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MATCH REPORTS

2014 SEASON

Match Report 14:

DATE	19.10.14								
VENUE	OLD HOUGH FISHERY - GOOSE AND BOULDERS								
MEMBERS FISHING	20								
VISITORS FISHING	5								
WEATHER	10 °C MAX WITH WILD WINDS								
PAY-OUTS	1ST	£	56.00	2ND	£	42.00	3RD	£	27.00
2 SECTION PAYOUTS	SEC1	£	25.00	SEC2	£	25.00			
BONUS PEGS	15								

Onto the final match of the season at a revised venue called Old Hough Fishery on the Goose and Boulders lakes and we are looking forward to visiting them next season as even though the weather was against us the fishing was very good for most members.

A healthy field of anglers is a good sign for next season as the 5 visitors seem keen to be joining us next year to join our new members who hopefully have enjoyed their first season with SMAC – one of which is Julian Pitlovits who's a cracking guy and has been a welcome addition to the club..... I single out Julian as he fished a great match to weigh in 29lb 14oz and clinch third place – well done Julian!!

The title has now been secured but with pride to play for Phil Zahra still pushed to the end and netted a cracking weight of mainly barbel caught within a manic 2 hour spell, unfortunately for Phil his weight of 37lb 2oz was only good enough for second place but is enough to secure him the runners up trophy for 2014 which isn't bad for an angler who spends half his time eating butties in his van and can't fish further out than 5 metres.

As previously mentioned the title was secured at the start of the day; however Wayne Rooke managed to finish in style with yet another win, weighing in 66lb 8oz from, in all honesty, a dolly peg Wayne finished things off nicely – well done Wayne, an unbelievable season which will be very difficult to surpass. Sections were taken by non-member Tony Webb [blame Chris and Darren for the picture!!] and Ian Coleman – well done gents.

That's it for me now this season, I can't wait for next year as the match list looks the best I've ever seen and with an influx of new members we should be on for an exciting 2015! News and text's will be sent out soon for the presentation evening and Phil will also be writing his yearly overview report which will be posted very soon!

I hope the reports have been enjoyable and informative thanks from me for an extremely entertaining year!!!

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Match Report 13:

DATE	05.10.14								
VENUE	BRADSHAW HALL FISHERIES - LAKE 3								
MEMBERS FISHING	21								
VISITORS FISHING	2								
WEATHER	COLD START BUT WARMING UP MAX 8 °C								
PAY-OUTS	1ST	£	52.00	2ND	£	38.00	3RD	£	25.00
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BONUS PEGS	18								

A dark cloud was cast over the penultimate match of the season with the announcement of the recent passing of our club chairman and long serving member Billy Barker. Several of our members have been very close friends with Billy for many years and will miss him dearly; our collective thoughts go out to his family. We'd like to thank everyone for their generosity for the collection we made which will be donated to a just cause – we raised almost £240 which will be extended by the club so thank you again.



The pair's final was fished between Wayne Rooke/Phil Zahra and Pete Ransome/Pete Boggiano and the outcome was one which no-one would have predicted prior to the draw – Pete Boggiano was first to weigh in out of the 4 and tipped the scales at 23lb which was also good enough for third in the individual match, next to weigh in was Phil Zahra who pulled out a measly 3 fish to weigh in 1lb 2oz after spending most of the match getting told off by his partner for not fishing properly! Wayne weighed in a more respectable 22lb 6oz which left Pete Ransome with only 8oz to beat to pick up the inaugural pairs trophy – Pete pulled out his net and to the delight of his partner weighed in 9lb dead to secure the win that nobody would have expected – the two superstars beaten in the final!



The 4 Finalists Ready for battle



Phil Zahra and Wayne Rooke beaten by Pete Boggiano and Pete Ransome!

Second place in the individual match was taken by Mick Abdy who had the most extraordinary peg with almost too many options to go at. Mick fished a mixture of method feeder and pole tactics to pick of some decent fish along with some back-up 8oz F1's to weigh in 27lb 10oz which could have been extended in the last 5 minutes but a nice 4lb carp got snagged around a protruding tree stump and after a good 5 minute battle it managed to slip the hook and swim off to freedom – well done on the second place Mick but unlucky on missing out on first place as Just over a pound in front was Ian Clarkson who moaned and whinged at the draw for being pegged on the causeway but found it worked to his advantage as he picked up his first win of the season with 29lb 2oz of pole caught F1's – nice 1 Ian, an extremely consistent performer.

