



LAS September Carp Match 2010

Date: 17th to 19th May 2009. (6.00pm Friday till 12.00pm Sunday.)

Venue: Linton Park Lake

Conditions:

Weather was kind for a change with still conditions to start with. Friday night & especially early hours Saturday were quite cold. Light winds during the day were not a problem. The shaded swims were quite chilly with sunny spells that did brighten up things; a slight mist at night, again the wildlife made it interesting but noisy night.

Draw:

Unfortunately a few entrants (Chris, Warren, Malcolm & Glen) had to pull out due to various commitments.

This left a depleted field of just four, Peter James, Martin Worrall, Dave Beatty & myself Tony Spall; great for us, had the pick of the swims!

The swim choices were:-

Dave Beatty	-	The Point
Peter James	-	The Beach
Martin Worrall	-	Mid wood
Tony Spall	-	Oaks

The Match:

Within half an hour Martin's left hand rod tore off which produced a fine 15½ lb common... Woo... we're in here, right choice! Hmm... Don't count your chickens...!

About 9pm it started to switch on with Tony landing an 11.07lb common followed by Pete with a 15.02lb. & Dave with a 8.04lb this action continued through to the early morning with Dave landing a 9.06 & 18.11lb common + a number of Bream up to 7.04lb. & Pete with a 14.12lb Mirror. At 3am Tony lost a carp snagged in the lilies which he decided to leave until morning rather than pull for a break! A while later he had a fine 6.05lb Tench. Boy was it nippy during the night!

Once it was light his rig was retrieved by means of the Bicc boat that we'd tied up ready in boathouse bay. Fortunately the fish had shed the hook, advantages of micro-barbs!

Apart from Dave still hauling in the Bream & Pete loosing a couple in the reeds there was little action during Saturday.

The next night/early hours of the morning produced again with Dave 16.04 & 14.08, Pete with a 10.05 & Tony with a 17.10, 14.08 & 15.02 Mirror. (Two of them taken just a foot from the bank, shows you don't have to cast miles to catch!)

Martin had a good nights sleep!

Dave continued to take a couple more Bream from what Pete pointed out to him later was 'Bream Ally'!

Because the carp were not feeding during the day we decided to finish the match early at midday Sunday.

The Results:

Top fish were: -

- 1.) Dave Beatty 18lb 11ozs. Common
- 2.) Tony Spall 17lb 10ozs. Mirror

Top weights were:-

- 1.) Dave Beatty: 8.04, 9.06, 18.11, 16.04, 14.08 = 67.01 lbs.
- 2.) Tony Spall: 11.07, 17.10, 14.09, 15.02 = 58.12 lbs.
- 3.) Pete James: 15.02, 14.12, 10.05 = 40.03 lbs.
- 4.) Martin Worrall: 15.08 = 15.08 lbs.

Summary:

There was **182 lb** of carp caught over this match; last year the same match produced **228lb** of carp & that was with six anglers fishing!

All competitors caught. All fish fought very well & appeared in good health. Five fish were lost .

All the fish came evening, early morning mainly during the hours of darkness.

Despite last years problems it showed there is still a good head of carp in the lake.

So congratulations to Dave Beatty for winning the 2010 Linton Carp Match.

We all enjoyed it; the weather was kind despite the early hours of Saturday being rather nippy for those popping out to land fish. Let's hope next year for more competitors to fish this enjoyable event.

PS: The consensus of opinion was to hold this event at the same time next year but put the "Doug Daw" match back to mid April to avoid spawning that occurs in mid late May.