

Match 10 Claygate Sophies Lake 24th July 2022

On a very sunny and hot day the fish in Sophie`s were proving very elusive as it was either good fish or no fish. There were no real numbers of small fish present and even the annoying small Perch were non existent.

Most catches were made up of 2lb+ F1 Carp, decent Bream or as Terry and Keith were lucky enough to have large Tench (one over 4lb and one over 5lb.....). The Bream were a very good quality as well but nowhere near enough in numbers.

The venue was also a little "peggy" as the end pegs were seemingly holding fish while the middle pegs struggled for bites.

Winner on the day with a fine bag for 38.8 was Ian Emms with his maiden victory - Well Done Ian but he was pushed by young Mason Harvey who had a fine 34.4 net from the next peg.

Third on the day with his usual "chummer fish" catch was Paul Veal who started the morning off like a steam train only to suffer an afternoon that only consisted of 1 small F1.

League leader Andy managed a good 4th with an afternoon catch of 20lb which had two large bream in it. Not bad considering his morning return was only 1 F1 for 3lb.....

In the Doubles there were 2 matches with Ian and Ross beating Terry and Keith and in the other match Paul and Andy triumphant over Bob and Mason.

The victors in these matches will now square off in 2 venues time against each other.

There were some funny moments witnessed yesterday (as usual on a LGAC competition.....) but these were only small things but really made me laugh –

1) On walking off to ours pegs I was walking behind Andy Williams and like most of us he had everything but the kitchen sink loaded on to his trolley.

As we started walking by the lake Andy suddenly stopped and couldn`t get his trolley to move forward. The usual "WTF is going on" was followed by him looking at the front of the trolley to see the post in the bank that stopped vehicle access by the lake - his comment "who put that there???"

2) Ian Emms at the end of the day was very very happy to have won the day AND to have progressed to the next round of the doubles was going to drive home with a new "spoiler" on his car.....

In his haste to pack up he forgot to close the tailgate on his car.....Nice Spoiler Ian.....!!!!

3) Young Mason who entered the Super Pool and snatched all the money away from the "Old Gits" and while Ian his dad was packing the car said that he wanted to stop on the way home to get an Ice Cream. Now the context is that Mason is a fit 15/16 year old and Ian last week underwent a "Gentleman`s Procedure" that any 50 year old dreads..... He said that would be nice to be treated to a nice ice cream. Mason replied "Not for you, you can watch me eat it...!!!!"

Anyway, next outing is at Lucks Lane on the 7th August.

Singles K/O 2nd round will be taking place.....

See you all on the 7th

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Dave