

Summary of the inaugural 2020 "Canal Series".

In 2019 Girling Angling Society decided to run a Canal Series over five matches during March to May. It is hoped that this series brings together the River and Pool anglers and could become very competitive, the Series has its own Bonus Peg. As usual its 4 out of five count, you can drop your worst result.

(1) 7/3/2020 - BAA Alvechurch B&W bridge 64 – 64A.

Seven turned out on a mild March morning. BB and PW pegged out, PW drew the Canal Series Bonus Peg.

Result;- FB won with 3-10-0 catching small Roach and had a good Bream in the last two minutes. Feeding small balls of ground bait every 15 minutes he caught on single Pinkies. PW was second with 2-9-0 of punch Roach catching throughout the match. BB was third with 0-13-0.

(2) 21/3/2020 - BAA Grange Lane B&W Tunnel to Bridge 59.

With the Coronavirus measures we debated and decided to go ahead.

Nine turned out, one member made the draw and KK drew the BP.

Result;- BB and PW drew with 0-12-0 of tiny Roach and Gudgeon. FB was third with 0-7-0.

Points. After two matches FB, PW and BB are all on one point.

Coronavirus Lockdown

In the days following the above match the government placed the whole country on months of Lockdown due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Committee decided to rearrange the remaining three matches into the Summer.

(3) Dolphin AC GU, switched to the Middle Section 11/7/2020.

8 Turned out in the sunshine, we trekked to the middle section, NJ drew the BP.

Result;- H. Potter won with 7-7-8 of skimmers, FB was second with 4-1-12 (69 fish), BB was third with 3-14-0.

Points;- After 3 matches FB & PW are on 3, BB is on 4 and HP is on 5 points.

(4) BAA Alvechurch B&W Bridge 64–64A switched to 29/8/2020.

7 turned out, FB drew the BP, BB pegged out.

Result;- BB won with 3-8-0 from a peg beyond the mooring. FB was second with 2-2-0 and B. Burton was third with 1-15-0.

Points;- After four matches and one to go we have FB (10-4-12) and BB (8-15-8) tied on 5 with PW on 7 points, it's a three horse race.

(5) BAA Tibberton Bridge B&W 25 – 26 switched to 24/10/2010.

8 turned out, PW drew the BP, JB and PW pegged out, BB and DB weighed in.

The canal seemed to switch off and continuous boats didn't help. For the second match running we weighed in during torrential rain.

Result;- Brian Burton won the match with 3-3-0, Peter Whittingham was second with 1-11-0 and Brian Barton was third with 1-9-0.

Final Points;- Before this match we had B. Barton and Frank B. both on 5 points. With Frank's peg dying after an hour and 5th place we all thought that Brian had won the series, however, the result meant that both were on 8 points and a count back on weight gave the series to Frank with 10oz to spare.

Series Summary;- The inaugural 2020 Canal Series (March to May) was marred by having to transfer matches into the Summer, many of the members were double booked and we had to contend with the increased boat traffic. Following a review of match dates and fished in the Spring as intended we should have an interesting series next season.