

## CHARITY ANGLING MATCH PEA LANE 6TH OCTOBER 2019



C unday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019 saw the 4<sup>th</sup> Pea Lane/Sam Fund Charity Fishing day. Earlier this year one of our great friends Marion Verdigi passed away. Marion played a key role within Becmain Angling Society making sure the administration was kept up to date helping the cub run efficiently and successfully. She always attended our Charity day and gave us great help and support. She was an inspiration to us all. We are pleased to advise that we have dedicated a new trophy in her name for this event. The anglers will now compete for The Marion Verdigi Trophy.

The start of the day saw torrential rain pouring down on us. Many advised that the forecast was heavy rain all day. However we at The SAM Fund advised that although the expert forecast was grim, they had not factored in 'The SAM Effect' Needless to say, shortly after 8am the rain cleared and the sun shone through!

28 Anglers had braved the poor weather and were ready to do battle. As usual the day started with tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches. Once bellies were full, the usual banter was well underway with bragging rights in full swing about who was going to win the day. The angling commenced at 9.30am. The usual audible signal of our klaxon had to be replaced by a whistle! SEE LES FIDLIN!

Ray Golding and Dennis Walden both got off to a flying start catching early. The whispers about who was doing well were soon filtering around the lake. Dave Chipperfield, Tony Raymond and Dave Payne all got off to a good start as well. Lunch was soon upon us as we stopped angling and served Burgers, Hot dogs Tea and Coffee. The banter was now in full swing at the half way stage. Predictions were coming thick and fast! Ray was doing well, Matthew also, Les was not far away, Tony must be in the running.

Angling resumed at 12.30pm again via a whistle (No klaxon SEE LES FIDLIN!). The front runners continued throughout the afternoon to catch well. The match was drawn to a close at 3.30pm and the weigh-in commenced. Things were pretty close on Sections 2 and 3 but the overall winner Matthew Cole was now streets ahead of the pack. The results were as follows:



## THE SECTION WINNERS

Section 1 Winner Lynn Hounslow on Peg 19 at 38lb 8oz

Section 2 Winner Tony Raymond on Peg 37 at 45lb 7oz

Section 3 Winner Ray Golding on Peg 56 at 74lb 11oz

Section 4 Winner Dennis Walden on Peg 2 at 50lb 4oz



Each section winner received a prize of a £20 Robertson's voucher and a bottle of wine.

## THE OVERALL WINNER

Matthew Cole on peg 73 (Section 4) with a total weight of 127lb 10oz Matthew received £50 cash, a £50 Robertson's voucher and a bottle of wine.

Matthew immediately announced that he would be delighted to return the £50 cash back to The SAM Fund as a donation. This he did without hesitation. We are indeed extremely grateful for Matthew's kind donation and promised as always to use the money wisely.



