



LAS September Carp Match 2009

Date: 18th to 20th May 2009. (7.00pm Friday till 4.00pm Sunday.)

Venue: Linton Park Lake

Conditions: Weather was good for a change, mild warm nights & sunny days with a slight breeze to cool things down a bit; a slight mist at night with the hooting of the owls & screaming of the foxes also made it interesting.

Draw:

The numbers of competitors was down this year, instead of the normal max of 10 it was down to 6. Jason & Alan withdrew their entries & Chris had to drop out because of prior commitments. The draw took place at 6pm Friday. The swim choices were:-

Martin Worrall	-	The Point
Peter James	-	The Beach L/H
Glen Rolls	-	The Beach R/H
Malcolm Siburn	-	Mid wood
Nil	-	End wood
Nil	-	Stile bay
Nil	-	Dam wall
Tony Spall	-	Oaks
Warren Muckell	-	Boat house bay

The Match:

Once we all had settled in to our swims & built our 'houses' Tony had only just cast out when on tightening up he had the first run, this turned out to be a fine Tench of 6lb+ not really what we were after. Just as darkness fell Warren was into the first Carp, a fine Mirror, a 10lb'er in perfect condition. Glen then followed with a 12.13lb. Mirror, then Peter with a 12.02 Common, at 3am Tony then had two commons in quick succession a 17.02 & 14.03 causing him a 'right boss-up' & having to re-rig & recast all three rods again. As dawn broke the next batch of fish came out, at 5am Warren with a 14.06lb. Common followed by Tony with a 12.04lb. then Martin's fine 18.12 common. We then lost Warren & Glen having to work or prior commitments to keep which left the four of us to carry on.

Saturday was quiet during the day apart from Malcolm losing two fish & the odd Tench coming out until Peter in the late afternoon had the best fish, 'Stumpy' at 19.01lbs. During Saturday night/early Sunday morning the next lot of fish were caught, Peter with 12.13, 13.12 & 10.00. Tony with 16.06 & 10.04 & Malcolm with a 15.08. Martin had a large Eel that woke him up, declining to weigh it, didn't fancy a wrestling match in the darkness!

It was early Sunday afternoon that the last fish came out to Tony, a nice 18.06 Common. The match finished at 4pm.

The Results:

Top fish were: -

- 1.) Peter James 19lb 1ozs. Common
- 2.) Martin Worrall 18lb 12ozs. Common
- 3.) Tony Spall 18lb 6ozs. Common

Top weights were:-

- 1.) Tony Spall 88lb 9ozs.
- 2.) Peter James 67lb 12ozs.
- 3.) Warren 24 lb 8 oz
- 4.) Martin 18 lb 12oz
- 5.) Malcolm 15 lb 8oz
- 6.) Garry 12 lb 13oz

Summary:

There was **228 lb** of carp caught over this match; last year the same match produced **257lb** of carp & that was with ten anglers fishing! Only two of the fish were Mirrors, one of those of Warren's & Glens, the rest were commons.

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

Nearly all the fish came out at night or early morning.

Despite the problems at the Lake this year we were down by just **29lb**. & that was with only 6 angler fishing,

If Warren & Glen had done the full secession no doubt we would have more than equalled last year weights.

OK, I take the point it hasn't had the pressure however it shows despite the losses there are still plenty of Carp in there!

Hopefully it puts a few members' minds at rest.