

MK VETERANS TEARDROPS 1,2&4

9TH MAY 2012

LATE DECISION SAVES THE DAY

With the vast amount of rain that flooded the lakes at Teardrops in the last week a late inspection resulted in the match going ahead. Un-aware that Lake 4 always cops the worst of any rainfall the platforms on the path side although under water were visible and I was left with waiting to see how many turned up today. Pegging out 'early doors' revealed that a few swims were unfishable due to overgrown trees giving vent to 'parrot cages' and some unfishable due to fallen trees in the recent storms. Having more anglers arriving than pegs available we had to take a chance on lake 4 with those drawn there using extreme caution.

The forecast bad weather fortunately did not materialise and we fished fairly comfortably with the lakes looking of good colour – well that was until you dropped some bait in and that revealed it was not as coloured as originally thought. With good anglers on favoured pegs it was going to be an interesting day. First unlucky man was Robin Lett on Lake 1 who lost a good bream at the net which favoured his white chocolate boilie. After that he resorted to the pole and managed just a couple of skimmers which gave just the minimum float indication. Also on 1 was Mick Reynolds who had to wait for the fish to arrive but then lost no time in making the most of a good net of roach, perch, skimmers and a decent tench which showed signs of having just recently spawned. Ted Salaman managed one bream on the feeder before having to wait ages for another bite. On Lake 2, Barry Witteridge had a good bream first cast and he must have thought he was on a shedful but again like Ted he had to wait over 3 hours before another bream joined his mate. The very favoured pegs failed to materialise until the last 30 minutes when Austin (Mr Artful) Maddocks got his tried and tested secret squirrel bait to fool a good bream. On lake 4, Jack Wilson also had a fish first cast on the feeder - a tench which was just short of 4lbs and Ken Mott got the worm to work with a good bream and two skimmers before the EA workforce came to clear the outgoing culvert and this prompted a mass of water going out and the water level dropping by some 2 feet!! After that none of the anglers there had another bite. So today's result was a disappointingly low affair as follows:

1 st	Mick Reynolds	7lbs 7ozs
2 nd	Barry Witteridge	7lbs 4ozs (ouch)
3 rd	Ken Mott	6lbs 13ozs

A section Ted Salaman 4lb **B section** Austin Maddocks 3lbs 11ozs **C section** Ken Mott 6lbs 13ozs

Next week we return to the canal at Cosgrove and I predict a peggers nightmare with boats. Names for Wappenham have exceeded the number of pegs available but an alternative venue for the overflow will be available.

Good luck and tight lines

Roachman



Close but no cigar for Barry Witteridge with his 2 Bream catch.