

### **Summary of the 2019 "Winter Pools" Series (WP)**

The WP matches are all on early season local pools and for the first time we include Carp caught on natural baits, that's no Pellets, Carp based groundbait or additives.

The early January matches can be hard sometimes breaking the ice before fishing and fishing for bites. **This series usually sorts out the "scratchers" from the "baggers".**

#### **(1)5/1/2019; Packington Gratuities**

We had two heavy frosts leading up to the match but match day was a little warmer. Nine turned out and we used pegs 2,3,5,6,8,9,11,13, and 15.

At the weigh in we knew the winner, H Potter had 3 Carp and a big Perch for 11-7-0 from BP 9, FB was second catching Roach all day at 14mts for 8-3-0. DO was third beaten by an ounce in peg 15 with a couple of Carp.

#### **(2)19/1/2019; TBF High Pool**

Nine turned out on a bitterly cold and wet day, we had pegs 36-50.

Result;- DD had 32lb of Carp, DH had 22lb and HP had 20lb all from the same area, the others struggled.

After two matches DD and HP are on one point and FB on 2 points.

#### **(3)23/2/2019; Packington "Little Gearies"**

We had the whole pool and the odd numbers on a Foggy cold day. PF had the big BP and BC had the current BP. We heard that pegs 21 and 19 had produced in the last open.

Result;- FB on peg 21 had 37-1-0 of Carp, four on the Maggot feeder and a dozen from the margins in the last hour and a half on double reds on an 18 hook. DJ was second with 30-10-0 on peg 19. That leaves FB and HP on 3 points.

#### **(4) 9/3/2019; TBF Jennies**

10 turned out on a very blustery day, we had the whole pool. PF won with 99-7-0, DD had 96-2-0 and FB had 66-5-0 all caught down the margin, you couldn't fish open water due to the gale force winds. The winner lost a couple of top two's in the gale and anglers were chasing tackle all around the pool.

With one match to go we have FB on 6, DD on 8 and PF on 9 points.

#### **(5)23/3/2019; Leamington AA Island Pool**

It's big Carp and lots of Bream, we had the right hand bank pegs 17 to 29 with big bags of Bream expected. Unfortunately the Bream switched off and no Carp were caught.

Result;- CF and DJ drew with 7-12-0 and PF third with 3-14-0.

### **Overall result, after five matches omitting one worst result**

Peter Fawke took the series with 12 points coming from third to win it in the last match, with the two leaders going into the last match blowing out. FB was a close second on 13 points, well done Peter.

**Conclusion** - An interesting series allowing Carp using natural baits for the first time, but this year was incredibly mild. The first couple of matches (January) were hard but we saw some big weights winning the next two matches, the final was very dis-pointing. On the whole the series was well attended and allowing Carp on natural baits appears to be the way forward.