

MKAA VETERANS GU CANAL
LINFORD BOATYARD 13TH FEB 2013

IT'S NEVER AS YOU PLAN IT!

For this re-arranged get together from Cosgrove & the Baileys we had hoped for a fair and reasonable day but then life has a habit of not living up to expectations. With some pretty adverse conditions forecast it was no surprise that only 13 arrived to face what would be and so we left the areas covered in ice and pegged through from the club house to in between the two bridges and hoped for the best. To begin with the weather was quite kind but as the match went on the wind got up and the chill factor kicked in to make you glad you had dressed for it. In the first hour the lack of activity had everyone wishing they had stayed in bed or the warmth of home but then there is always **'the list'** to face which drives you outside no matter what!!

Finally, Dave Mac on the much favoured peg before the V3 road bridge had a small perch and after 2 hours had 2! Not to be outdone, that Linford supremo John Harvey on the end peg between the bridges caught 2 small perch and Nigel Steel halfway on the boats had a bite which he missed, went straight out again and had a small perch so it was left for the rest of us to hope that we too would be lucky enough to catch and get some points on the sheet. However in short it never happened and the day can be summed up as follows:

With only perch showing in odd areas and your lucky angel looking after you the results speak for themselves – 13 fished – 5 caught.

1 st	Chalky White	1lb 2ozs 8drms – 1 Perch on double pinkie
2 nd	Austin Maddock	8ozs - 1 Perch on lobby tail 5 mins from the end!
3 rd	John Harvey	3ozs 8drms - 5 perch on bits of worm <u>STAR PERFORMANCE</u>

Only 2 others caught – Dave Mac 2 perch for 1oz and Nigel Steel ended with just the 1 perch for 8drms. 5 of us in a line never had so much as an indication and you have to console yourself that it was not your ability that let you down on the day. So, with points going begging it looks like Dave Mac closing the gap on yours truly and with End Peg Ern opting out but still in 3rd but after this week I'll list the standings at the halfway stage.

Lets hope the weather allows us to fish Riverside next week as this has shown some form this year despite all the rain otherwise we will be at Willowbridge and Mill Road which could be just as bad as today!

Be lucky
Roachman