Match 10 Monks, Lake 1, 21st July 2024

12 anglers for today's match.

Weather was seasonably pleasant with no scorching high temperatures of the previous couple of days. Warm but pleasant with no wind or breeze to talk about – a nice change for Monk Lakes...!!!

No great disasters but Phil lost several rigs due to angry carp and reed beds....

But again, mostly everyone had tales of woe regarding lost fish/snagged up, except for those at the top end of the lake.

The results show a marked difference between far end and car park end.... We have not fished this particular lake for several seasons and it made a nice change.

Fish were typical Monk's carp and annoying skimmers which took everything from 4mm pellet up to large lumps of paste.

These fish are OK in the winter but in the heights of summer such as pain in the neck.

Fishing was intermittent in the morning with no-one running away with it.

But the afternoon turned out better with most fish coming out then.

Fish ranged from smaller 2lb offerings to more substantial 5/6lbers.

Winner on the day was Ben Grierson who shall be taking Mason's title of "end peg" as he drew a very inviting corner swim with a short walk and no-one around him to pull the fish away.

2nd was "Golden Child" Mason who didn't draw his usual end peg but he again fished very hard for 99lb and again won the section

This week also saw the 1st round of the Singles Knock Out with 2 preliminary matches having to be fished. The first was Bob EE v Andy W. and Mason v Dave F. Winners were Andy and Mason although Dave did give it a good shot....serves you right for pulling his name out the hat....!!!!

Next venue in two weeks is Orchard Farm Lake 6 which will also be the next round of the Singles K/O when we will pull out the matches on the morning.

Anyone NOT going please let either Ross or Dave Ford know. Thanks ATB Dave