

Stoke Pond Charity Match Report

9 members fished with 8 meeting up for breakfast and the draw at The Airfield Tavern. As usual the gathering was alive with pre match banter with all hoping to pull out a favoured peg from the draw bag. Steve Chant pulled out what used to be the hot peg 4 and Jamie Rich pulled out 3 which seem to be the up and coming hot spot. Chris White had his usual peg 5 and pegs 1, 2, 6, 7, 11 and 12 went to Chris, Jake, Bob, Andy, Steve P, and The Toast respectively.

With an overnight frost and water beginning to clear a hard day was on the cards but surprisingly the pond fished well in the circumstances. The results were as follows;

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| 1. Steve Chant | peg 4, | 88.01 |
| 2. Jamie Rich | peg 3, | 57.06 |
| 3. Andy Burns | peg 7, | 51.01 |
| 4. Chris White | peg 5, | 40.15 (Section) |
| 5. Jake Berkley | peg 2, | 36.06 |
| 6. Chris Norton | peg 1, | 29.11 (Section) |
| 7. Bob Pamplin | peg 6, | 29.06 |
| 8. Terence Morgan | peg 12, | 24.12 |
| 9. Steve Parker | peg 11, | 10.10 (Silvers) |

“Cream floats to the top” so they say and Somerset Rig Co. legend Steve Chant proved that today, taking a good 88.01 bag from the now not so favoured peg 4. Jamie Rich took 57.06 but one could ask “should that have been more” from the newly favoured peg 3?? Andy Burns showed once more how good he is on the pond by weighing in 51.01 from the unfancied peg 7. Steve Parker took the silvers spot with 4.15 of small Roach and Rudd. Harry’s skimmers showed up quite prominently and they and all the other fish were in pristine condition – a testament to the quality of Hebditch’s Pond.

Thank you all for supporting the charity with £90 donated on the day making the running total now £1,452 – well done all. We must also thank Jake Berkley for putting in a great shift the day before to clear all the pegs. Finally, as always we are very grateful to the Hebditch family for allowing us to fish this great little venue – thanks Rob and Harry.

Our next and final Charity match will be held on the pond on Sunday 19 December, more news on that nearer the time. Tightlines.