

MKAA VETERANS
RIVERSIDE MEADOWS 6TH MARCH 2013

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES

I was not surprised to receive calls on Monday morning from concerned members about this weeks planned venue following what can only be described as a very poor result on Sunday and as such could we not fish at Riverside which had been fishing quite well. After a few phone calls I established that there were no planned matches on this stretch and so Terry and I made as many calls we could to notify as many as possible but as always there were a couple we missed or could not get hold of which is inevitable really when you have a busy life as well as fishing. However, move made and pegging out completed on the morning hopes were slightly dashed when we were informed that a few anglers had fished here the previous day and had really struggled or had not had a bite despite moving swims on more than one occasion.

Needless to say most had their eyes on the favoured pegs known to hold and recently produce bream and roach in numbers and it was no surprise when these went to those with a golden drawing arm. Watercraft skills are learnt over a period of years and with good cloud cover present this would hold favourably and compensate for the clear water provided you did not 'skyline' lower depth swims that is!! Being handed peg 5 did not initially fill me with ecstasy but once I had negotiated the mud and got settled it looked interesting at least.

After an hour the flow increased and a quantity of foam suggested that another holding sluice had been opened and a change of tactics were needed and after 2 hours the cloud cover started to break and low and behold the fishing got harder for the majority but by then everyone had got a few fish in the net to keep them interested and determined to continue their quest for more. Walkers informed me that 'Not an end peg' but still a flyer Ernie was catching a roach on punch every put in from his favourable draw, Alan Ford on his peg two above the footbridge fishing caster under stick float was also in the hunt for glory catching very quickly, Martin Cunniff on peg 2 towards the caravans which has a reputation of producing good weights on its day was sorting out pound plus chub, roach and dace very effectively as is his excellent ability but some others on normally productive swims were not fairing so well and a couple of others were being rather cagey on what they had caught, so it was all still to fish for.

The final results were very interesting and thanks to a chub and a 1lb 4oz beautiful roach I had a reasonable weight and after match chat confirmed that stick float and caster did the business today.

1 st	Martin Cunniff	10lbs exactly	mixed catch of chub, roach, dace and perch
2 nd	Alan Ford	9lbs 5ozs	Roach, dace and chub to Stick and caster
3 rd	Ernie Sattler	8lbs 11ozs	93 Roach on punch
4 th	John Hewison	7lbs 8ozs	Roach dace and Chub – stick and caster
5 th	Nigel Steel	7lbs 2ozs	Roach – stick and caster

So, next week will be my last match as organiser for the vets after 4 years and I wish Ian, Barry Austin and Mick H all the best. Hopefully reports will still be made and from the weather forecast which is far from favourable lets hope we get a reasonable day out before the close season arrives.

Roachman