

Birds Quarry Charity Match Report

Four of us met up with the Dillington Pond match boys at the bowling club and after a wholesome breakfast and plenty of banter we made our way over to Somerton. We were greeted by Ian James Andrews who would be our host and scales for the day. The lake looked good as always and we followed Adz advice and pegged the swims of his choice.

The day for most seemed to follow the same pattern with plenty of silvers coming out in the first 2 hours but then it tailed off quite dramatically. Most were going for the silvers but Andy Burns in 16 was going all out for carp on the "wag". He managed to tempt 6 fish in all but could only land one due to the weed. As the match progressed Russell (the hitman) Hilton was quietly still managing to tempt the odd silver from 4 across from the lilies whilst Kev Francis was also keeping strangely quiet in 2. At the far end of the lake, in the absence of fish, there was loads of banter going on with John Simms and Scott Cousins the main contributors. To their relief the all-out came not too soon at 4.30pm.

At the weigh in Andy's solitary carp came in at 5.13 which looked like a winning weight judging by how the day went. Lee Smith weighed in a nice Tench at 3.09 but the best silvers weight in section B was Lee Tucker's bag at 3.13. For the rest it was up to 3 lb bags until the scales arrived at the Hitman's peg 4. 3 bonus fish 2 quality perch and a good Tench helped swell his bag to 6.12 which included a 1oz carp!!! Kev on the end peg 2 weighed in a good bag of silvers at 4.05 (no wonder he was quiet).

Full results:-

1. Russell Hilton	peg 4,	6lbs 12ozs	£40
2. Andy Burns	peg 16,	5lbs 13ozs	£35
3. Kev Francis	peg 2,	4lbs 05ozs	£30
4. Lee Tucker	peg 20,	3lbs 13ozs	£25
5. Lee Smith	peg 13,	3lbs 09ozs	£20 (best silvers)
6. Chris White	peg 10,	3lbs 05ozs	£15 (section A)
7. Ady Morris	peg 14,	2lbs 08ozs	£15 (section B)
8. Dennis Hawkins	peg 11,	2lbs 02ozs	
9. Dave (I taught Russell all he knows) Hilton	peg 3,	1lb 03ozs	
10. David Simms	peg 12,	12ozs	

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| 11. John Simms | peg 17, | 11ozs |
| 12. Scott Cousins | peg 15, | 9ozs. |

Not the greatest weights but a good day enjoyed by all. Well done Russell and hard lines Andy, just 1 of those other hooked carp would have given you that first elusive win. Thank you to all those who supported the day raising £125 for the club charity (thanks Baz and Chris for the fiver); running total now £1,203. Finally thanks to Chris Norton who helped with the weigh in, Ian (and Milo) for looking after us and HMS Heron CAC for providing the venue. Our next charity match will be on Stoke Pond on 29 August; invites will be going out in due course. In the meantime, Tightlines all.