

CALVERTON RD - TOOMBS 14 March 2012

RIVER QUEST FOR FISH

BOB SAVES HIS BEST TILL THE LAST DAY

In conjunction with the end of the season for river fishing and the final event on the veterans current fixture list the day did not start well. Having told everyone who asked that the draw would be in the picnic area, everyone else made for stony bridge which resulted in the draw and fishing times being delayed – oh dear. Having had to peg the match out the previous day as no-one else seemed to be available I found a number of anglers getting their final days fishing in before the close season and stretched the venue out to try and get the pegs that I felt would produce.

After the draw, a quick check on who was where revealed a number of good anglers on good pegs so it appeared that a good contest was on the cards. As this was the last day on the river I decided to give it a try but being drawn on peg 13 I had my doubts and this proved to be the case. Above me on 12, Ian Greenhood got off to a fair start catching a few small fish on punch until he latched onto a big bream which rolled and shed the hook just as he reached for the landing net. Blast he said (well I think it was blast) did you see that he asked – yes I replied and it will cost you today – many a true word is spoken in jest. One angler noted for walking if he was not doing well is Bob Gale and his absence could only mean he was catching. In fact there was no activity and my hopes that all were doing well increased. However, this was not to be the case and it was only in the last hour when I was packing up to get ready for weighing in the top section that Terry Lancaster came for a walk that news revealed that it was just as bad in most areas.

Helping me with weighing in we were surprised just how many anglers had packed up and left. On the snag pit peg on Ousebank, Alan Ford had good day on lobworm catching 6 perch, but the numerous crayfish and 5 pike he also caught could not be weighed in. Mick Reynolds with 1 small dace was the only other angler to weigh in here and on brushmill things were just as bad. It was the other section which included Holland's and toombs that gave the best results and top of the tree today was Bob Gale who had just 2 fish – a bream which weighed 7lbs 9ozs and a perch of 2lbs 12ozs. No wonder he was not walking! On Toombs, Ernie (golden arm) Sattler was on **THE** peg on the back straight and fell just short of Alan's weight with Kevin Osborne and Paul Chapman both doing well on the day. Now we have gone onto the new list please note that we have a few commercials added which I will need names for and of course we go onto the 'silly o'clock' draw times – that should please the wives – NOT.

1 st	Bob Gale	10lbs 5ozs
2 nd	Alan Ford	9lbs 4ozs
3 rd	Ernie Sattler (Bait-Tec)	8lbs 14ozs (also B section winner)
A section	Audley Scott	1lbs 5ozs

On the Ted Brown trophy current standings, Ernie Sattler despite not fishing 7 of the last 12 matches is well in front with 220 points; Mick Reynolds has 187 and Ian Greenhood 151.

Enjoy the close season for those who observe it otherwise tight lines

Roachman.