

Stoke Pond Charity Match Report

Being mindful of the excellent weights from the previous match we all assembled at the draw with those “great expectations”. Sam Hinton duly assisted with the bag of numbers for the draw and then off we went down to that magic pond. The water had a good colour and everyone couldn’t wait for the all in at 10.00. It had been relatively cold the night before and the wind was blowing from the north east – so would the pond perform???

Most got off to a reasonable start but after a couple of hours everything slowed down and it was looking like a scratch around for the last few hours. Josh Tucker in 6, Rob Cox in 8 and Terry Morgan in 2 all got off to reasonable starts but on the whole it became very quiet and it never looked like it was going to produce anything like the weights it did in the previous match. Only Nick Payne in 3 looked like to be catching steady through the day but at the price of a no 2 section as he tried in vain to stop a lump from seeking shelter in the reeds!!

Full results;

1. Nick Payne, peg 3 – 49lbs 4ozs, £40
2. Josh Tucker, peg 6 – 38lbs 13ozs, £35
3. Terry Morgan, peg 2 – 28lbs 4ozs, £30
4. Chris White, peg 5 – 25lbs 2ozs, £25
5. Rob Cox, peg 8 – 23lbs 2ozs (Section), £15
6. Kevin Francis, peg 7 – 23lbs 1 ozs (Best silvers 5lbs 3ozs), £20
7. Chris Norton, peg 12 – 21lbs 1ozs
8. Scott Cousins, peg 1 – 18lbs 14ozs (Section), £15
9. Andy Burns, peg 11 – 15lbs 3ozs
10. Steve Parker, peg 10 – 13lbs 2ozs
11. Dan Mattock, peg 4 – 10lbs 2ozs

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12. Sam Hinton, peg 9 – DNW

So a bit of a disappointing day compared to last time but everyone enjoyed the day although, not bringing his pole to the match, Dan found the rope in peg 4 a bit of a challenge with his feeder set up, so not quite as enjoyable for Dan. However we were all there to raise money for our club charity and in that respect it was a totally successful and satisfying day; with a £5 donation (in lieu of Dillington Pond pegging fee) from Chris Norton and a £20 donation from the Ilminster Breakfast Boys (and girls) £145 was received on the day. £14 was raised at the KSD match (thank you to those who fished) so the running total for Yeovil Hospital Oncology Unit is now £1,362.00 so well done all.

We mustn't forget the generosity of the Hebditch family for allowing us to fish the pond at no charge; without them our pot would only be a fraction of what it is now – so thanks again Rob and Harry. The next scheduled charity match on the pond will be a mid-weeker on Weds 3rd November but in the meantime, Tightlines all.