



Doug Daw Memorial Carp Match

Date: 24th to 25th May 2008. (8.00am till 4.00pm.)

Venue: Linton Park Lake

Conditions: Saturday started off a cloudy day but with sunny periods & a strong cold NE wind; tucked up out of it was quite pleasant, in the shade & exposed it wasn't! The evening remained dry but with that strong wind increasing! The rain came about 1.30am in the early hours & remained a constant downpour till it eased off at 5.30am. Just enough time to get out & change the baits before it resumed for the remainder of the morning. Trying to sleep when it sounds like someone's constantly dropping handfuls of gravel on you from a great height is nie impossible; there is nothing worse than trying to sleep in a damp sleeping bag! Or under a brolly that leaks like a colander! Fortunately the weather calmed down about late morning, the sun came out again & the wind died down enabling a few of us to 'dry out' & in the afternoon even spotted Chris running around topless!

Summary: With a field of just 9 we all had a reasonable amount of space so three rods were ok. Should have been 10 of us but Phil 'the radio' had to pull out, alas no serine music wafting across the tranquil lake at night or the pleasant "karsplosh" sound of his spod slipping into the still waters.

As the field was dry we were able to park by the fence. **Chris** had again 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:-

Glen Rolls, **Peter James** taking the large corner reed swim on the East bank, **Jason Tuckey** was in the wooded East bank mid swim, **Alan 'mower-man' Clark** chose the Rhodie swim further down, **Martin Worrall** took the Damn **Tony Spall** the Oaks, **Darren Knowler** the right hand side of the point **Malcolm Siburn** on the point & **Chris Knowler** choosing the corner reed swim.

At 8.30 am we started; it wasn't long before **Tony** was into a fish, a 6½ lb Tench! A beautiful fish but not what was wanted. **Malcolm** was concentrating on the surface feeders with his famous 'candle & ½ loaf of bread set up' unfortunately this time it only produced Bream.

It wasn't till late afternoon that the first carp came out, a 17lb 4ozs for **Tony** immediately followed by **Glen** with a 17lb 2ozs, quarter of an hour later **Darren** with a 13lb 0ozs, strange how they suddenly switch on, if we find the answer to that we've cracked it!

Martin landed his first fish, a 14lb Common later at 8.50pm. **Jason** started with a 16lb 8ozs Common at 10pm & a 16lb 5ozs Mirror at 10.40pm, the wet early hours around 2.30am again produced for him with a 14lb 2ozs Common, **Martin** finishing with a 15lb 12ozs Common at 8.00am.

The rest of Sunday was quite, **Tony** had a couple more Tench & **J** ending up with his last a 16lb 3ozs at 2.30pm.

Chris had a frustrating time with surface Carp in the reeds part of his swim but not able to be tempted on this occasion. Although a few didn't actually bank any fish nearly everyone had a missed run, lost fish or at least pick ups.

We were visited over the weekend by two gentlemen from the EA to check licences, we were all good boys!

Despite the poor overnight conditions, lack of any of the 20+ larger Carp or fish in any numbers we all enjoyed the match, a lot better than working, gardening or decorating!

Results:

				Total Weight
1 st	Jason Tuckey	16lb. 8ozs. – 16lb. 5ozs. – 14lb. 2ozs. – 16lb. 3ozs.	=	63lb 1ozs.
2 nd	Martin Worrall	14lb. 0ozs. - 15lb 12ozs	=	29lb. 12ozs.
3 rd	Tony Spall	17lb. 4ozs.	=	17lb. 4ozs
4 th	Glen Rolls	17lb. 2ozs.	=	17lb. 2ozs.
5 th	Darren Knowler	13lb 0ozs.	=	13lb 0ozs.

So congratulations to **Jason Tuckey**, this year's winner of the 'Doug Daw' Memorial Carp Trophy. The Trophy was presented to **Jason** by **Tony**, last year's winner.

Hey... don't forget to get you name down for the next Carp match on 20/21st September! Priority will be given to those who weren't able to enter this one.