

## Match 18 Claygate Lake Sophie, 10th November 2024

Only 8 anglers out and the overnight temperature was a little down from recent days but the weather was calm with no breeze or rain to make it uncomfortable. Draw was made in car park while Captain Fordy pegged out venue.

Talk early doors was about the trouble most had getting to the venue with many road closures and diversions in place, especially down Seven Mile Lane. Personally, I had no problems coming down M25/A21 from the crossing.....

These lakes have mostly match sized F1`s with a fair mix of silvers, small perch & skimmers mixed in.

On the day bites and fish were very hard to come by even though many fish were topping through the day.

We even had 2 anglers suffer a "DNW" which shows how hard the fishing was with only 2 anglers actually breaking double figures.

Winner on the day was Bob Edwards who had an early peg and took full advantage to weigh in a few skimmers and a carp for a winning weight.

Runner up was Ross McGilverly who also had a few carp for 10lb+.

Club Championship leader "Golden Child" Mason had to watch on for most of the day and only had 1 small roach at the break, which was more than his closest rival (Ben) had.

In the afternoon he had 1 carp and a few bits to tie with "Daddy" Harvey who also weighed the same.

In fact apart from the winner and runner up everyone tied with someone, I have never seen this before and probably never will.....Dave B = Dave F, Ian = Mason and Ben = Keith.....

Top of league is still looking close, but this result hasn't helped Ben, but Mason`s drawing ability seems to be wanning. With 3 pegs left in the bag and 2 end pegs in there he managed to get the peg in the middle of venue.....He could be slipping with the finishing line in sight.

Next venue is Puddledock Island Lake which is a new venue to us.

For those going please check roads/diversions before leaving.  
If there are many of these it can be a bugger of a place to get to.

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

Thanks  
ATB Dave