

## The Evening Cup

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This was the first of the club's river series with a 14.45 draw fishing 15.45 til 20.30. The draw was held at the Castle Reclamation car park (after a few sly coffees and sticky buns from the Ranch Café over the road) after which we all drove down into the first field, by kind permission of the landowner, and able to park inside the inner fence close to the first field pegs. For the second field anglers, life was not quite as straight forward as the gate lock could not be opened resulting in men and tackle crawling through a hole in the hedge. Reparatory pegging clearance and selection had been done by Bob Newbery and Dave Pope who also ran the draw – thanks chaps.

15 fished with 8 pegs in the first field (5 to 17) and 7 in the second (23 to 32). The weather started overcast and dry but see the full meteorological report later. Fish were hard to get for most as so often is the case at PW early in the season.

Results were as follows:

1. Jamie Rich	peg 16,	12.04 (15points)
2. Chris White	peg 9,	4.14 (14 points)
3. Bob Newbery	peg 5,	2.12 (13 points)
3. Chris Deedee	peg 28,	2.12 (13 points)
5. Dave Hilton	peg 14,	2.09 (11 points)
6. Nick Payne	peg 7,	2.03 (10 points)
7. Cliff Gaylard	peg 24,	2.02 (9 points)
8. Danny Blunn	peg 17,	1.13 (8 points)
9. Russell Hilton	peg 29,	1.11 (7 points)
10. Derek Goad	peg 31,	1.06 (6 points)
11. Chris Norton	peg 32,	1.05 (5 points)

11. Wayne Cooper	peg 10,	1.05 (5 points)
13. Terry Morgan	peg 23,	1.04 (3 points)
14. Dave Pope	peg 25,	0.11 (2 points)
15. Steve Parker	DNW	(1 point)

Another fine display of river fishing saw Jamie Rich come out on top with a cracking bag of mainly chub for 12lbs 4ozs. Apart from second placed Chris White's 4.14 bag of 3 chub and some bits the rest of the weights were not huge but all very close with only 9ozs separating 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> places. A rerun of last year saw the heavens open halfway through the match. Members and their tackle (fishing and otherwise) were thoroughly soaked but all were in good spirits (well nearly all) for the final prize giving by Dave.

Many congratulations to Jamie, the new holder of the Evening Cup, and well done all for turning up and braving the weather at the end. The next river match will be the first leg of the Isle/Parrett Challenge Shield against Ilminster AA on 26 June (come on you Stokees!!!) followed by the Novice Shield on 10 July.

NOTE!! For those interested in the Memorial Shield and Championship points standings go to the coloured boxes next to this report on the club website.

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