Match 11 Orchard Place Farm, Lake 6, 6th August 2023

The weather this match was a lot better than had been during the week. A gentle breeze and some weak hazy sunshine but no bad wind or rain. Quite pleasant......

We had the "spit" today and spaced out pegs suitably.

Most wanted to be pegged at the point end but the wind was blowing into this so making the end pegs (1 & 9) a little more fancied.

As usual "golden arm" Mason drew end peg 9 and proceeded to put together 177lb + of some large "unit" carp and big F1's – at one point I had to have a quick wander down as just after lunch as he couldn't stop catching.....

at one point I had an average F1, he had 1 three times the size of mine, then I had a skimmer up in the water, he had a "barney rubble".

Wondered what I was doing wrong till he fired out some pellets.....over by the small island it was 3 foot of water and 4 foot of fish....

He still done well to get them out.....

Second was current club champion Andrew who only had about 25lb in the morning but had about 120lb in the afternoon.

Everyone weighed in over 60lb so a good days catching was had by all.

Only sour note personally was the gentle "crack" I heard about 2pm when I had the end of No3 section of my new margin pole fall forward off the rest and land under my foot.....

I know they are strong nowadays but they not strong enough to withstand a 19 stone bald twat standing on them......

New No 3 section needed, pole used only once...!!!!!

Next venue will NOT be so prolific – Silvers Lake at Lucks Lane.

Anyone NOT going please let either Ross or Myself know. Pegging will be a bit "cosy" and we may have to limit days fishing to "one rod only" – tbd on morning. – Thanks

ATB Dave