

## Tamar Carp Competition 30 Sept – 2 October 2011

The final carp competition of 2011 saw ten pairs turn out for the second doubles competition of the year following on from the singles in July.

I pegged the 10 swims I thought the most likely to produce a fish and was really hoping the hot weather would not ruin the weekend! Pegs were drawn at 4pm on Friday 30 Sept and, with the very hot weather, every pair were hoping to draw peg 7 at the far end of the lake in the bird hide swim. Simon Fowler and Michael Bottomley drew that peg but would they make it count over the 2 days?

The first fish was on the bank within a couple hours weighing in at 14lb 8oz and there was no surprise it fell to Simon and Michael. Simon followed that up with three more fish before 7am the following morning to give the pair a huge lead going into the Saturday.

Rudy Lee and Kelvin Pyke managed a cracking common of 17lb 2oz from peg 5 next to the quarry to move into second and Rob Nicholson and Graham Palmer caught a common of 9lb 12oz from peg 6 by the bay at the far end to get into a prize winning position in third. Could either pair catch Simon and Michael at the top of the leader board?



Simon and Michael had other ideas and continued to churn out the fish from the shallows and broke through the 100lb barrier during the second night. Remarkably they didn't catch anything within 5 hours of the competition finishing but still managed 13 fish for 138lb 13oz setting a new competition record in the process. They scooped the £200 first prize for their efforts following on from winning the doubles in April to cap a great year. *Pictured left* (from left to right) Gary Vogel, Simon Fowler, Michael Bottomley

There were only two other fish caught during the weekend as mentioned above which goes to show the hot weather really drove the carp up into the shallows even in October!



Kelvin and Rudy (*pictured left*) won the £100 second prize to follow up their 5<sup>th</sup> prize in the April doubles. Graham and Rob won £30 of Exeter Angling vouchers and a selection of tackle and bits from Atlantic Angling Centre in Newquay for finishing third.

The biggest fish prize, winning 5kg of Cornwall bait Company boilies for the second successive doubles competition was Simon Fowler with a mirror of 18lb.

*Pictured right;* (from left to right) Gary Vogel and Simon Fowler.



With no more fish being caught apart from the top three winners we had enough sponsored prizes to give everyone something so no one went away empty handed. There was a fantastic selection of Pallatrax prizes and some bait and tackle from Summerlands tackle shop. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored the competitions in 2011 – we really value your support.

Thank you to Gary Vogel for helping organise the competition and to volunteer Nathan James for transporting tackle around the lake by boat. If you would like to sponsor any prizes for future competitions please e-mail me. [bsmeeth@swlakestrust.org.uk](mailto:bsmeeth@swlakestrust.org.uk) The date of the next comp is 30 March to the 1 April 2012 and entry forms can be obtained on 01566 771930.

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