



Doug Daw Memorial Carp Match 2011

Date: 27th to 29th April 2011. (6.00pm Friday till 11.30am. Sunday)

Venue: Linton Park Lake

Conditions:

Friday evening started cloudy with a light SW wind. Then it deteriorated into horrendous conditions, Saturday night was particularly bad, a strong NE gale with heavy rain made conditions impossible at times, eventually eased up Sunday morning! Water level was high & coloured.

Summary:

With a field of just 4 there was plenty of space in the swims so three rods were on. Should have been more but Tony, Alan, Glen, Malcolm, Dave & Chris had obviously seen the weather forecast... No... they were unable to come for various reasons & prior commitments. Again Chris had arranged special dispensation to be allowed to park by the fence in the adjoining field for this event, that's if you don't mind your car being washed by the cows!

The draw took place on Friday at 5.30pm with competitors fishing the following swims:-

Phil Alder : Boathouse Bay,
Martin Worrall: The Oaks,
Peter James: Stile Bay,
Dave James: The L/H Beach.

The first fish was taken by Pete at 6.30pm a fine common of just under 9lb. from then on all the fish were caught during the late evening, night or early hours of the morning.

The rain came during the Friday night & continued for the rest of the weekend. Saturday night bore the brunt of the weather with storm conditions bring down trees in the wooded areas & sleeting continuous rain that soaked everything & turned the paths into rivers.

The gale conditions uprooted Martin's bivvy having to drive rod rests into the sodden ground to hold it down. After catching a fish in darkness the conditions were so bad it made it impossible for him to cast back out to the mark. With the full force of the wind in his face Phil had just an oval broly for protection, an experience I don't think he wishes to relive!

Being in Stile bay Pete did have a little protection from the elements however the noise & swaying cracking trees were a worry.

Dave fished for 6 hours on Saturday & that was enough for him, packed up & went, as it turned out a wise decision. Unfortunately Dave & Phil did not land any fish.

There was a break in the rain on Sunday morning about 11.30 so an end to the match was called; on queue it started again as the bivvys were down soaking the remainder of the equipment that had stayed dry!

Despite the conditions 108lbs of Carp were caught!

Results:

1 st	Peter James	8.15c, 14.01c, 9.05c, 14.00m, & 14.02c.	=	Total Weight
2 nd	Martin Worrall	14.08c, 15.02c & 18.04m	=	60lb 7ozs.

So congratulations to **Pete James**, this year's winner of the 'Doug Daw' Memorial Carp Trophy.

Let's hope that the September event is drier & with more competitors!