Sections were Picked up by Wayne Rooke and Chris Gabrielides with 22lb 6oz and 18lb 4oz respectively. After picking up £80 for winning the pairs and £25 for coming third in the match Pete Boggiano was obviously in a rush to get home to tell the wife as he reversed over Danny Morris's pole roller and had to reimburse him to the tune of £70 – numpty!!

Wayne Rooke has now secured the league title after a convincing season - well done Wayne an all round great seasons performance consisting of 8 wins a third place and fourth place with an average of 17.8 points per match!

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Match Report 12:

DATE	21.09.14								
VENUE	FIELDS FARM FISHERIES - BIG BEAM								
MEMBERS FISHING	18								
VISITORS FISHING	5								
WEATHER	20 °C								
PAY-OUTS	1ST	£	52.00	2ND	£	38.00	3RD	£	25.00
2 SECTION PAYOUTS	SEC1	£	23.00	SEC2	£	23.00			
BONUS PEGS	46								

Match 12 brought us to a new venue for the club at Fields Farm Fisheries where we were lucky to have the entire lake with 53 pegs meaning plenty of space for each angler – unfortunately the fishing wasn't as good as expected probably due to the fact there was an open on the day before and lower than usual overnight temperatures could have effected fishing..... Saying that though the more likely cause is that we are South Manchester Angling Club and have the ability to ruin any water!!

The pair's finalists have now been decided after 12 matches with the best ten weights of each member being accumulated. The first pairing is no surprise with Wayne Rooke and Phil Zahra topping the list with a combined whopping total of 895lb 9oz! The second pairing of Pete Ransome and Pete Boggiano were pushed right to the wire but managed to secure a place in the final with a combined total of 400lb 1oz. the final is being fished on the next match at Bradshaws where the two pairs are back down to scratch and they will duel it out for the coveted trophy. Well done and thank you to all who entered this year – I think next year the pairings may be seeded to make it even more interesting!

Keith Standing has been possibly the most consistent angler for several years and showed his consistency hasn't faltered by picking up third place with 24lb 2oz – Keith actually visited the fishery for a couple of practice sessions but all he learned went out of the window and he picked up most of his fish on the method feeder with pop up baits – well done Keith.

Second and first place positions went to regular front runners Phil Zahra and Wayne Rooke – Wayne has pretty much secured the title now with Phil in second place and both anglers won't be letting their game slip as was evident during this match, Phil weighed in 29lb 14oz for second place and Wayne tipped the scales at 32lb 6oz for his 8th match win of the season! Sections were taken by Tony Martin with 23b dead and Danny Morris with 20lb dead.

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Match Report 11:

DATE	07.09.14								
VENUE	HIGH HEYES [CATTERIES] - LAKE 1								
MEMBERS FISHING	17								
VISITORS FISHING	1								
WEATHER	18°C								
PAY-OUTS	1ST	£	41.00	2ND	£	30.00	3RD	£	20.00
2 SECTION PAYOUTS	SEC1	£	18.00	SEC2	£	18.00			
BONUS PEGS									

I was unfortunately away for this match so the report will be slightly limited – Wayne Rooke won again but the margin of victory is getting ever closer as Louis Mansfield got within one fish of beating the champion elect! The top two weighed in 48lb 4oz and 42lb 4oz so a tight finish.

In third place was big fish expert Daz Gabz with 24lb 12oz and sections were taken by his brother Chris Gabz and a first frame for Jeff Ellis – apologies for the lack of specific pictures below and apologies for having to pull one from the archives for Jeff!

The individual league looks like it all sewn up as Wayne is running away with the title but the Pairs competition goes to the next match which is the last chance to post a qualifying weight prior to the final two pairs being decided – its mega close for the final qualifying place with 4 pairs within 50lb of each other it'll go down to the wire!

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Match Report 10:

DATE	24.08.14								
VENUE	HOME FARM FISHERY - MATCH LAKE								
MEMBERS FISHING	20								
VISITORS FISHING	1								
WEATHER	COLD START, WARMING UP DURING THE DAY								
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BONUS PEGS	40								

One of the most picturesque fisheries was the destination for the tenth match of the 2014 SMAC calendar, littered with an array of lily pads and kissed with late summer sunshine home farm fishery was a sight to behold.

