

MKAA VETERANS GU CANAL – COSGROVE 7TH Dec 2011

WORM JIGGLERS TAKE THE HONOURS

For this latest foray it was a forgone conclusion that it would be a hard day out of the office as the repairs to the lock at cosgrove ran over estimated time and so with lower than normal levels and water clarity together with a very strong and cold wind, we were on a less than attractive session.

With effectively 4 end pegs, then to be on one of these was an obvious favourite and so it proved. Pegged on the big bend though, Charlie Lancaster weaved his magic and was straight into small roach which took a liking to his bread punch whilst others around him – me included could not raise so much as a bite. Then, out of the blue we had a day hire boat come through. He came through perfectly – then a private boat came through all wrong!! Ken Mott on the end peg below the big bend took his eye off his float whilst talking to Kevin Osborne and when he looked round saw no float and so lifted his pole which arced over and a 2lb skimmer was soon in Kens eager net. Note – must try this tactic sometime. Then we had the fuel barge towing another big boat and it was game over for Charlie and for all of us until the canal settled down again.

Meanwhile, word came through via Ernie Sattler who opted not to fish this match that not a lot was being caught below cosgrove bridge in the short walk section and the best so far was Roy Ash with a 1lb ish perch and Gordon Metcalf with half a dozen roach. So, apparently it was still all to fish for. Alan Ford was the next to take up the challenge with 3 perch on the bounce falling to worm and not to be outdone Mick Heffron joined the jigglers and was soon rewarded with a 12oz perch.

Ken Mott found a 1lb perch to add to his earlier skimmer but that was to be the end of action for him, Mick Heffron found another perch and that was the end of his action as well. Thank goodness most said that this was only a 4 hour match. Unluckiest angler today was Gordon Metcalf who lost his keepnet to a boat that had gone to the water point but on its return had difficulty in mooring up and Gordon's net got dragged into the boats prop. No words safe for publication can be found. The run of big perch from the rivers may continue but on the canal they are just as good. Roy Ash who for so often has been so close to winning finally got that win with a splendid 2 perch catch from the end peg behind the Barley Mow – the best going just short of 3lbs - well done mate. Next week is our Xmas match which will also include a pair's event so we hope that the forecast rain arrives and puts a bit of colour and flow into the river which might just spur fish other than perch to have a go.

1 st	Roy Ash	4lbs 1oz
2 nd	Ken Mott	3lbs 1oz
A section	Nigel Steele	1lbs 4ozs
B section	Alan Ford	2lbs 4ozs
C section	Paul Neave	7ozs

Roachman