

The Linton Angling Society

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Doug Daw Memorial Carp Match

Date: 20th to 21st May 2006. (9.00am till 4.00pm.)

Venue: Linton Park Lake

Conditions: Well what can one say, not a typical mid May weekend was it! To say it wasn't good was an understatement. Saturday was wet & very windy at first clearing up in the afternoon to give a reasonable night. During Sunday the rain & wind returned with vengeance culminating into a full blow storm just as we packed up!

Summary: We all met up in Wheelers lane at 7.30am then drove 'in convoy' across a soggy field to the lake, **Chris** had arranged special dispensation to be allowed to do this just for this one event.

The draw then took place at 8.00am with competitors fishing the following swims:-

Chris Knowler taking the right hand side of the point, **Paul Stevens** the left hand side, **Dave James** the adjacent reeds swim. **Glen Rolls** the reeds swim on the opposite bank. **Peter James, Malcolm Sibun & Martin Worrall** chose the wooded side. **Jason Tuckey** the Damn, **Tony Spall** the Oaks. **Allan 'mower-man' Clark** Boathouse bay & **Phil 'the radio' Alder** tucked in the swim opposite.

At 9.00 am we started; within ten minutes **Martin** was in, looks like it's going to be good... Wrong a Tench.

With the change in the weather it was going to be one of those weekends, it was hard, no Carp were caught during daylight hours, it wasn't until darkness that the fish started to feed & come out!

Considering the expertise of the 'field' only a few carp were landed with a few missed runs & lost fish.

Malcolm 'bread-man' Sibun despite having no carp had good sport with ½ dozen or so good bream that would have made any matchman envious!

Probably the most apt comment of the event came, when in the early hours of Sunday morning a buzzer screamed off from the reed swim in the wooded section, the fish was hit & after a lot of crashing around a battle ensued with noises of swirls & screaming of the reel.

It was then that certain competitor emerged from his bivvy tucked away on the opposite bank,

"How you lads doing over there, had any runs?" he shouted across the lake.

After a short pause he got his reply!

"What... Are you some sort of ****t or something?" came back the answer!

He sheepishly returned to his bivvy.

Most unfortunate event happened again in the early hours, **Allan** rushed out of his bivvy to hit a run, lost it on a snag then promptly tripped over a log boarding his swim & head butted the ground with his nose.

Surveying his swollen & cut nose the next day **Martin & Jason** were very sympathetic!

Towards the latter part of Sunday both **Jason & Tony** thought they'd cracked when after having good runs were disappointed to find they turned out to be Tench!

At the end of the day it's what carp fishing is all about, despite adverse conditions, a group of like minded friends enjoying their fishing punctuated with a lot of friendly banter.

The Trophy was presented to **Chris** by **Carole Scrivens**, the late Doug Daw's Partner.

Our return trip back across the fields was horrific with thunder, lightening & torrential rain storm, it was necessary to push some of the cars out! We got saturated!

No doubt Doug was 'up there' laughing his head off at us at our antics.

Results:

1 st	Chris Knowler	13lb. 4 ozs.
2 nd	Glen Rolls	13lb. 0 ozs.
3 rd	Jason Tuckey	11lb. 1 ozs.
4 th	Tony Spall	10lb. 14 ozs.

So congratulations go to our Hon. Secretary **Chris Knowler** for winning the 2006 'Doug Daw' Memorial Carp match.

Hey... roll on next year!