Match 7 Orchard Place Farm, Lake 5, 2nd June 2024

10 anglers out on this match and it was the match of our Doubles competition – results later....

Day started with the draw and anglers walked off either smiling or moaning about where they were pegged.

Biggest complaints was from Andy who had done the "teenager" and dropped his phone in the lake....not only did it have all his contacts and work stuff on it but in the case was his bank cards...!!!

After an impromptu dip and a dry off he set up and promptly won the match....well done sir. AND his phone was still working after a while, so a really good result.

During the match Ben who was pegged next to me was having great fun and took great pleasure in telling me whenever he had a double hook-up.

Except for the one time he was playing a fish on his feeder rod and his pole shot off and was last seen doing a submerging submarine impersonation..... angler no 2 takes a dip and retrieves pole successfully – with fish still attached...!!!!

He came second in the match. I think the moral of this match is if you want to frame you have to take a dip. Not sure the rest of us will be so willing though....

On to the doubles – we decided at the AGM that we would have a 1 match "blind" doubles where the partnerships were drawn AFTER the match. Not a bad idea and kept people interested and trying right until the final whistle. Good idea in practice but when the first partners out was 1st and 2nd in the match it seems a little unfair on the "also-rans" but that's fishing....winners on the day were "The Water Babies" (Andy and Ben) with Mason and Dave F in runners up.

Full results as follows -

Andrew Williams & Ben Grierson
Mason Harvey & Dave Ford
225lb 13oz
Ian Harvey & Dave Barr
Bob Edwards & Ross McGilvery
Keith Meager & Bob Gaylard
379lb 04oz
194lb 15oz
193lb 03oz
175lb 02oz

Next venue is Lucks Lane. This is on 16th June. Anyone NOT going, please let either Ross or Dave Ford know.

Thanks ATB Dave