

## RIVERSIDE - 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2012

### BY ECK IT'S GRIM DOWN SOUTH

After a couple of weeks off due to the bad weather some were keen to dust off the cobwebs and get back to the important world of fishing. Whilst we are still waiting for some rain however and with the continued lack of sport in recent times we were greeted with gin clear conditions which did little to install a lot of enthusiasm among the 20 assembled and so it proved.

Having completed the draw and moving to the allotment to get some quick digging completed before the hoped for forecasted rain due on Thursday, my thoughts were with the merry men and whether or not they were catching. On my return some 3 hours later to complete the weighing in, I was not surprised to see that at least half of the field had already gone home and the rest all heads down hoping for a late run of fish.

Well without further adue, I have to report that this was not a day to remember for most as bites and fish were few and far between and I doubt that this or any other venue will be any different until that long awaited rain does eventually come and change things. Leading the weights was Bedford's very own Dave McClellan who during the last year has turned in many fine performances but the all-important win had eluded him - until today that is. A modest (in comparison) 5lbs 9ozs made up entirely of perch came from a swim 6 pegs below the bridge that has thrown up consistently over the last few weeks. Two pegs away Tony Richardson had as many pike as perch but caught enough to easily take second place over Alan Ford who had to settle for the section honours. Above the bridge only 3 anglers were there at the end and Nigel Steele and Rupert Ash shared the section money having both weighed 1lb 4ozs - Rupert with 2 perch and Nigel with 2 perch, 1 roach and 1 fine dace - the only non-perch to be caught today! The new fixture list is now completed for the forthcoming year and will be handed out within the next 2 weeks. This includes a few out of town venues which is an experiment and it will be interesting to see if they are a) Supported and b) popular by results.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dave McClellan (Pictured)	5lbs 9ozs	- Perch on worm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Richardson	4lbs 5ozs	- Perch on worm
A section Nigel Steele and Rupert Ash both 1lbs 4ozs			
B section	Alan Ford	2lbs 5ozs	- Perch on worm

This Sunday sees the next round of the Newport league on this venue then we return here next week - oh joy of joys!!

*Roachman*

*Dave's Winning Catch*

