

MKAA VETERANS FURZTON LAKE 20TH JUNE 2012

'FICKLE' FURZTON FRUSTRATES US ALL

Of all our fixtures, Furzton lake has got to be the most attractive to this band of older (but not necessarily) wiser anglers. Today saw a full house of 32 despite many of the usual big guns not being in attendance due to various other commitments and practicing for an annual charity match at Packington Summers. With thanks to Austin M for a good job pegging out, Mick H and Barry the usual 2 helpers and Ken Mott, the draw was completed in double quick time and we were off full of expectations despite a flat calm billiard table smooth lake – not a breath of wind which put justifiable doubts as to whether the bream would feed but confidence that the pole men might just get amongst the prizes. Well that was until I got to my peg past the overshoot and placed the keepnet in only to see its entire length – the water was that clear. Oh dear it's going to be one of those days methinks I told myself. It was very surprising really as we had a fair amount of rain last week and that was followed by a long spell of high winds so just why the water clarity was as bad as it was is a mystery.

So, as for the match it was a very very slow start for everyone and I cannot ever remember having to ever wait for over an hour for my first bite in over 14 years of fishing here despite the fact for a number of us there were a number of carp close in moving and swirling around but not feeding. Local man and one who fishes Furzton a lot Micky Harnett was fishing his usual very tidy match and was justly rewarded with a skimmer then Dave Lewis next door opened his account with a better specimen and Ian Greenhood next to him also got among the brief action so the fish must have been congregating in that area. Meanwhile, Chalky White on the early pegs was trying to tame a big fish that fell to his pinkie on a 22 offering but after testing his elastic to the limit on 2 occasions the fish got away and that was to cost him the section prize. For most including the best and feared members it was a blankety blank day with the feeder not producing the goods. That said, perseverance always pays dividends and that man of magic Paul Barnes was rewarded in the last 40 minutes with a superb carp of 14lbs 3ozs. Meanwhile all was quiet on the early pegs with Mick Reynolds snaring 3 fish in his 20 minute action slot on straight lead red maggot approach and Gordon Metcalf landing one pound roach to sweetcorn with Dave Ridgeway the only other angler before the overshoot to catch. Dave Lewis found another 4 skimmers and Ian Greenhood another 2 whilst Steve Chilton got his float to go under catching very small perch on pinkie but overall it was a very quiet and disappointing day.

Today then:

1 st	Paul Barnes	17lbs 4ozs	1 bream 1 carp method feeder pellet
2 nd	Dave Lewis	13lbs 3ozs	5 skimmers to method feeder & maggot
A section	Mick Reynolds	3lbs 8ozs	Red maggot – straight lead
B section	Ian Greenhood	7lbs 3ozs	Feeder fished red maggot

Next week I'm away on holiday in Cornwall so our ever reliable Ken Mott is running the match – our first on the river this season and it will be interesting to see how it fishes.

Good luck and hopefully some tight lines

Roachman

