

MKAA VETS – RIVERSIDE MEADOWS 29TH FEBRUARY 2012

ONLY THE BRAVE ATTEND

Seeing as this venue has been match fished 4 times in 3 weeks and with the conditions still poor – low, clear and very poor results from previous matches and pleasure angler reports, it was no real surprise that only 10 brave souls attended this match. With sunny conditions adding to the already unattractive conditions it was anyone's guess just what might or might not be caught. With such a low attendance (the last time we only had this amount of anglers was 4 years ago!) we only used the pegs below the footbridge and then only used the more likely to produce pegs at that and even this did little to get everyone to catch.

On one of these likely pegs, Henry Snell was about to pack up and go home like a few others who had already made this decision and had even taken his keepnet out to dry off before packing the rest of his gear away WHEN – his single pinkie mounted on a 22 hook was accepted by a big fish. With walking anglers now transfixed on his battle and offering ready advice, he skilfully managed to land a truly magnificent bream which tipped the scales to 5lbs 14ozs. One bite – one fish – but what a fish.

The only other fish caught were perch and it was yet another one of our older comrades Bill Carder who took second place and the rest of the pools money with a very mediocre weight from the normally very productive swim just above the weir of 1 lb 13ozs. This just goes to prove that until conditions change this normally excellent river will just not produce.

Being away on a practice session for the last of the silverfish open series at Heyford Fisheries, I was not there to take Henry's photo which I am truly sorry for.

Next week sees us return to the river at Stony main and with reported weights up to 38lbs of chub and perch being caught we are expecting a good turnout – especially when we only have 2 more matches before the close season on rivers. The next year's fixture list is now ready for distribution. This has a very mixed venue selection and we are experimenting with a few commercials to test the water so to speak.

So for this week:

1 st	Henry Snell	5lbs 14ozs – one bream pole and pinkie
2 nd	Bill Carder	1lbs 13ozs – perch – pole and maggot

Roachman