Enough of that bollocks, onto the fishing.

The lake fished well pretty much all round the lake [apart from peg 2 – sorry Alan] with plenty of weights around the 30lb mark there weren't many complaints and fortunately no-one managed to break any sections on the steep bank side that was behind some pegs.

The clubs best looking member Pete Boggiano fished for two hours with one fish in the net and then figured it out to put 40lb on the scales from peg 17 for third place made up of banjo feeder caught carp and a brut caught down the side late on using corn – a welcome return back to the frame for Pete but he's nervously looking over his shoulder at Ian Clarkson [ooooh naughty!] in fourth place as Ian nudged even closer to Pete by picking up second place with 43lb 14oz from peg 8 [a fancied area btw] Ian's had a good run of late with 42 points from his last 3 matches – he'll be pushing for a podium place if he carries on like this – well done Ian.

Wayne Rooke has returned from paternity leave and showed no signs of baby brain as he stormed to top spot once again. Wayne picked most of his 50lb 8oz winning weight up on the pellet waggler but also had his usual net full of skimmers which seem to follow him around at every venue – another top performance from Wayne, well done!

Sections were taken by Phil Zahra and Julian Pitlovits with 34lb dead and 35lb 2oz respectively and the pairs table is now getting even closer with

Ian Clarkson and Daz [Mat Hayes] Gabrielides coming from nowhere to get within 35lb of the two Pete's in second place – this could be set up for a grand stand finish!

We were joined by a resident professional photographer during the match and I have enclosed a link below so you can download a PDF with his pictures on – there are some crackers in there and if anyone would like a high resolution copy just let me know and I'll email it across.

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Match Report 9:

DATE	24.08.14								
VENUE	HOME FARM FISHERY - MATCH LAKE								
MEMBERS FISHING	20								
VISITORS FISHING	1								
WEATHER	COLD START, WARMING UP DURING THE DAY								
PAY-OUTS	1ST	£	47.00	2ND	£	35.00	3RD	£	23.00
2 SECTION PAYOUTS	SEC1	£	21.00	SEC2	£	21.00			
BONUS PEGS	40								

With the threat of hurricane big bertha on it's way everyone was unseasonably wrapped up for this one and after 2 hours of solid rain the sun came out for ten minutes then the wind began which made for wonderful fishing weather all day long. Pictured below is Mick Abdy who was well dressed for such a day - if you can't make him out it's because he is perfectly camouflaged against the background - he's the one holding the net of fish that annihilated Phil Zahra off the next peg.



The biggest fish award seems to be in the bag for Darren Gabrielides after he landed a 16lb mirror carp on his way to his first section win with SMAC – Darren won the section with 2 fish totalling 24lb. He was even kind enough to let neighbouring anglers have a go at playing the beast as it took him all round the lake on a 15 minute battle – Darren's pose below suggests he could be the new Matt Hayes rather than a match angler. Keith Standing also picked up a section win with 28lb 12oz from peg 11.

Geoff 'Pinkie' Poole notched up his second frame on the bounce fishing meat down the edge from peg 2, Geoff weighed in 47lb dead to pick up third place which now puts him upto 6th place in the league – nice one Geoff a couple of great results!

Ian Clarkson drew the canalised section of the lake next to his bessie mate and fellow big hitter Stu Brown – Ian came out on top fishing across to a fishy looking hole [oo'er matron] Ian managed to catch well all day and compiled 49lb 4oz of carp caught on pellet for second place – well done Ian, even in your dodgy footwear which is more at home on the catwalks of Milan, this

designer footwear made its UK debut at the House of Bradshaws a little while ago, to critical acclaim on the bank. Now showing a few signs of age and the rustic "lived-in" look, some might suggest the wearer has just been painting the kitchen again, but those knowledgeable about haute couture recognise knock-off market trainers when they see them...



J'Adore

Clarkson

After going to 7 bonus pegs we were hoping to get a winner sometime soon and we weren't let down as Ian Coleman bagged up from peg 1 with 74lb 2oz of carp caught on maggots and casters shallow with a meat line down the edge – Ian won the match and walked away with a cool £245 squid which puts him top of the earners list and he's only fished 2 matches..... a cracking performance from Ian and the celebration photo has just been given to me hot off the press.....



The pair's competition is getting really close for second place with only 3 contributing matches left to get into the final it's still all to play for!

