

Stoke Pond Charity Match

On the Wednesday prior to the match some good work was done by Harry with the tractor and topper ably supported by Chris and Giles Norton and Chris White to clear the access points and pegs, thankyou boys. Also thank you to the very young lady swimmer who swam out in 4 to retrieve the broken rope that Harry drove the topper over!!!

Match day began for 7 members having breakfast at the Airfield Tavern where much banter took place particularly around Chris's lost carp the night before (I'm thinking of writing a book about it!!!).

We drew at the Memorial Hall 08.15. HRH got the fancied 3 (not this time Jamie) with new boy Craig collecting peg 4. Fresh from his successful Fishomania qualifier the day before (coming second by only 80zs to Andy Power), Dan drew peg 6. The short straws for 10, 11 and 12 were drawn by Nick, Jamie and Norty respectively whilst Paul was in 1, Bagger Burton had 2, and Chanter was in 5 with Gwiz in 7, the Pole in 8 and Toastie in 9. We were advised that Castle Farm would start irrigating from the pond that day so it would be interesting to see how it would fish.

Weather was fine with a fresh breeze blowing into 2, 3, 4 and 5. At the whistle most made reasonable starts with Harry, Craig, Steve and Dan in particular catching well. As seems to be the case on the pond, the last couple hours slowed dramatically.

Results;

1. Harry Robert Hebditch	peg 3,	67.13 (£40)
2. Daniel Squire	peg 6,	55.12 (£35)
3. Craig Lyttle	peg 4,	43.09 (£30)
4. Terence Morgan	peg 9,	35.15 (£25)
5. Steve Chant	peg 5,	35.01 (£15 Section A)

6. Chris White	peg 7,	21.15 (£15 Section B)
7. Nick Payne	peg 10,	18.11 (£20 Best Silvers 6.14)
8. Jamie Rich	peg 11,	13.01
9. Chris Norton	peg 12,	8.13
10. Ian Burton	peg 2	8.06
11. Steve Parker	peg 8,	7.02
12. Paul Blake	peg 1,	4.09

Well done to Harry for coming out on top, which was just as well as he needed his winnings to pay for all the broken elastics he endured. Most of his fish came from close to the reeds in 3 so his day was not without risk, especially with weak elastics. Hot on Harry's heels was Dan who did well to bag 55.12 from 6. Craig also did well with his 43.09 from 4 despite the occasional rush of water from the pipes. Terry pipped Steve for 4th spot by 14ozs but Steve had the consolation of a section win as did Chris. Three lovely chub were good enough for Nick to win the Silvers spot from 10. A good day particularly for our charity as many members gave their winnings back, combined with flat donations from participants and members who were unable to fish, the proceeds for the day amounted to £270. Since then I have received an anonymous donation of £30 making the grand total for the match £300
THANKYOU ALL.

Of course none of this would be possible without the generosity of the Hebditch family so many thanks to Rob and Harry. The next charity match will be held at birds Quarry on 3 July courtesy of HMS Heron Coarse Angling Club, hope to see you there.

Thanks again and Tightlines.