Match 2 Monks Lake 3, 23rd March 2025

We had 14 anglers out for our latest match of the 2025 season. Been a while since we had this many out and lets hope this trend continues.

Weather was not quite summer and was very overcast all day with a very gentle breeze late afternoon which made presentation a lot easier.

Only rain we had was when the slower ones among us were packing the cars – and yes I did get soaked.....

Those that know the match lakes at Monks would probably agree with me in the theory that unless you draw a corner peg you would be fishing for 5th place.

This weekend they gave us 3 banks so there was 6 corner pegs or if you drew the main banks there was plenty of room.

This is borne out by 4 of the top 5 all had corner swims.

The exceptions were the "extra" bank where all anglers struggled.

At weigh in there were 3 weights over 50lb which were made up of mostly a small number of carp (mostly larger match carp about 6 - 10lb eacjh) and some decent skimmers and the odd tench. Not a bad days fishing but anglers had to work hard for their catches.

Winner on the day was (again) Mason with 83lb of carp from a very snaggy corner and second was the in-form Keith with a catch of just under 60lb of feeder caught carp from the other corner of the far side.

No disasters to report and another enjoyable day out with the club.

Next venue is Arrans in sunny Essex (those Kentish men don't forget your passports and jabs,,,,) on 6th April.

Anyone NOT going please contact myself or Ross. Captain Fordy will NOT be in attendance and the Captains duties I am led to believe will be undertaken by Mr Harvey Senior and Junior

ATB Dave