

### **Summary of the 2018 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 2018 match series is summarised below.

#### **(1)10/2/2018 BAA Pensham, meadows 1, 2 and 3.**

The river finally came good after weeks of high banks. In the week leading up to the match we had frost and snow, on the day it was gale force winds and rain. Eight turned out for this first match of the Aggregate series, BB, HP and JB pegged out.

**Result;-** HP won with 4-12-0 of Chub with the better samples arriving late. JB also caught late weighing 4-4-0, FB was third with 3-15-0 of skimmers. This turned into an endurance event, well done guys.

#### **(2)7/4/2018 B&W Canal – BAA Alvechurch 62-64.**

The second Aggregate match was on the Birmingham-Worcester Canal, DO and DD pegged out with 9 in the old stretch and 4 around the wides. Eleven turned out, very coloured, downpour at the draw. Most caught early on and bites slowed in the last two hours, weights were reasonable.

**Result;-** BB had 5-7-0, DJ had 4-15-0, KK had 3-15-0, FB had 3-6-0, the first four were around the wide section. Making up the weights was mainly hybrids up to the 12oz mark.

After two matches FB and KK are on 7, HP and BB are on 9 points.

#### **(3)16/6/2018 The Fladbury Cup.**

We parked in the field and 12 turned out, our Chairman Dave turned out for the first time this season and we had a new member Simon, welcome. After an enormous amount of structural work throughout the close season we were spoilt for choice and included pegs 2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 25 all with robust steps and platforms. After weeks of sunshine we got gale force winds for this first match on the river. The river did have a bit of colour. We drew for the pairs competition, JB drew the capped and DO drew the current Bonus Pegs.

**Result;-** PW won from peg 25 with 10-5-0 all Chub which included a 3lb 5oz specimen. DB was second from the opposite end peg 2 with another all Chub 8-0-0. Third was HP from recently renewed peg 15 with 7-7-0, a mixed bag including Chub and small Barbel. Fourth was DD in peg 13 with 4-15-0 a similar mixed bag of Chub and Barbel.

For most the bites dried up after 3 hours but generally a good first match back at Fladbury.

After three matches we have HP on 12 and PW and FB on 13 points.

#### **(4)7/7/2018 BAA Hallow 4-5 switched to Fladbury.**

Hallow pegs were in very poor condition so we switched to Fladbury. 8 turned out, some went pleasure fishing the Severn. Weather was scorching hot and we drew for choice of peg. BB drew the capped BP and DB drew the current BP.

**Result;-** HP had 6-14-0 of Chub from peg 17, DB had 5-9-0 from peg 13 including a 4-9-0 Barbel and lost three bigger Barbel. Third was PW with 4-9-0 from peg 6.

After 4 matches we have HP on 13, PW on 16 and FB on 18 points.

**(5)21/7/2018 The Peter Whittingham Trophy at Fladbury.**

Back at Fladbury after weeks of scorching weather and the field parched yellow. The river was down and a little clear. Only six turned out, the two big Bonus Pegs were in danger. We drew for choice of peg then drew Bonus Pegs, DB-2, DM-4, PW-6, JB-11(BP1), HP-13 and FB-24(BP2).

**Result;-** With the flow under the near bank FB in peg 24 fished a 2mtr whip 2.5ft deep for 12-13-0 his catch including big Perch, Chublets and Dace, BP2 gone. Second was JB with 3-8-0 and third was HP with 3-1-0. The whip proved to be the answer with no bonus fish caught throughout the length.

After 5 matches and now omitting the individuals two worst results we have HP on 5 and FB and PW on 8 points.

**(6)18/8/2018 The Fladbury LG Shield.**

Back at Fladbury after last weekend's bank clearing 6 turned out on a low and clear river. We drew for choice of peg then drew Bonus Pegs.

PW-2, SM-6, HP-19, JB-22, SH-24, FB-25.

**Result;-** Again bonus fish were few and far between, FB had a 2.5lb Barbel plus small Chub and Dace on the Stick switching to the Whip when the pace increased for 8-12-0. SH had 8-0-0 and JB had 7-6-0.

After six matches and omitting the individuals worst two results we have HP on 8, FB on 9 and PW on 12 points.

**(7)1/9/2018 BAA Pershore RB the Annual Trophy.**

Reports in the week of a very shallow middle section and boats catching the river bed was not very encouraging. The 7<sup>th</sup> Aggregate match saw 9 on the bank, weather was sunny. We pegged down to the bay, most were overgrown and many high off the river.

**Result;-** JB had 6-2-0 of Roach to 8oz caught close in on the Stick Float using Casters from the peg one up from the bay. DO was second with 5-2-0 in the wides three down from the bridge. DD had 4-14-0 from a peg three or 4 into the second meadow.

**Points;-** After seven matches HP is on 12, FB 13 and JB on 16 points.

**(8)29/9/2018 The 8<sup>th</sup> Aggregate at BAA Retreat Farm.**

Rearranged due to the BAA Hallow venue change, Retreat Farm has 12 pegs in Bevere Lock and many more in the main river before the lock but essentially 16 pegs that you can park behind all with concrete steps and platforms.

**Result;- PW** won from peg 8 with 2-10-0 of Perch, Roach and Dace caught on a stick float feeding maggots in ground bait. Joint second was BB and SM with 2-9-0. After eight matches we have HP on 16, FB on 18 and PW on 20 points.

**(9)13/10/2018 the "Fur and Feather" at BAA Bidford LB.**

In a severe gale and driving rain FB & HP pegged out, many cried off after hearing the weather report, 5 turned out so no BP.

**Result;-** JB won with 6-14-0 of Roach and a bonus 2-14-0 Perch. FB was second with 5-1-0 of all Roach to 9oz. Plagued with Pike all day he was swinging in good Roach to avoid the Pike and pulled out of the best around 12oz. Third was PW with 4-9-0 of all Roach to 6oz.

**Points;-** With one match to go we have FB on 20, HP 21 and PW on 24 points.

**(10)10/11/2018 The final match of the series the "Chris Green Memorial match back at Fladbury.**

Back at Fladbury for the final Aggregate match, six turned out, we used pegs 2, 6, 11, 16, 19 and 21, weather was bright at first but the became windy with a couple of downpours. The river was clear even after midweek rain.

**Result;- FB** won from peg 16 with a 4-7-0 bag of Roach and Dace. JB was second with 4-4-0 from peg 2, BB was third with 3-15-0 from peg 21.

**Series result.** FB won the series with 21 points. Second was HP on 25, third was JB on 27. Well done guys.

The Pairs Series runs concurrently with the Aggregate series on combined weight and this season was won by FB and PW with 84lb. Well done guys.