Summary of the 2017 Aggregate series

The Girling Angling Society Aggregate series goes back to the 1950's, it comprises ten matches on BAA venues and Fladbury (June to November), omitting the individual's worst two results, the 2017 match series is summarised below.

(1)11/2/2017 BAA Pensham, meadows 1, 2 and 3.

It was touch and go all week with the river finally starting to fine down Thursday before the match. On the day it was steadier but still very coloured. Earlier in the week the guys were determined to get on the river, the last three or four seasons this match has transferred to a Canal. Eight turned out for this first match of the Aggregate series.

Result;- New member KK won the match with 0-7-0 from DB with 0-5-0. BB was third with 0-2-0.

(2)1/4/2017 BAA Bham. Worc. Canal - BAA Blackpole.

The second Aggregate match was on the Birmingham-Worcester Canal. 13 turned out, the colour looked great but someone had been cutting the reeds downstream and there was debris everywhere. Weather was wet at first but got quite breezy. Most caught early on and bites slowed in the last two hours. The venue didn't fish well.

Result;- DO had 4-2-4 with a couple of bonus Bream but generally caught quality fish on Pinkies. FB had around 25 fish for 1-11-4 made up of half a dozen 2-3oz Rudd and the rest made of small Perch and Gudgeon on double Pinky, he pulled out of a decent skimmer early on. Third was JB with another mixed bag of 1-10-8.

After two matches JB is on 7 and KK, PW, and HP are all on 8 points.

(3)17/6/2017 The Fladbury Cup.

With the Secretary on holiday BB ran this third Aggregate match back on the River at Fladbury. After an enormous amount of structural work throughout the close season we used pristine pegs 2, 5, 7, 13, 17, 19, 21, 23, and 25. Nine turned out and the weather was fair.

Result;- DB won from peg 25 with 12-2-0 which included a 7lb Barbel, PW was second in peg 17 with 10-11-0 Chub and Roach-Bream hybrids on the waggler, DM was third with 9-8-0 in peg 13, good weights. After three matches we have PW on 10 and HP and JB tied on 12 points.

(4)1/7/2017 Fladbury below the Bridge.

15 turned out, weather was sunny and very hot in the last hour. We put three pegs up from the bridge and the rest shoulder to shoulder in the second meadow. Great to be able to park near your peg but this was a disappointing match for all but one. The middle pegs at the start of the second meadow struggled, could'nt get a bite after the first hour. Down the far end they did find some bits but the only bonus fish caught was next to the bridge. KK found two Barbel the best going 9-8-0 on banded pellet. A picture of the Barbel made the BAA website.

Result;- KK with a superb 14-6-0 see the photo on the members page. Second was HP with 3-9-8 and third was DB wining the second meadow with 3-4-8.

After four matches we have HP on 14, KK on 15 with JB and DB on 16 points.

(5)15/7/2017 The Peter Whittingham Trophy.

Back at Fladbury fot the inaugural PW trophy and thr first match with new land owner, lots of concerns, the members were briefed in the car park. 14 turned out, disappointingly after all of the work so far we were surprised to see marginal growth in the low numbered pegs which led to some swapping of pegs. Weather was mild but windy.

Result;- BB won with 7-14-0 from peg 24, PW was second with 4-8-0 peg 25 and DB was third with 4-0-0 peg 17, high numbers best.

(6)19/8/2017 the August Fladbury LG Shield.

Back at Fladbury and after the concern over the change of ownership had lifted we all parked in the field. For once all of the pegs were available although rain the day before meant we had a rising river and pegs 24 and 25 were very boiley. On a very windy day we used pegs 2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23.

Most struggled in the clear river conditions, FB had the Dace going on the whip but they disappeared when the colour dropped out. BB caught throughout, PW had some larger samples in peg 13 but not enough of them. JB in peg two was plagued with Pike throughout.

Result;- FB and BB both on BP's tied with 3-10-0. PW was third with 2-15-0 and KK was fourth with 2-11-0, both Bonus pegs gone on the same match. After six matches and omitting the individuals worst two results we have DB on 9, PW and BB on 11 and KK on 12 points. **(7)2/9/2017 BAA Pershore RB the Annual Trophy.**

The 7th Aggregate match saw 11 on the bank, weather was sunny. We used the far meadow.

Result;- HP had 3 big Bream in his 18-14-0 catch caught on the GB feeder, DJ had 11-12-0. Third was SM with 8-10-0 and fourth was KK with 8-4-0.

Points; - After seven matches the results are very close with DB, PW and HP on 15 points and BB and KK on 16 points.

(8)23/9/2017 The 8th Aggregate at Fladbury.

Back at Fladbury with a very clear river for the 8th Aggregate match, 7 turned out and we used the early pegs. Weather was dry and Autumnal, we used pegs 2,4,6,8,11,13 and 17. Before the match we have five anglers separated by one point.

Result;- PW won from peg 13 with 4-0-0 of waggler caught Dace. BB was second from peg 11 with 2-10-0 and DB was third with 2-5-0. After eight matches we have PW on 16, BB and DB on 18 and H on 20 points.

(9)7/10/2017 the "Fur and Feather" at BAA Manor Farm B.

After checking out the pegs in the week we decided to fish the 9th Aggregate match in meadow B. Meadow A was boggy, stalks mid-stream and pegs spread out. Eight turned out, weather was wet and windy but turned into a gale mid match. There was bottles to fish for, most caught early.

Result;- JB won it with 1-12-0 one up from the propeller swim, FB was second with 1-10-0 caught in the first hour before the waves arrived, DB and SM were joint third with 1-3-0. After 9 matches and one to go we have PW and DB on 21 points followed by HP and BB on 25 points.

(10)11/11/2017 The final match of the series "Chris Green Memorial match back at Fladbury.

Back at Fladbury for the final Aggregate match, eight turned out, trying to avoid the Pike we used pegs 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23. weather was wet at first and dull all day. The river was up a bit, cold, with a tinge of colour. Result;- HP won from peg 11 with a 9-9-0 bag of mainly small Chub. FB was second with 5-13-0 of Chub but they disappeared after an hour. BB was third with 3-15-0

Series result; PW won the series with 25 points. Second was HP on 26, third was DB on 27 and BB had 28 points. Well done guys.

The Pairs Series runs concurrently with the Aggregate and this season the series was won by PW and KK with 65-10-0, runners up was HP and DM with 59-7-0. A good effort because DM missed 7 out of 10 matches. Well done guys.