

MKAA VETERANS – RIVER OUSE
CALVERTON ROAD 9TH JANUARY 2013

WANT A JOB? – PEGGER OUTER VACANCY!!

With the continued unpredictable weather still with us we were due to fish Brushmill and the Toombs meadow this week and our allocated man for pegging duties – Alan Ford phoned to see if I would join him in this weeks duty – of course I replied and we agreed to meet up at Stony bridge and walk up to see just where the pegs could go which as it turned out was a very wise move. Walking up Toombs meadow it was clear that there was a very strong pull on the river and when we reached the big bend I was really taken aback as I have never seen water turbulence like it before. In what is usually static water huge boils were evident meaning yet another peg was out. Coupled with this, the incessant water has taken its toll on the banks **and here is a valid and strong warning** – a lot of the bank that appears safe is in fact in danger of collapsing especially where we are used to sitting – in fact one local angler last week hooked what he thought was a big bream only to see it was a 6lb ish pike which went under the area he was sitting on! It won't be long before the footpath will have to be moved back for everyone's safety. And while I'm in winge mode the amount of dog poo is absolutely ridiculous and totally out of order especially so when you see the amount of young children about and with the same on the canals I have taken to carrying a packet of wipes with me as invariably I seem to miss some on initial inspection!!

And now onto the real business. Having failed to find sufficient safe pegs on the allocated venues (when we got to the weir we saw the reason for the abnormal strong flow – all the paddles were up so the EA must be trying to get rid of a lot of water somewhere further upstream) we agreed that it would be safer and more appropriate to peg the picnic area and Ousebank way where we could get 23 pegs in and on the back of the DATS match on the previous Sunday we knew there were fish to be caught all through – to the right tactics of course!! During our pegging we met a fellow pleasure angler who informed us that he had caught some bream from the picnic area in the summer and had come across a huge bream that had obviously been killed by an otter which must have been pushing double figures – now that's interesting (the bream news I mean) and low and behold Dave McClellan caught a pound-ish skimmer in his 2lbs 15ozs net. Meanwhile, our man of the moment Paul Chapman drew within a peg of where he won from on Sunday and along with John (on a roll) Harvey who drew at the end of the trees (current hot peg) must have thought it was their day but they forgot to take into account 'Awesome' Austin who plugged away and stole the show with a good net of small roach and dace. Not a huge weight but considering the strong sun and the colour dropping out very quickly he must have been well chuffed. Paul Chapman could not duplicate his Sunday win and struggled for bites in the last 2 hours and John Harvey suffered as the usually prolific perch failed to show so things didn't quite go to plan for them. Drawing the same swim Ernie had on Sunday where he included a 21/2 pound chub in his net I opted for a bread feeder but after 40 minutes without a fish got my head into gear and finally sorted out what they wanted in the last half of the match to end up third – again!

We have got to make a few changes to the listed programme in the next few weeks and I will get a revised list out for next week. So, for today:

1 st	Austin Maddock	4lbs 5ozs 4drms – roach & dace
2 nd	Paul Chapman	4lbs 8drms – roach
3 rd	John Hewison	3lbs 10ozs – mixed
4 th	Dave McClellan	2lbs 15ozs – mixed

Tight Lines – providing it stays dry of course!

Roachman