



## LAS September Carp Match 2011

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009. (6.00pm Friday till 12.00pm Sunday.)

**Venue:** Linton Park Lake

### Conditions:

Friday night was dry, warm with a bright moon at times, Saturday was cloudy with heavy rain from about 9.00 am for a hour or so then cleared up to be fine day with sunny periods & very light SW wind. Night was dry, still a bit cooler with clear skies & a bright moon, mist in the early morning till 7.00am. Again the wildlife made it interesting but noisy night. Sunday was warm with sunny periods very little wind.

### Draw:

Unfortunately even fewer entrants than previous years; a lot had to pull out due to various commitments & problems. This left a depleted field of just TWO, **Peter James & Tony Spall**; great for us, we had the pick of the swims!

**Malcolm Siburn** was joining us from Saturday morning.

The swim choices were:-

Peter James	-	The Beach/Point
Malcolm Siburn	-	Stile Bay
Tony Spall	-	Oaks

### The Match:

Tony was into a fish within the first half hour, a 5lb Tench then a Bream; over the next few hours Pete followed suit with a few more Bream & another Tench... Oh dear, the shape of things to come? Then he had the first carp, a 10.04 Common around midnight. Tony then had 13.06 Mirror at 1.45 am followed by three more carp, 18.14, 8.02, 16.06, the last at 7.40am. Malcolm arrived on the Saturday morning deciding fish between the dam & Stile bay so he could fish his floating bread method down alongside the pads in the light wind; then the heavens opened up, it poured down but within an hour it had all cleared up. Pete then decided to move to the Point, there weren't any fish feeding near the reeds; later he lost a nice carp which snagged him in the lilies, we were able to release it by using the boat we had moored ready. The only Carp to come out during the day was a 12.10 common to Tony at 1.25 pm. He had another 14.00 common, just before dark also a bit later a nice Tench of 6lb 6ozs. Pete had a good 17.01 in the early hours followed by another common of 13.08 at 6.45am. Malcolm & Tony had the remainder of a quiet night with just the odd Bream. Unfortunately Malcolm wasn't able to make contact with any Carp just Bream, a Pike did give him problems with liners. Because of the lilies, to catch any fish you had to have your bait right near them so the 'cut down lead clip system' was used; as soon as the carp did go into the weed/pads the lead broke away which then brought the fish to the surface, making it a lot easier to extricate & land however three fish were lost when they shed the hook on entering the lily beds. Sunday remained warm & sunny but no fish. Because the carp were not feeding during the day we decided to finish the match early at 2.00pm. on Sunday.

### The Results:

Top fish were: -

1.) Tony Spall	18lb 14ozs. Common
2.) Peter James	17lb 1ozs. Common

Weights were:-

1.) Tony Spall:	13.06, 18.14, 8.02, 16.06, 12.10, 14.00 = <b>83.06 lbs.</b>
2.) Pete James:	10.04, 17.01, 13.08, = <b>40.13 lbs.</b>

### Summary:

There was **124 lb** of carp caught over this match with just three of us; last year the same match produced **182lb** of carp & that was with four anglers fishing!

All fish fought very well & appeared in excellent health.

All the fish came in the evening, early morning mainly during the hours of darkness, only one fish came out during the day. Despite previous years problems it showed there is still a good head of carp in the lake.

All three of us enjoyed it! The weather was kind despite the brief downpour Saturday morning.

We will have to seriously consider weather it is worth running these Carp Comps or weather we just have the one that will incorporate the "Doug Daw Memorial" match.

Let's hope next year for more competitors to fish this enjoyable event at a beautiful venue.