

MKAA VETERANS FURZTON LAKE

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TO FISH OR NOT TO FISH – THAT WAS THE QUESTION

THIS, OUR FIRST OUTING TO FURZTON LAKE THIS YEAR COINCIDED WITH THE FORECAST OF SOME EXTREME BAD WEATHER. THIS OBVIOUSLY DETERRED SOME OF OUR REGULARS FROM RISING AT SILLY O'CLOCK JUST TO SIT OUT IN COLD, DAMP AND UNPLEASANT WEATHER. COUPLED WITH THIS, THERE WERE VARIOUS REPORTS AS TO HOW THE LAKE WAS FISHING RANGING FROM VERY GOOD TO HARD AND VERY FEW BITES. AS IS ALWAYS THE CASE NOW THE DRAW WOULD PLAY A SIGNIFICANT PART IN THE PROCEEDINGS AND WITH THE POINT AND SHALLOWS BEING DICARDED IN VIEW OF THE COMPARATIVE LOW TURNOUT FOR THIS VENUE AND SO KEEPING EVERYONE IN A LINE, THE FEEDER ANGLERS WERE HOPING THAT THE RESIDENT BREAM WOULD ACTUALLY FEED.

CONTRARY TO THE WEATHER FORECAST, THE DAY WAS A VERY PLEASANT ONE ALTHOUGH THE WIND WAS CAHANGABLE BOTH IN DIRECTION AND FORCE. FROM THE OFF IT SEEMED CLEAR THAT DESPITE THE HIGH WATER TABLE AND PERFECT COLOUR CONDITIONS, THE FISH WERE PROBABLY STILL IN SPAWNING MODE AND EARLY BITES SOON FADED AWAY AND AFTER 2 HOURS NO-ONE SEEMED TO BE HAVING MUCH SUCCESS AT ALL. PAUL BARNES ON THE END PEG HAD MANAGED TO CATCH 4 BREAM, GORDON METCALF JUST BEFORE THE SLUICE HAD 3, AND STEVE SCHUBERT JUST PAST THE SLUICE HAD JUST 1. THE POLE ANGLERS WERE NOT FAIRING TOO WELL EITHER WITH ERNIE SATTLER IN THE TREES BEFORE THE SLUICE ADMITTING TO JUST 12 SMALL ROACH, DAVE MACLELLAN JUST 1 AND JOHN HEWISON PAST THE SLUICE 11 ROACH RANGING FROM 3 TO 8 OZS ALL FALLING TO HIS CASTER OFFERING. IN SHORT, TODAY, WHILST GREAT WEATHER WISE, THE FISH ARE CLEARLY MORE INTERESTED IN SPAWNING THAN FEEDING AT THE MOMENT – SO MUCH SO THAT ONLY 14 WEIGHED IN OUT OF 23 WHICH MEANT THAT THE PAIRS MATCH RUN TODAY WAS EASIER TO WORK OUT! RESULTS THEN WERE AS FOLLOWS:

INDIVIDUAL

1 ST	PAUL BARNES	18LB 10OZS – BREAM TO FEEDER & PELLET
2 ND	GORDON METCALF	5LBS 9OZS 8DRMS – BREAM TO FEEDER & CORN
A Section	JOHN HARVEY	3LBS AND 8DRMS ONE BREAM TO FEEDER & PELLET
B Section	JOH HEWISON	5LBS 4OZS 8DRMS ROACH TO CASTER & PINKIE

PAIRS

1 ST	PAUL BARNES AND DAVE RIDGEWAY
2 ND	GORDON METCALF AND RUPERT ASH
3 RD	JOHN (BILLY NO-MATES) HEWISON

NEXT WEEK SEES US AT ALDERS ON THE FIRST OUTING TO A COMMERCIAL FISHERY ON OUR NEW FIXTURE LIST AND I HAVE CLOSED THE BOOK FOR THIS AS WE ARE FULLY SUBSCRIBED.

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