

Match 19 Tricklebrook, 26th November 2023

Weather for this match was very calm but very cold – probably the coldest day of the year since the summer.

Driving down it got to -2 degrees at times and I was fearing the worst.....fortunately some of the fish were still needing to eat and we all caught.

Some more than others but we all caught something.

Target fish were carp as usual and that is what we caught, small stockies about 1 ½ to 2lb – except Ian H who managed a beast of about 10lb – Well Done You.....

Winner was Mason who struggled at times with the tree/branches/island in front of him catching it several times but still put together 35lb.....

Runner up was Ben who put together a creditable 25lb + catch.

With being drawn opposite each other it seemed that most of the fish were at the car park end.

A word for 3rd place Ian Harvey. He tries his best every outing but still has to live in the shadow of his young son Mason and has to endure his catch stories on the way home every match.....

Although he was still beaten by him today at least it wasn't by a country mile as it is usually.

It came at a price though as his usual "oops moment" was splintering his number 4 section on his pole before the whistle.....This and being "Billy No Mates" in the corner seemed to galvanise his day for a well-deserved 3rd place.....

Also of note was Ben when setting up. Last 2 matches he has had a "knock back" at the weigh in when his net was weighing more than 60lb.

This match he made sure that wasn't going to happen by putting in 3 nets at the start. Some of us were passing comment that this was a little over optimistic, but he didn't get a knock back and he came second – I suppose the laugh was on us in the end...!!!!!!

We had eleven anglers which included an ex-member in Simon – good to see you mate.

Last match next week sees us at Pittlands A with the AGM and Presentation afterwards.

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Dave