

No 3 region – East Midlands Region

Regional Eliminator Report

The East Midlands Region 2013 Regional Eliminator match took place on the 16th May at Carsington Water, Derbyshire. The event was held by Derbyshire and organised by Phil Harding and was fished to the CEFF rules and to a six fish limit and a 4oz per 15 min time bonus. There were 33 anglers taking part

For those anglers that fished on the 15th May as a practice day they had some challenging weather to contend with. It was a grey day with strong winds which made fishing certain areas of the water difficult; however on the actual match day it was a totally different day. The wind had reduced significantly and had swung round 180 degrees, the sun was shining and it was a perfect fishing day. The wind allowed for good slow steady drifts which made for good fly presentation and comfortable fishing.

The match kicked off at 09:30 and concluded at 17:30; by 10:25 Mark Mathieson from Northants had caught his 6 fish and was the first angler to bag up. Throughout the day 30 of the 33 anglers had bagged up with most being before lunch time. Fish were caught in all areas of the water. There were numerous different methods that caught the fish but the predominant two were blobs and Diawl Bachs. After the 6 fish limit had been caught by both anglers there was a catch and release policy allowed but these fish did not count in the weigh in. There were a lot of anglers/boats that went on to put 20+ fish to the boat. A lot of these fish were stuffed full of buzzers. The rod average in the weeks preceding the event was between 8 and 9 fish per angler. This just shows what a phenomenal water it is. The general feeling was that Derbyshire would be in with a very good chance of winning the event as they had fished there numerous times in the run up to the day, some comments were, "They've virtually lived here." However the team to beat were the reigning Champions – Nottinghamshire. They had won two years on the trot. Word soon got round that most anglers had bagged up and had got a healthy time bonus, the weigh in was going to be eagerly awaited.

At 17:30 the match came to an end and the task of weighing in and totting up the weights and time bonuses started. There were some bags with quite small fish in and some with some reasonable fish then up stepped Julian Laybourn - Yes that's me- He had caught a fish that he estimated to be 4lb+ and the word had spread about it so there were some interested parties hoping for a glimpse of it. Jules put his 6 fish on the scales and they swung round to 15lb 15oz and then the 'big boy was weighed on its own and the scales nearly broke at that point. The fish, which was a magnificent grown on rainbow, weighed 5lb 9oz, considerably more than initially thought. His total weight including time bonus was 22lb 7oz. When everyone had weighed in Phil Harding sat down in a quiet corner with all his fingers and toes out totting up the weights to get the result. After some tense speculation he read out the results in reverse order, in 5th place Northants with 63lb 1oz, in 4th Place Derbyshire with 69lb 15oz, in 3rd Place Nottinghamshire with 72lb 10oz, the tension was mounting. Then the second place team was announced- Leicestershire with 73lb 5oz this meant that the 2013 east Midlands Region Champions were Lincolnshire with a total weight of 74lb 2oz. They managed to win the event by 13oz. In fact the difference between the top three was 1lb 8oz. This was a close result. The top 2 anglers on the day were, in second Place Mick Harby from Leicestershire and the overall winner was Julian Laybourn – Yes that's me. For information he bagged up on an Olive Fritz Booby and an Olive Cormorant pattern supplied by Dave Summers, on a Di3 line. The Olive Cormorant is a brilliant pattern by the way.

The winning team of 4 anglers consisted of Julian Laybourn, Tony Gill, Mark Marsden and Nick Priestley. Mark Marsden only took up Fly Fishing at the back end of the 2012 season.

DERBYSHIRE					
Name	No. of Fish	Weight	Time Limit Caught	Bonus Weight	Total
Phil HARDING	6	11-13	11.20	6-0	17-13
Tony BALL	6	12-5	12.35	4-12	17-1
Steve SHANNON	6	11-13	11.25	6-0	17-13
Gary MANN	6	10-7	12.10	5-4	15-11
Chad CRITCHLEY	6	9-6	10.30	7-0	16-6
Chris BANNISTER	6	11-11	1.0	4-8	16-3
Bob McCLEARY	6	11-0	11.15	6-4	17-4
Glenn WICKS	6	9-8	3.30	2-0	11-8

DERBYSHIRE TEAM WEIGHT (Top 4 to count)	69-15
TOP INDIVIDUAL	Phil Harding/Steve Shannon 17lb 13oz

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE					
Name	No. of Fish	Weight	Time Limit Caught	Bonus Weight	Total
Bob LOMAX	5	9-11			9-11
Roger WALKER	6	13-2	1	4-8	17-10
Jerry WASS	6	13-6	11.40	4-12	18-2
Pete HIND	6	10-1	12.30	5-0	15-1
Tony SMITH	6	12-9	10.45	6-12	19-5
Dave STANFORD	6	14-2	3.30	2-0	16-2
Simon PECK	6	12-5	12.05	5-4	17-9
Colin DERRETT	2	3-10			3-10

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE TEAM WEIGHT (Top 4 to count)	72-10
TOP INDIVIDUAL	Tony Smith 19lb 5oz

LEICESTERSHIRE					
Name	No. of Fish	Weight	Time Limit Caught	Bonus Weight	Total
Lea TONES	6	11-10	11.10	6-4	17-14
Mick HARBY	6	13-9	10.49	6-8	20-1
Dick SPICER	6	12-6	11.32	5-12	18-2
Jim WOOD	6	9-13	10-48	6-8	16-5
Paul BURCHELL	6	12-4	12.30	5-0	17-4
Dave MORRIS	6	11-7	2-10	3-4	14-11

LEICESTERSHIRE TEAM WEIGHT (Top 4 to count)	73-5
TOP INDIVIDUAL	Mick Harby 20lb 1oz

NORTHANTS					
Name	No. of Fish	Weight	Time Limit Caught	Bonus Weight	Total
Pete HODGSON	6	10-15	13.45	3-12	14-11
Mark MATHIESON	6	8-12	10.25	7-0	15-12
Derek TALBOT	6	11-1	14.10	3-4	14-5
Dick EATON	6	11-9	10.45	6-12	18-5
Mick HAWKINS					Non-weigher

NORTHANTS TEAM WEIGHT (Top 4 to count)	63-1
TOP INDIVIDUAL	Dick Eaton 18lb 5oz

LINCOLNSHIRE					
Name	No. of Fish	Weight	Time Limit Caught	Bonus Weight	Total
Jules LAYBOURN	6	15-15	11.00	6-8	22-7
Tony GILL	6	11-9	11.50	5-8	17-1
Nick PRIESTLEY	6	11-7	12.15	5-4	16-11
Mark MARSDEN	6	13-15	1.20	4-0	17.15
Paul WILLS	6	12-7	2.25	3-0	15-7

LINCOLNSHIRE TEAM WEIGHT (Top 4 to count)	74.02
TOP INDIVIDUAL	Jules Laybourn 22lb 7oz

OVERALL RESULT					
Name	No. of Fish	Weight	Time Limit Caught	Bonus Weight	Total
1 st Jules LAYBOURN	6	15-15	11.00	6-8	22-7
2 nd Mick HARBY	6	13-9	10.49	6-8	20-1
3 rd Tony SMITH	6	12-9	10.45	6-12	19-5

TEAM WINNERS	Lincolnshire
BIGGEST FISH	Jules LAYBOURN 5lb 9 oz

TEAM STANDINGS	
1 st	Lincolnshire 74lb 2oz
2 nd	Leicestershire 73lb 5oz
3 rd	Nottinghamshire 72lb 10oz
4 th	Derbyshire 69lb 15oz
5 th	Northamptonshire 63lb 1oz