

MKAA VETERANS - KEN BALL MEMORIAL FURZTON FESTIVAL 22ND AUGUST 2012

AWESOME AUSTIN RETAINS TITLE

A total of 40 vets fished this match which is the first of the Furzton festival series and raised the sum of £205.00 for the local Willen Hospice. The far bank which is normally out of bounds was included and is the most desired of the lake draws and those lucky to get this were hotfoot away to see if this was to be their lucky day. However, not for the first time this did not produce the winning weight but did produce the second and third podium places. For the second year running the top spot was secured by Austin(Mr Artful) Maddock who should now be known as 'Awesome Austin' who fished his usual very tidy match by fishing a method feeder from his draw 3 before the overshot on the hotel bank. By alternating red maggot and sweetcorn he caught 25 bream and 2 roach for a very impressive 61lbs 5ozs – without I hasten to add the use of the 'Spod' which is and always will be prohibited from veteran's matches.

Over to the far bank then, Steve Pauley who was on the first peg there landed a carp first put in and then topped up with skimmers all falling to his worm offering which secured a well-deserved 2nd placing. Further along from Steve, that wily silver fox Bill Lovelock proved once again that he may be advancing in years but has lost none of his skills to land some big bream and one skimmer which all

took a liking to his sweetcorn offering. Meanwhile, intermittent action was seen over various parts of the venue but non-one could catch consistently – even that magician Geoff Ringer who was on my right found the fish absent for periods during the match. At the halfway stage I asked him how he was fairing as I could not see him and at that point he had 9 bream – way in front of me then suffered over an hour and a half without a bite until he regrouped the fish to end with 28lbs 11ozs for a section win but just out of the frame. A late start and a disastrous starting

tactic put my pole tactics off the pace of the feeder men but with perseverance I managed to semi redeem myself despite the constant interruptions by Grebe, but falling short of the top weights as the bream showed in most areas but surprisingly not in the shallows where they had been caught in numbers in the lead up to this match.

So for the results then, 7 double figure weights in A section headed by Paul Latter, 4 double figure weights in B section including my 16lbs 14ozs on the pole, 4double figure weights from the shallows led by Roy Heffron and 7 double figure weights from the far bank shows just what a great venue this is when the fish decide to feed.

1 st	Austin Maddock	61lbs 5ozs – method feeder fished red maggot & sweetcorn
2 nd	Steve Pauley	34lbs 8ozs – feeder fished worm
3 rd	Bill Lovelock	31lbs 7ozs – method feeder fished

sweetcorn

A section	Paul Latter	19lbs 3ozs – feeder
B section	Geoff Ringer	28lbs 11ozs – feeder
C section	Roy Heffron	18lbs 12ozs – feeder and pole
D section	Pat Mills	22lbs 8ozs – feeder fished red

maggot



Next week sees us back at Clattercote reservoir for a float only (carp count as a pound) one off match which will be very interesting to say the least.

Tight Lines
Roachman