

# MKAA VETERANS GU CANAL COSGROVE & BAILEYS 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012

## TEN MINUTE TERRY PROVES A POINT

I've lost count of how many times Terry Valentine has said (probably as a wind-up) you lot and all that gear you take and set up is not needed – you only need ten minutes to get ready before the start of a match. Well, if you opt to fish a whip, then 10 minutes **IS** all you need and then you don't need to take much with you tackle wise and today he proved his point – although having an end peg does have a distinct advantage. With this split venue and only managing to get 8 pegs on the poplars 6 of these were taken by the short walkers. This left only 2 pegs for the remainder and the rest on the baileys but instinct told us that you really needed to be on the poplars to do any good as a previous match on baileys was not that good – so, as usual, the draw would play a significant part.

Draw completed, and we were off to our respective pegs. Having 4 end pegs today gave those lucky enough to draw one added hope and then the rest of us on baileys hoping for a few skimmers and the odd lump or two to give us a chance. Right from the off, Nigel Steele and Paul Neave were into punch fish but these were few and far between and then the only fish wanting to feed were gudgeon. Once the first hour had passed and the late frost had cleared, bites were even worse to come by and it was only the odd angler who managed to snare the odd lump perch. Then – the first boat came through and as is usual went straight over the swim and knocked it right back. In short, after having mine and the adjoining 2 swims trashed 3 times by inconsiderate boats there was only one potential outcome and home looked like a more than favourable option.

Meanwhile, on the poplars, a couple of the anglers there were also having their own problems with the boats and only the mellowness of older age prevented a right bust up on one occasion. Out on peg 1 however, TV was on course for his target of 150 fish over the 5 hours until he also had an inconsiderate boater causing him to re-assess this. Ian Greenhood on the notice peg was steadily putting some nice skimmers together and Jack Wilson was also doing well until he opted for the chop worm 'get a lump or two' option which, unfortunately for him failed to work which ultimately cost him a podium place. So, it was the weigh-in which would reveal today's outcome. Way out in front was 'Ten minute' Terry Valentine, followed by Ian Greenhood and Roy Ash. So in short it was the poplars section which provided not only the top 3 but top four places. Down on the Baileys section it was Paul Neave who topped this with a very modest 2lbs 14ozs 4 drms. Hard day in the office then.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ten Minute Terry Valentine	5lbs 4ozs 12drms – 139 fish – whip & pinkie
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian Greenhood	4lbs 1oz
A section	Roy Ash	4lbs exactly
B section	Paul Neave	2lbs 14ozs 4drms

Next week sees us on our first trip to Furzton and let's just hope that this fishes ok.

Have fun

Tight Lines

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