**FFSSA National Carp Championship 2013**

**Wyreside Fishery**

**DAY 1**

Wyreside fishery was host to anglers from all over the Country, all hope of becoming the 2013 FFSSA National Carp Champion. Out of 25 individuals who booked a total of 16 arrived to compete.

All anglers had the opportunity to use their expertise, knowledge and intuition and inspect the available pegs in hope of landing the winning fish. The peg draw would play an influential part in the results, which all anglers knew!

With the draw about to commence all participants were praying for low numbers. With a lucky low number gives the angler a pick of all pegs on both lakes.

After a long debate anglers decided on their swims which in turn commenced the banter and mick taking – all in good fun and humour.

Paul Radcliff from Staffordshire, A, picked Sunny Side 1 and lucky peg 8. The owner of the fishery disclosed that peg 8 – ‘*Popeye Peg’*, required a degree of strength to land anything there, unfortunately the team announced that it was a shame that ‘*Olive*’ was fishing *Ha Ha Ha!* At 16:00hrs all who mocked were proven wrong as Paul produced a Mirrow Carp on Boillie weighing in at 19lb 9oz.

Mark Cav from Hertfordshire landed another Mirrow Carp at 23:15hrs which weighed in at 14lb 12oz.

All participants worked extremely hard throughout the night changing rig tactics and bait methods.

**DAY 2**

After a disappointing first day when only 2 fish were caught all anglers were optimistic of a more productive day. After a night of baiting up Dan Fair, Hertfordshire landed a Common Carp using his favourite rig on Sunny Side 2, on peg 19. Dan’s fish weighed in at 16lb 10oz.

Only a few pegs apart Paul Green landed a mirror Carp weighing in at 13lb 12oz. Angler Mark Cav hooked a huge fish but unfortunately was unable to land it due to previously used line and rigs.

On Sunny Side 1, Tony Tagg from Derbyshire caught a magnificent Carp that weighed in at 22lb 0oz this was closely followed by Rod Rake catching a 14lb 0oz Carp.

The night of baiting up for the competitors proved effective as fish were caught steadily throughout the day.

Mark Cav located at Sunny Side 2 and on peg 12 produced a 19lb 0oz Mirrow Carp which was his third fish of the session.

With only 1 hour remaining Aaron Shortland from Nottinghamshire landed a Mirrow Carp weighing in at 23lb 2oz.

All competitors’ pegs were cleaned, their bivvies’ collapsed and all were awaiting the anticipated yet predicted results.

Mark Cav was the 2013 FFSSA National Carp Champion and Aaron Shortland won the biggest fish with his only catch of the competition and his personal best.

**Balance Sheet**

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| **INCOME** |  |  |
|  | 24 Anglers @ £55.00 | £ 1320.00 |
|  | Sponsor | £ 250.00 |
|  | **Total** | **£ 1570.00** |

**\*£1350.00 paid by Angling FFSSA Section to Fishery**

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| **EXPENDITURE** |  |  |
|  | Wyreside Fishery  *(Both Lakes)* | £ 1600.00 |
|  | Raffle  ( given to Mark Banks – Hardship Fund) | £ 150.00 |

**RESULTS**

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| **(1)Biggest Fish** | **Aaron Shortland**  **Nottingshire**  **Mirrow Carp**  **23Lb 2Oz** |
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| **(1st)National Fire Service**  **Carp Championship** | **Mark Cav**  **Hertfordshire**  **(4 fish) Total 61Lb 9Oz**  **Mirrow Carp** |
| **(2nd)National Fire Service**  **Carp Championship** | **Tony Tagg**  **Derbyshire**  **(2 fish) Total 36Lb 0Oz**  **Mirrow Carp** |
| **(3rd)National Fire Service**  **Carp Championship** | **Aaron Shortland**  **Nottinghamshire**  **(1 fish) Total 23Lb 2Oz**  **Mirrow Carp** |
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| **(1st) Team** | **Hertfordshire**  **-Mark Cav**  **-Rodd Rake** |
| **(2nd) Team** | **Derbyshire**  **-Paul Green**  **-Tony Tagg** |
| **(3rd) Team** | **Nottinghamshire**  **-Aaron Shortland** |