

MKAA VETERANS – CANONS ASHBY 25TH APRIL 2012

EXTREME WEATHER = LOW NUMBERS BUT BIG FISH

For our latest away venue visit the forecasted weather was in fact spot on and a significant low turnout – especially for this well liked venue was a surprise. Having just 16 attendees, it was offered and accepted that we split the numbers to 8 on each lake and forgoing the pairs kitty just paid out the top two on each lake. Being lucky in the draw bag is always an advantage but with this venue if you are on fish then you have a head start and here they could be anywhere. It just started raining when we arrived and the wind was blowing up both lakes so it all seemed ok – well, that was until the match started and the wind increased dramatically and changed direction so those on the bottom lake got the full force of cold rain and wind straight at them which was very unpleasant in the least, while those on the top lake got the wind behind them.

Off to a cracking start on the top lake was the unstoppable Ernie Sattler who had managed to snare 4 carp (we were informed that they were not showing yet) before those around him had so much as an indication and we are now forming the opinion that he must have a pied piper aroma around him. Further down the lake Ted Sullivan and Ian Greenhood were catching skimmers whilst those either side were struggling for bites. On the bottom lake, Barry Witteridge was fairing well catching skimmers on feeder and red maggot whilst John Hewison was extracting a few nice roach on pole and red maggot in between chasing his umbrella which broke his box support and took flight across the field! Gary Britton on one of the island pegs lost a good fish and immediately got the proper gear out but had to wait before another take came his way and that fish also found a snag before it was third time lucky and this was to be a fish of a lifetime and his personal best carp to date turning the scales to a really impressive 21lbs 9ozs. Back to the top lake and Paul Barnes and John Harvey either side of Mr unstoppable started to catch whilst our Ern found fewer bites and fish which resulted in the gap narrowing very significantly and very quickly. Ian Greenhood was still putting the odd fish in the net but it was noticeable just how those fish were shoaled up as the lower 4 struggled and the carp all came from the upper 4 pegs. Back on the bottom lake and Wilf Sanderson was putting the odd skimmer in the net as was Barry Witteridge but JH changed to his pellet line and after a couple of skimmers latched onto a carp which after a long battle (just who was tiring quicker – the carp or the angler?) managed to net his best carp ever. Another 2 lost fish were followed by another good carp and this was good enough to win this lake. So, an interesting and memorable day for some, and it has to be noted that most of the carp caught on pole were all tamed on very light elastics – must have been the cold water as we would have stood no chance in the warmer weather when they are fighting fit and very aggressive. So, today's results are:

A section

1 st	John Hewison	31lbs 1oz –	2 carp + crucians, skimmers & roach – pole pellet & maggot
2 nd	Gary Britton	21lbs 9ozs	1 carp – method feeder, 20 hook & double red maggot

B section

1 st	Ernie Sattler (Bait Tec)	54lbs 12ozs	carp to pole and pellet
2 nd	Paul Barnes	48lbs 8ozs	carp to pole and pellet

B section also provided John Harvey with the third best weight of the day – 43lbs 11ozs – good weight but no cigar – oops sorry forgot – no advertising!!

Back to the cut next week which will be a struggle for some as we follow the MKAA spring league.

Roachman