



# PHEASANT TALES

MAY 2010

## THREE WATERS COMPETITION - Bruce

Having heard of the need for an early start I arrived at Blagdon at 6.30am to take part in my first three waters match. Alan J was already fishing into the wind at Ash Trees so, having previously read the fishery reports, I decided to join him. Alan informed me that Richard was on the opposite side of the lake with the benefit of having the wind behind him. Alan moved off towards Orchard Bay to try to escape the wind and find some fish whilst, having tackled up with a sinking line and a booby, I began fishing into the wind. At around 7.30 Alan came to tell me that he was moving round to join Richard. As he informed me of this my fly was hit very hard by a 11b 8oz rainbow – the first fish of the day. Perhaps unsurprisingly, Alan decided to retrieve his rods from the car and rejoin me!

Soon after Alan waded into the water, the wind suddenly dropped and large numbers of fish started taking buzzers off of the surface directly in front of us. Alan was soon into his first fish which had taken a snatcher, at which point Richard tried to ring him to find out how he was getting on. As I retackled with a floater and a washing line Alan rapidly connected with another fish. As he hooked this fish his phone rang again as Iain tried to find out where he was but was rather unceremoniously told to go away! Having returned Richard and Iain's calls and informed them of our progress Alan landed his third fish and I followed with my second. Perhaps not surprisingly Richard and Iain joined us but as the wind dropped further and the fish moved away with the ripple.

At this point Alan and myself decided to go to Woodford Lodge for breakfast where we met Tony and Ivor in the car park. Ivor had caught one fish from Chew at this point and Tony having hooked a pike, decided to miss breakfast in order to continue trying to catch a trout. After breakfast Richard decided to return to Blagdon whilst Alan, Iain and myself headed for Wick Green where there was rumoured to be a large gathering of fish. Upon arrival we discovered that there was an even larger gathering of anglers who had obviously heard the same rumours and, unable to find space on the bank, we headed for North Shore. After around an hour of fishing with no follows and having seen few signs of feeding fish we decided to move again, this time to Nunnery and Herons Green. The lack of fish continued here and with the boat anglers also struggling we decided to abandon our efforts and instead concentrate on the Barrows.

After lunch we started on Tank 2 and worked our way around in the rain with an all too familiar story of no fish beginning to unfold. Unfortunately as we moved on to Tank 1 the story continued and we returned to Tank 2 where we met Tony and Ivor who had just arrived, with the news that Tony had caught a fish at both Chew and Blagdon.



Alan impersonating a gnome...

News also reached us that Richard had now caught five fish from Blagdon and the result was beginning to look close. Iain had heard that fish had been caught from the bank which backs on to Tank 1 so we all decided to finish the day there. With around half an hour's fishing remaining Alan hooked a large fish which, not liking the look of him, promptly spat his hook out! After recasting and with minutes left Alan hooked and landed another fish on an orange and yellow booby. Following this we all returned to Woodford for the weigh in, the results of which were:

	<b>Chew</b>	<b>Blag</b>	<b>Barr</b>	<b>2 Fisheries</b>	<b>3 Fisheries</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Heaviest</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Biggest</b>	<b>Biggest</b>	<b>Total</b>
						<b>Fish</b>	<b>Fish</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Fish</b>	<b>Bag</b>	<b>Points</b>
Alan	0	3	1	5	0	4	2lb 0oz	6lb 0oz	0	0	9
Richard	0	7	0	0	0	7	2lb 2oz	13lb 2oz	0	1	8
Tony	1	1	0	5	0	2	2lb 4oz	4lb 0oz	1	0	8
Bruce	0	2	0	0	0	2	1lb 8oz	3lb 0oz	0	0	2
Ivor	1	0	0	0	0	1	1 lb 10oz	1lb 10oz	0	0	1
Iain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Congratulations therefore go to Alan who takes the honours for an impressive third time out of four.

## FULLINGBRIDGE TRIP - Alan J

Seven of us made the trip to this local syndicate water on a bright and sunny Saturday. With the fishery recently stocked it wasn't long before we were into these fabulously hard fighting fish. The best method was buzzers on a floating line, waiting until they got down to about 5 – 6 ft and then on most casts you would feel the pull. I was trying out a Hardy Smuggler 8ft 3in 4 weight that I was recently given by a family friend. I caught 4 fish on it including a super 2 ¾ lb Brown and they all fought very well on the light tackle. I then changed to a 6 weight and finished the day on 10 fish. Three other browns were caught by Dave Lee, Tony and the biggest going to Ivor who knocked me off the top spot for the largest brown this season with a magnificent fish of 3lb 13oz. There was definitely one bank that was a hot spot and we all shared this area to get into the fish. Mervyn certainly had a couple, Dave Lee had 5, Tony and Ivor had a few more, Paul and Richard finished well into double figures.



Incidentally, if anyone is interested the syndicate still has a couple of places left this season, if you want to join – but you will need to be quick!! Please contact Tony or myself for details.

## **MAY MEETING**

Unfortunately the British Disabled Angling Association have had to postpone their visit to us which had been scheduled for the May meeting. They apologise for this but they have invited up to ten club members to join them for a day's fly fishing for carp on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. The venue will be near Droitwich and there will be no charge to ourselves, I will give more details at the May meeting.

Tony will be running a quiz for the evening in place of the above.

## **MYSTERY TRIP**

Some members have indicated that they would like to attend the mystery trip on 16<sup>th</sup> May but have not yet paid Alan their £10 deposit, please could they do so at the May meeting.

Alan is requesting that all those going on the mystery trip attend the May meeting as he is prepared to divulge some information. I assume that the location will remain a mystery but I do understand that the information may include details of the tackle required so allowing members to begin speculating as to whether the venue is river, sea, reservoir, small still water....