

Tamar Carp Competition 9 -11 April 2010

We held our first carp competition of 2010 at Upper Tamar Lake from the 9 – 11 April and, with 15 pairs, it was fully attended. The weather was set warm and sunny over the weekend so some rod bending action was anticipated!

Pegs were drawn at 4pm on the Friday and anglers transported straight to their pegs. The action started on the Saturday morning by the dam with youngster Cameron Gilhespy taking a cracking common of 19lb 6oz. Kelvin Pyke had taken an 8lb fish from the far end of the lake and Rick Yeo had also landed a 6lb 4oz fish the same morning from peg 3 on the Devon Bank to put his pair in third position. The fish did not seem to be feeding and it was not until the Saturday night until more were caught.

5 fish were caught during the night and 2 of those on Peg 1 by Phil Gilhespy at 10lb and 11lb to put them well clear at the top of the leader board. Mark Bignall had an 11lb common from Peg 10 on the Cornwall Bank to move his pair into second place and Graham Palmer had caught a 5lb 4oz fish from Peg 14 in the bay on the Cornwall Bank.



Bailiff Bob Davey and partner Chris Snell had also had a fish of 10lb from the Seed Drill to move them up into third place. Sunday came and went with no more fish changing any of the final placing. With the weather conditions very good all weekend everyone anticipated more fish but they just didn't get their heads down to feed. The water is still quite cold but with warmer weather predicted for April I would anticipate some multiple catches at Upper Tamar.

5th prize of Dynamite boilies and Palatrax bait, donated by Summerlands Tackle with one fish of 6lb 4oz was won by Rick Yeo and Mr Willoughby from Peg 3 on the Devon Bank.

4th prize which was 5kg of spod mix from Top 4 Carp at South Molton with one fish of 8lb was won by Rudy Lee and Kelvin Pyke from peg 9 at the far end.

3rd prize was taken by bailiff Bob Davey and Chris Snell with one fish of 10lb and they won a £30 Exeter Angling voucher.



Mark Bignall and Sean Morgan claimed second spot with a fish of 11lb and they won £100.

The winners were Phil Gilhespy and his son Cameron (*pictured left*) who drew peg one by the dam and took three fish for a total of 40lb 6oz. They received the £200 prize and Cameron also picked up 5kg of Cornwall bait company boilies and a t-shirt for the biggest fish of 19lb 6oz (*pictured below receiving his prize from North Devon general Assistant Gary Vogel*)

Thank you to Gary Vogel for helping organise the competition and to bailiff Bob Davey for transporting tackle around the lake by boat. Also thank you to the water sports staff for their help and to all the sponsors of the competition. If you would like to sponsor any prizes for future competitions please e-mail me.

bsmeeth@swlakestrust.org.uk The date of the next comp is 2-4 July and entry forms can be obtained on 01566 771930.

