



Doug Daw Memorial Carp Match 2011

Date: 15th to 17th April 2011. (7.00pm Friday till 2.00pm. Sunday)

Venue: Linton Park Lake

Conditions: Friday night was mild & still, a little high cloud with a bright $\frac{3}{4}$ moon shining through. The rest of the weekend remained warm with long sunny periods & hardly any breeze; the lake surface was glass like at times, amazing & ideal conditions for fishing we thought... however very little Carp sightings or movement, still early with a lot of the pads still to show. Water level was normal with a very slight colour.

Summary: With a field of just 7 we all had plenty of space in the swims so three rods were on. Should have been 10 of us but three had to pull out at the very last minute. **Chris** had a prior engagement, **Warren** still has his back problem & **Malcolm** had other commitments. Again **Chris** had arranged special dispensation to be allowed to park by the fence in the adjoining field for this event, **Martin** had also agreed with "the cowman" that the stock would be kept in the other fields therefore no motors covered in cow's saliva!

The draw took place on Friday at 6.00pm with competitors fishing the following swims:-

Dave Beatty: The Point,
Alan Clark: Boathouse Bay,
Tony Spall: The Oaks,
Martin Worrall: End Wood,
Peter James: Mid Wood,
Glen Rolls: The L/H Beach.
Dave James: The R/H Beach.

It wasn't till early hours Saturday morning that the first carp was landed, a **12lb 12ozs** Common to **Martin**; for most the night had been fraught with a number of 'bleeps' & half hearted takes, both **Tony, Dave & Peter** loosing fish just after the strike.

During the day Saturday remained barren with just a single 5lb Bream to **Tony**; later on he & **Martin** amused themselves fishing for Roach (there certainly are some quality ones in the lake, they were averaging $\frac{1}{2}$ lb at times! Pity it wasn't a league match!)

It wasn't till 8.00pm that **Dave James** landed his first Carp, a **14lb 10ozs** Mirror from what is known as 'Korda Corner'. At 9.30pm **Alan** had an **11lb** Common from the conker in Boat House Bay, later **Peter** had a bream then in the early hours of Sunday morning, **Martin** had **8lb 12ozs** Mirror with **Dave** taking another **11lb'er** as it was getting light... and that was it!

Dave, Glen & Peter decided enough was enough, they had more important thing to do on a Sunday than just sit there for the sake of it so left about ten. **Dave** on 'the point' decided to make the most of the weather & lap up some of the suns rays so sunbathed for the morning!

Once again quite typical of LPL, no runs or takes occurred during daylight hours indicating that they weren't confident in feeding during the day, even the Bream & Tench didn't want to know!

Despite this it was glorious weekend weather wise, we all enjoyed the event even though there was a distinct lack of fish on the bank. Because of no action during the daylight hours it was agreed to conclude the match early at 2.00pm on the Sunday.

Results:

			Total Weight
1 st	Dave James	14lb. 10ozs. – 11lb. 0ozs.	= 25lb 10ozs.
2 nd	Martin Worrall	12lb. 12ozs. – 8lb. 12ozs.	= 21lb. 8ozs.
3 rd	Alan Clarke	11lb. 0ozs.	= 11lb. 0ozs

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

Let's hope that the September event is more productive, it normally is!