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Match Report 8:

DATE	27.07.14								
VENUE	BADEN HALL - CANAL								
MEMBERS FISHING	22								
VISITORS FISHING	1								
WEATHER	25 °C MAX BOILING HOT!!								
PAY-OUTS	1ST	£	52.00	2ND	£	28.00	3RD	£	25.00
2 SECTION PAYOUTS	SEC1	£	23.00	SEC2	£	23.00			
BONUS PEGS	8 / 7 / 22 / 27 / 29 / 18								

Into the second half of the season we go with a couple of heatwave weeks behind us we were blessed with a wonderful sunny day, it's just a shame the fishery was a massive bag of pump.

The fishing was poor for pretty much everyone along the match length and even though there were 6 bonus pegs we were unable to find a winner yet again which means we're upto 7 next match which is as high as its been before being won.

Third place was taken by Geoff Poole who left it late top figure out the tactics and managed to net a few nice fish towards the end of the match to weigh in 18lb 8oz from peg 8 which was only two pound below Jamie O'Dwyer who fished as a visitor on this one but will be joining us in the new season – well done Jamie, a good start to your SMAC venture! Jamie fished maggots to pick up small carp and weighed in 20lb 8oz from peg 5.

After whinging and moaning about his peg for most of the day Phil Zahra managed to fish a good match from a much shallower peg than everyone else's, weighing in 32lb dead with all his fish caught on a short line on paste. Phil won the match handsomely whilst being the ugliest angler on the bank which is a bit of a contradiction I know but hey..... He's Greek..... He's a geek..... He won't win next week.

Sections were picked up by the two best looking anglers in the country, Pete Boggiano and Ian Coleman weighed in 14lb dead and 11lb 12oz respectively – Ian is now back after his early season hiatus and looks like he's not lost his skills in the time he's been away.

Ian Clarkson was very careful not to splash his perfectly-presented black linen trousers during the weigh-in. Ian has recently secured a modelling contact with a top London agency, so has to look "catwalk fresh" at all times, just in case he's photographed. Looks more like he was dressed for Canal Street to me than to go fishing...



Ian Clarkson..... He's worth it

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Match Report 7:

DATE	13.07.14								
VENUE	BLUNDELLS FISHERY - OAK & WILLOW								
MEMBERS FISHING	20								
VISITORS FISHING	0								
WEATHER	23 °C MAX - WARM AND MUGGY WITH RAIN SPELLS								
PAY-OUTS	1ST	£	45.00	2ND	£	33.00	3RD	£	22.00
2 SECTION PAYOUTS	SEC1	£	20.00	SEC2	£	20.00			
BONUS PEGS	3 / 6 / 4 / 1 / 20								

We're now up to 6 bonus pegs for the next match as yet again the £200 remains unclaimed – I seem to ask the same question every year but does nobody need the money??

First mention has to go to Keith Thorne who broke the butt section of his pole after earlier in the day going arse over tit whilst wheeling his gear to the peg – a difficult day for Keith, unlucky mate.

The pairs competition is hotting up as the battle for second place gets ever tighter – a few poor results from the two Pete's are leaving them looking over their shoulder at the chasing pack with Billy Barker/Julian Pitlovits and Alan Hesling/Mick Abdy close behind. The first place position has pretty much already been decided with the two superstars Wayne and Phil almost 400lb in front it's looking like a done deal. It's worth mentioning that Wayne would actually be winning this competition on his own which means Phil Zahra is redundant and useless as far as this competition is concerned – the English dictionary should be changed to include his picture:



Redundant: Adj. Not or no longer needed or useful; superfluous [Phil Zahra]

Useless: Adj. Not fulfilling or not expected to achieve the intended purpose or desired outcome [Phil Zahra]

Despite this Phil had a pretty god day even though he fell in before the draw!! Fishing from peg 13 Phil amassed 34lb 12oz of skimmers with a couple of carp fishing in 6 foot of water with pellet – Phil [amongst others] got smashed by a big carp which could have [Anthony] costa him the match.

Alan Hesling finally proved his class after a disappointing start to the season. "Big 'Al" as he's known down canal street fished well from peg 19 on Meat catching some nice carp to weigh in 48lb 4oz – Alan also lost a few fish along with rigs and probably his temper as this definitely would have put him on the top spot as he finished less than a pound behind Wayne Rooke who won again. Enough said!

