

MKAA VETERANS – FURZTON 26TH SEPT 2012

'AWESOME RULES FURZTON'

A few years ago it was Gordon Metcalf who dominated the matches on Furzton Lake now it appears that Austin Maddock has unlocked the key for this venue with yet another impressive victory. We know from past experience that this lake has a tendency to switch off when we get any significant rain for a while until the fish get used to the colder conditions and with rain already fallen and the forecast for more to come, justifiably there were some doubts as to whether the fish would feed and with additional forecast of strong winds how many would brave the day?

Now taking note of the horrendous forecasted conditions and not wanting to get a third soaking on the trot I left my gear at home and went to set off the more hardy and resilient of the group. As I was taking the pools and names the rain came down but within 15 minutes cleared to reveal clearing skies and a gentle breeze instead of the strong winds. STUPID BOY you would have thought that by now I would have learnt to take the weather forecasts with a pinch of salt wouldn't you? Not to worry though, paying pools and getting a draw I was off to fight the traffic to get some gear and return but then starting over an hour late.

How is it that certain anglers seem to continually draw the right areas/end pegs? That question continually comes to the fore but as in life generally some are lucky and others not and then we all seem to enjoy golden segments and have to make the most of them. Today was no different when the end three pegs totally dominated the results and the three lucky anglers were Bob Gale (fresh from his £500.00 Citizen Cup win), Ernie Sattler and Austin Maddock. In continued form, Austin led the way but was being caught rapidly in the last hour by Ernie who abandoned the pole for the feeder and had some late bream – must be all that practice he has been putting in paying off!!

It is nice to see that bream and skimmers are now feeding closer in and that must be due to the lesser number of carp anglers of late and fish now looking around for food. Up to a month ago Furzton resembled tent city at a rock concert than a peaceful tranquil lake!! For those pegged before the sluice sport was slower but still there were fish to be caught if you got the tactics and feeding right! So for the results then, Austin won with Ernie second and Bob in third place topping three other 7lb weights including my 7lbs 4ozs which should have been 8lbs plus but having inadvertently letting a good roach return after unhooking it cost me the section!! Stupid Boy for the second time – just not my day eh? – late start and wrong starting tactics and returning fish!!!!

1 st	Austin Maddock	18lbs 11ozs	Bream to method & maggot
2 nd	Ernie Sattler	13lbs 13ozs	Mixed pole & feeder late bream
A Section	Paul Hamilton	7lbs 9ozs	Feeder Bream & skimmers
B Section	Bob Gale	7lbs 12ozs	Feeder Bream/skimmers

Next week sees us on the river with the draw at Calverton Road picnic area at 'sensible' winter draw time of 8am fishing 9am to 2pm - divided opinions on this and as always you cannot please everyone and I will take this opportunity to inform everyone that after this calendar of events which ends on the 13th March 2013 I will not be running ANY future veterans matches. The last 4 years have been both enjoyable and frustrating and my decision is not reversible.

Tight Lines
Roachman