

RIVER OUSE BRUSHMILL TO TOOMBS 11TH JANUARY 2012

NEW RECORD SET ON TOOMBS MEADOW

A question often asked when at school was 'How many beans make five?' this has taken on a new format - 'How many pegs can you get on Toombs Meadow?' well today it was 20 - yes you did read this right - 20 a new record for this stretch I believe.

In all seriousness, an excellent 28 hopefuls turned out hoping that today would be their day and that the league match the previous Sunday when weights tumbled on this venue was just a blip. Alas though it was even worse possibly due to the clear conditions and the fact that this venue has (without putting too fine a point on it) been subjected to unfair and continuous pressure over the last month.

Now for some serious news. It appears that the older you get the more your talents are recognised! Bait Company Bait-Tech have sponsored 3 local current in form anglers viz: Paul (The Grafter) Chapman, Ernie (End peg) Sattler and Lee (Drawbag) Jones. Great news for them and joking aside, we all wish them well in the coming year. Paul got off to a great start under his sponsorship with a fine win from the in form peg on Brushmill - an excellent chub weighing in at 6lbs 1oz and a couple of small roach despite forgetting where his net was and returned a 4oz roach early doors! (I will refrain from the obvious - no I won't - Should have gone to Specsavers Paul?) His hopes of a good day like a good many others was trashed by the arrival of some pike - he lost 2 one of which he told us was well over 20lbs which would have beaten his current best of 18lb 14ozs and took humbridge at trying to be netted by smashing his top 2 kit. Life is tough at the top mate. Several anglers hooked and lost pike today - well except for John Whetherall who got both of his out and would have won the match if they counted. John it seems has new found knack of catching pike as he had 3 out on the river match at Buckingham on Sunday.

As for the rest, it was tough on Brushmill - Pete Whatley had a single chub from the chub peg and Ernie Sattler from his customary end peg scratched a meagre 2lbs 13ozs while Paul Neave on the next peg suffered like others have in the past when he lost a very big fish when he scaled down to a light rig in an attempt to get a bite - no justice mate. As for Toombs it was grim as grim for most - well despite all those pegs out it was the usual ones which produced the goods. Steve Schubert ledgered bread flake from his peg near the bridge for 2 chub and 2nd place whilst Mick Reynolds on his left managed some small perch for 2lbs 15ozs on bronze maggot but the section was taken by Roy Ash just past the bend with a fine perch of 2lbs 11ozs and a couple of roach for 3lbs 2ozs total. Les Smith on the back straight showed us around him how to fish the punch by catching 24 very small roach but modesty prevented him from weighing in. Ah well there's always next week - which incidentally is a split venue as we have got permission to fish Baileys stretch so the headache now is where do we put the short walkers? Lucky dip time methinks. Today's summary then is:

1 st	Paul Chapman - Bait-Tech	6lbs 2ozs
2 nd	Steve Schubert (Pictured below)	4lbs 8ozs
A section	Roy Ash	3lbs 2ozs
B section	Pete Whatley	3lbs 1oz

Roachman

Apology One thing I completely overlooked on the last report was to thank those who undertook pegging out duties over the year but more importantly Mick Heffron and Barry Witteridge who always help out at the draw to make things run so smoothly. Many thanks mates without you I would start fishing even later than I already do!!

Steve Schubert with the biggest of his 2 chub

