

MKAA VETERANS-GU CANAL LINFORD BOATYARD 2ND NOV 2011

NOTHING IS SET IN CONCRETE

Following an early inspection of the listed venue by our pegger outer today – the amiable and solid Mick Heffron, came across a working party re-newing the towpath between the Gifford pub and the wharf house. Now I can think of many other areas that need desperate attention but then I'm not in charge and now that the cyclists have a new asphalt path to track test no doubt we will have to be even more careful. So, with this in mind we had to find an alternative venue which thanks to Mick and Linford AC we were able to transfer to the boatyard.

A tremendous turnout of 34 meant that we had to quickly add more pegs to accommodate the additional anglers so those had to go on the other side to the actual boatyard – not to everyone's liking but when needs must. The expected sport from the actual boatyard failed to materialise much to the disappointment of those pegged there and the deeper water further round towards bolbeck were the ones which did the business on the day. Bread punch, normally associated as a winter bait has paid dividends all summer for those anglers brave enough (or astute) to fish it and there are some really good punch anglers on the banks. Paul Neave, now in his 2nd year return to the sport after a fairly long rest is a good man to watch and his ability to read a swim is very good. Today he got in his own words 'the right approach' and destroyed the rest of the field catching down the track all day. Alan Ford on the next peg started well as did Ken Mott next to him but a boat driven with intent to disrupt and be as aggressive towards anglers as he could be ended their early skimmer catches and then had to wait for the canal to calm down and hope that some fish to come back. There must have been a lot of fish in that area because return they did for Alan and he made the most of his fortune. Ernie Sattler failed to draw an end peg today and had to settle for end peg but one (but still a good peg normally) and just got his head down to catch very small roach on punch over which paid dividends again and earned him joint second and the section payout with Alan Ford. On the early pegs by the bridge produced and the only peg left in the short walk section was drawn by Charlie Lancaster who made no mistake to take that section with again, punch caught small roach. So all in all it was a day when punch dominated and depending where you drew determined your catch return.

1 st	Paul Neave	5lbs 13ozs	
2 nd (joint)	Alan Ford and Ernie Sattler	4lbs 11ozs	
A section	Charlie Lancaster	4lbs 2ozs	
B section	Mick (billy no-mates) Heffron	3lbs 14ozs	
C section	Joint – Alan Ford & Ernie Sattler	4lbs 11ozs	

Roachman