

## RIVERSIDE MEADOWS 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012

### WHAT A DIFFERENCE A WEEK MAKES

With a drop of much needed rain arriving over the last two days, our thoughts were if any of it had reached the river and if so would there now be some colour and flow? Well, at first sight, there was a bit of both and hopes were obviously very high – but as always it was down to the draw. As I was away on practice for the next round of the Heyford fisheries silver fish series, I was very fortunate that Mr Reliable – Mick Heffron was agreeable to run the match in my absence and with Ken Mott offering to peg out as Dave Adams was working it was a lucky day off for me.

By all accounts, the colour you thought was in was in fact just a tinge but some is better than none and maybe the little bit of flow and the recent rise in temperatures might just encourage a few fish to feed. With a good attendance of 27, there was little room to take any of the less than favourable pegs out and so they all went in. Pegged below the bridge on bream alley, newly sponsored Bait-Tech signing Ernie Sattler got the dream start that everyone would have liked when he latched onto the first of 3 bream in the first 15 minutes of the match. Another quickly followed before roach and perch fell to his red maggot bait. Below Ernie, Les Smith quivered his way through the match and was rewarded with a good bream as well. Paul Hamilton was drawn at the end of the vets car park and was straight into a small chub quickly followed by a good 12oz roach both falling to punch and his thoughts were obviously very high but then sport tailed off and only a workmanlike performance got him a reasonable weight and but for a lost big chub shedding the hook on his 'fishing for bites' light rig he would have easily taken the section. On the end peg, in form angler Nigel Steele started off reasonably well with some roach and perch until he lost a good chub – again on light tackle and this prompted him to change to a beefier set up and 4 more chub were easily persuaded into his net, all falling to maggot. This peg is renowned for being a real snag-pit so Nigel did well to get these out.

Above the bridge, it was a totally different story with only half of the anglers troubling the scalesman. Top rod here was John Whetherall who managed one decent chub and a few bits for a good section win – although he lost his title of Mr Pike man as he failed to catch one today!

So, a quick round up of the day's events:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ernie Sattler Bait Tech	19lbs 3ozs
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nigel Steele	16lbs 14ozs
A Section	John Whetherall	4lbs 13ozs
B Section	Les Smith	6lbs 6ozs

Next week's venue is set for Calverton Road/Brushmill and I'll be checking this out Monday to make sure all is well.

*Roachman*