

## J. Irish Trophy

The duckweed at Kingsbury was too unpredictable for sensible pegging so we reverted back to the downstream section at Parrett Works for this match. The weather was pleasantly mild with some cloud cover. 14 members attended and there were 6 pegs in the first field with 8 pegged in the second field.

### Results

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| 1. Chris Norton    | peg 32, | 11.13 - 15pts            |
| 2. Nick Payne      | peg 31, | 4.02 – 14pts             |
| 3. Dave Pope       | peg 29, | 3.13 – 13pts             |
| 4. David Hilton    | peg 28, | 3.09 – 12pts             |
| 5. Bob Newbery     | peg 14, | 2.12 – 11pts (Section A) |
| 6. Russell Hilton  | peg 21, | 2.11 – 10pts (Section B) |
| 7. Tony Coubrough  | peg 8,  | 2.07 – 9pts              |
| 7. Steve Parker    | peg 25, | 2.07 – 9pts              |
| 9. Robin Cox       | peg 18, | 2.03 – 7pts              |
| 10. Derek Goad     | peg 5,  | 2.00 – 6pts              |
| 11. Jamie Rich     | peg 13, | 1.15 – 5pts              |
| 12. Mark Dibble    | peg 7,  | 1.11 – 4pts              |
| 13. Robert Wylde   | peg 16, | 1.08 – 3pts              |
| 14. Cliffy Gaylard | peg 24, | 0.11 – 2pts              |

The second field predominated with the 5 top weights coming out of the first 6. Top bag came from peg 32 where Chris Norton found the returning chub. Fishing the bramble line alternating red maggot and caster with loose maggot and caster over the top the fish duly obliged. Had it not been for the 6 good fish he lost he may well have got to a 20lbs bag but well done Chris. All his fish

were around the 1 to 1.5lbs mark which for certain were the stock fish of 6 years ago so very encouraging to see them and in pristine condition. The next peg up at 31 saw Nick Payne land a nice chub and a good Perch early to mid-session struggling to get a bite towards the end but he'd done enough for 2<sup>nd</sup> spot and a much needed 14pts to put him in the lead for the Memorial Cup chase. The next peg up again at 29 produced 3<sup>rd</sup> spot with Dave Pope picking up some quality roach and yes the next peg up again had David Hilton after an early session struggle for a bite coming good towards the end with some nice roach for 4<sup>th</sup> spot. Bob Newbery did well in 14 to take section A and Russell Hilton 1oz behind secured section B.

### **Standings (lowest score to deduct)**

Memorial Cup - Nick Payne 58(7), Russell Hilton 56(7), Chris White 52(0), Jamie Rich 47(5), Bob Newbery 39(0).

Rosebowl – Dave Chidzoy 44 (0), Andrew Phillips 43(8), Roy Worth 41(0), Chris White 36(4), Josh Tucker 34(1).

Championship – Chris White 88, Jamie Rich 79, Nick Payne 75, Steve Parker 51, Chris Norton 50.

Many thanks to Bob Newbery and Dave pope for yet another well organised match and to the farmer for allowing us access. Also to the weighers in on the day. The next river match will be for the Axminster Cup on the 4 September.

Tightlines