

# MKAA VETERANS - St JAMES LAKE BRACKLEY

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## JOHN THE METHOD SHOWS US HOW IT'S DONE

For our latest venture away from home we travelled to the very attractive St James lake at Brackley. A very good turnout today of 22 were all set for the draw when a roadwork team arrived who informed us that we needed to move all the cars parked in the lane as they were digging it up to lay BT pipes and cables – great. Well after a slight delay all eyes were on Ernie to see if he still had his magic touch in the draw bag and were relieved when he failed to get an end peg – jubilation soon calmed down when it was realised he was in a favourable area in the trees though!! His in form understudy Austin also managed to avoid getting an end peg but was also in a normally favourable area along with Mick (the punch wizard) Heffron and Barry (In form) Witteridge, Ron Bull, Jack Wilson and John (Methods the way lads) Whetherall all on the right hand bank which on past form is slightly deeper and usually produces better results than the left hand bank. Dave Ridgeway managed to tempt the first end peg out of the bag, Dave Mac found himself on the exact same peg he drew last year and was confident of doing well. One member who always seems to produce the goods here is Mr amiable – Les Smith was not far from where he drew last year and must have thought he was in with more than a chance of repeating last year's win.

First action from my vantage point of mid-way along the left hand bank was Jack Wilson netting a decent fish followed by John Whetherall doing the same. Next peg along from me Dave Mac started well all be it small fish before the landing net came out and it was game on. Some doubts as to whether the venue would fish at all after the recent influx of rain however were becoming reality for some and static feeder tips and pole floats were too common. Mick Reynolds again proved that the normally successful winter bait – bread punch is rapidly becoming the mainstay bait all year by catching small fish from the off whilst Dave Ridgeway had a reasonable start on the feeder before moving to the pole and snaring a few more skimmers. Jack Wilson had moved to the pole but had more fish than anyone was aware of and next door John Whetherall stuck to the method feeder and caught just 3 decent bream staggered throughout the match. Meanwhile, the trees failed to produce much and the normally reliable skimmers failed to show until very late into the match. One good thing today was that the weather was nowhere near as bad as predicted and apart from one short sharp heavy shower we were sat in nice sunshine. Bites were very finicky though and bumped and lost fish cost me dearly but an enjoyable days fishing none the less finishing just out of the frame. So for the top results then:

1 <sup>st</sup>	John Whetherall	10lbs 11ozs – Bream on method feeder
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jack Wilson	7lbs 15ozs - Bream on feeder, skimmers on pole
A section	Dave Ridgeway	7lbs 3ozs Bream on feeder, skimmers on pole
B section	Ron Bull	6lbs 12ozs Skimmers on pole.

Next week sees us on the canal around the overshot between Logues lane and the Blackhorse pub – weather permitting so keep in touch please as the access road could be off limits if the forecast heavy rain arrives.

Tight Lines

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