

# MKAA VETERANS – GU CANAL DEANS RD 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012

## OH DEAR IT JUST GETS WORSE

All the signs were there – low water in the canal, restricted boat movement through locks = clear water and the forecast (would they get it right for once?) of strong wind and rain meant the more sensible ones would stay at home. In fact, there was a near record low turnout of only 17 today which meant the pegs could be contained at Deans Road and Ernie Sattler duly completed this task for us in ultra-quick time. There were-surprisingly only a few boats moored here so most of the feature pegs could be used and it was these that gave those lucky enough to draw them an extra spring in their step.

With the water so clear most started fishing in the deepest part of the swim and for 4 anglers this proved to be the right decision – Pete Whatley snared a decent chub on punch first put in, Mick Heffron and Ernie Sattler also caught skimmers on punch and Dick Peerless (Good on you Dick – it's about time we saw you in the frame) snared a decent bream on double dead pinkie – so this left the rest of us on catch-up even though we adopted the same tactics but this goes to prove you cannot catch what is not in front of you. After about an hour, the cold wind and rain started to get to me and when a BW dredger came along it gave me the opportunity to go for a walk to get warm and see who was doing what. Now I have to have a whinge here – that dredger whilst not a speed boat must have had its engine revs at full throttle and with a beam across the front it just devastated the water – now if BW doesn't follow their own waterways code of conduct how on earth do they expect other boats to? And not surprisingly the vast majority never had another bite once it had gone through – plus a hire boat with an inexperienced driver hugging the far bank did little to help matters.

To the left of the opening the weights were no better and it was Paul Neave on the Buddleia bush - end peg today that made the most of his good draw to end the day with 129 small fish – mainly gudgeon for a very modest 3-2-12. Tony Richardson managed to snare 2 perch on his favourite lobworm and Jack Wilson had 1 perch and some bits to top Tony by just 1/2oz. The most consistent area was the 5 pegs to the right of the opening and those who caught in the first hour (apart from Paul Neave that is) had the best of the action and that was it. Yet another hard day in the office.

So, for today's results

1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Neave	3lbs 2ozs 12drms – 129 fish on squatt/pinkie
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ernie Sattler	2lbs 1oz 8drms      Skimmers & Roach to punch
A section	Jack Wilson	1lbs 10ozs 8drms
B section	Dick Peerless	2lbs exactly

Now next week will see a good turn-out as we visit Canons Ashby for what I am hoping for will be a good 'silver fish' match as the carp are not showing (so I am reliably informed).

Tight Lines

*Roachman*