as no surprise to some as 'End peg' Ernie once again boosted his pension fund with a solid win and 2 new faces and our commercial ace Paul Barnes completed the frame. Next week sees a return to the GU canal at Linford Wharf & Gifford which will be interesting to say the least.

1 ST	Ernie Sattler	14lbs 8ozs
2 nd	Paul Barnes	6lbs
A Section	Paul Hamilton	5lbs 13ozs
B Section	Don King	4lbs

As a foot note, after the match I had a chat with the owners here and was told that a consignment of barbel were due to go in on Thurs and they are going to run a silver fish series from Nov through to March which I will be attending and will keep you up to date on this.

Roachman