

### Match 9 Monk Lakes Lake 2 2nd July 2023

Weather was very balmy but wind blew up during the morning which sent a few of us to the cars for a fleece/hoody or other clothing to keep us warm.....

Being Monk Lakes this breeze was magnified by the openness of the lakes. That's my excuse for being a "woss"....

Top banana of the day was Andrew Williams with 285lb of large angry carp.

This was a very very good weight as Andy was having to tip back his silvers net as he ran out of keepnets and with 2 of his weigh ins he maxed out I think that his weight would have been more.

He caught most of his fish in the afternoon with only 25lb in the morning. Well done mate.....

Runner up was Dave Ford with his first ton plus bag of the year (143lb) and in 3<sup>rd</sup> was Keith with 93lb – again all carp.

The results justified our change from of Lake 2 to the back as most of us had a good, if not frustrating days fishing with many double figure carp being caught – some so big they looked the size of Ford Fiestas.....

Again no real stories of catastrophe on the day except for me breaking yet another top kit while playing my biggest fish – it was like going back in time playing a fish with a giant swing tip on the end – Good old days.

I also saw Bob Gaylard throwing back his fish after weighing them with the net bag as well.....very comical watching him crawl around on all 4's trying to get net bag back. Think he really spooked the fish in his swim.....

Reminder to everyone that our next match is in next week time on 16th July on Lake Eva at Claygate fishery.

Please let myself or Ross know if you are going.

Finally the Bidgnorth Paratroopers are off next week for the annual pilgrimage to Barbel City – have a good one gents.....

See you soon – stay safe ATB

Dave