

# Stoke Pond Match Report – 17/04/19

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On Tuesday morning five of us set out to clear out the peg at the pond and a lot of the work had been done already. We went round and cut some trees back, moved some pegs a little and gave it a good cut all round. On the way into the lake there was a big muddy area that Chris White had sorted out ready for the match. The lake looked supreme with carp jumping all over the lake and silvers topping everywhere you looked.

On Wednesday morning a few of us met up at Cartgate cafe for breakfast before the match. Then we made our way to Stoke Memorial Hall car park and money was taken and pegs drawn leaving me peg 4.

We set off down to the farm and with everyone parked safe and out of the way we set off for the lake. On arriving at the lake it was very foggy but the sun was due to burn it away and it was going to be a hot day. I will say that I put peg 6 in and it was in the wrong place and made fishing for Chris very hard, sorry Chris.

While I was setting up there were carp all over the place and silvers topping all over also. I took this in and decided I was going to need 3 nets in today, 2 carp and 1 silvers. The whistle went for us to start and I cupped in 2 pots of bait to my left on the edge of a tree and 2 pots to my right again under another over-hanging tree. The carp were there and I dropped my pole in hoping for a great start and a few quick carp. This did not happen. It turned out it was a real struggle of a day as the results will show.

Again it was a great day out with some great members and we raised £100 for our charity on pegging fees plus a little more on raffle tickets. So well done to all members. I am sure there will be some talk about this match but lets just say that the fish had a much better menu than anything us anglers were offering up in the match. The results are,

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1 <sup>st</sup>	Neil Muir	peg	10 16lb
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Derek Goad	peg	9 5lb 15oz
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dennis Hawkins	peg	2 4lb 10oz
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Pope	peg	8 3lb 1oz
5 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Mattock	peg	7 3lb
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rob Vaughan	peg	5 5oz
7 <sup>th</sup>	John Loader	peg	3 DNW
7 <sup>th</sup>	Lee Smith	peg	1 DNW
7 <sup>th</sup>	Chris White	peg	6 DNW
7 <sup>th</sup>	David Simms	peg	4 DNW

Sorry it has taken so long to get it up I have been ill

Tight lines