

Tamar Carp Competition – 9 -11 October 2009

The third and final carp competition of 2009 was held at Upper Tamar Lake from the 9 - 11 October and, with 16 pairs, it was fully attended. The forecast was for mixed weather at the weekend and that's certainly what happened. Saturday was a bright warm day and Sunday was very wet and misty with a strong Northerly wind. Not ideal for carp fishing!

The fishing completely switched off for the weekend with only 3 fish being caught around the lake, it could have been down to the sudden introduction of 64 lines on the Friday evening or perhaps the changing weather. This was such an anti-climax after the success of the previous two competitions in 2009 which both fished well.

It was good to see some new faces this time round and although not much was caught a good time was had by all. The 3rd prize which was 5kg of pellet sponsored by Top 4 Carp at South Molton was won, with one fish of 5lb, by Oli and Joe Dietrich.

Second prize was £50.00, 5kg of bait and a t-shirt sponsored by Cornwall Bait Company and was won by Simon Fowler and Steve Hutchinson with one fish of 9lb. That capped a good year for the local anglers as they won the March pairs competition and Steve finished second in the individual competition in June. They are the anglers to beat in 2010!



The winning pair on this occasion were youngsters Richard Harman and Joel Palmer (*pictured left*) from peg 11 at the far end of the lake with one fish of 10lb 1oz. They received the £200 prize money. Joel who caught the fish also received 5kg of Grinney baits boilies kindly sponsored by Wayne Grinney for the biggest fish of the competition.

Thank you to Ray Philpott for organising the competition and to the Bailiff, Bob Davey, for transporting tackle around the lake by boat. Also thank you to the watersports staff for their help and to all the sponsors of the competitions for 2009. If you would like to sponsor any prizes for 2010 please e-mail me. bsmeeth@swlakestrust.org.uk

We will be organising some more carp competitions next year so watch this space!