Well done Wayne – 5th win on the row and you're heading for an all-time SMAC record – Wayne fished Meat short and caster long to weigh in 49lb dead of skimmers and carp from peg 19.

Nobody bothered to text me for the caption competition but Keith assures me after his parole hearing the cuffs will be release and he'll be back to fishing without his electronic tag!

Well done to Stu Brown on his birthday and Billy Barker for section wins proving that age does come before beauty as they both beat me!!

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Match Report 6:

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VENUE	FIR TREE FARM - FIR WATER								
MEMBERS FISHING	20								
VISITORS FISHING	0								
WEATHER	20 °C MAX - WARM AND MUGGY WITH RAIN SPELLS								
PAY-OUTS	1ST	£	45.00	2ND	£	33.00	3RD	£	22.00
2 SECTION PAYOUTS	SEC1	£	20.00	SEC2	£	20.00			
BONUS PEGS	4 BONUS PEGS								

An overcast and muggy morning greeted us for the 6th match on the SMAC 2014 calendar – the last match for a month now as half the members are off on a jolly to Manor Farm Leisure!

Before we get to the match report I am running a caption competition for the picture below..... Keith's obviously been up to no good again and has been taken down by the Edgeley PD the FBI in a joint operation which has been ongoing for several years..... Please send your best shot at a caption to 07970066117 – the winner will be announced in the next report:



4 bonus pegs were in the bag with everyone hoping that Wayne Rooke stayed well clear of them as the run of form he's on at the moment it's becoming a case of not who will win but how much will Wayne win by!! – More on this later.

Sections were picked up by Julian Pitlovits and Stuart Brown with 29lb 6oz and 27lb 1oz respectively – well done chaps – especially Stuart who broke his pole..... Probably smacking Ian Clarkson round the head with it.



Third place went to Phil Zahra who put the disaster of cudmore behind him and went on to net 32lb dead of the lakes resident miniature carp – Phil fished for most of the day about a metre off the island and like most people went through some quiet spells but managed to turn things around to come out with another solid result.

It's always a joy when Ian Clarkson frames as we get chance to see the strangest 'fish in net pose' out of everyone – today was no different as Ian managed second place with 35lb 8oz – a good net of fish hoisted into mid-air by Ian – see pictures below.

Thankfully Wayne Rooke didn't draw the bonus peg and he's now away for a few matches for the birth of his child – good luck Wayne we all hope it goes well and in the meantime someone might just pick up the bonus funds! As previously mentioned it was a case of how much Wayne was going to win by and today was no different – a margin of over 50lb helped Wayne secure his 4th win on the bounce as he tipped the scales to a possible venue record of 87lb – well done Wayne a cracking net of fish. Wayne was seen sneaking to his peg with enough spam to feed a 3rd world country for a week so I presume this is the bait he caught on.

Overall everyone had bites and everyone enjoyed the day – the next match is a month away so we'll see you then.

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Match Report 5:

DATE	01.06.14								
VENUE	CUDMORE FISHERIES - ARENA								
MEMBERS FISHING	26								
VISITORS FISHING	0								
WEATHER	23 °C MAX..... BOILING!!								
PAY-OUTS	1ST	£	59.00	2ND	£	44.00	3RD	£	28.00
2 SECTION PAYOUTS	SEC1	£	26.00	SEC2	£	26.00			
BONUS PEGS	15, 22 & 32								

Pure sunshine greeted us for the second match on the trot but with the fish topping all over the lake expectations were low as they seemed to be lazing about after spawning for the previous week or so..... Can't blame them really, I can only just muster a fart when I've spawned.

The fishing on the earlier numbered pegs was as difficult as expected and with the first section stretching out to peg 17 it was no surprise that Louis Mansfield won the section from this peg with 33lb closely followed by Martin 'milk bottle body' Cook who netted the biggest fish of the day and so far the biggest fish of the season – a cracking 13lb common caught on the pole which is surprising as he spent the first three hours of the match adjusting his headwear and is considering joining the French Foreign Legion, to help forget about his beloved Jeep Cherokee which had to go back to the hire company.

Third place went to Tony Martin with his first SMAC frame from peg 29 – fishing shallow on the pole Tony picked off carp to weigh in a respectable 43lb 4oz – Well done on the third place Tony. Julian Pitlovits was close by on peg 27 and managed to pip Tony to second place with 46lb 8oz fishing a very similar method which also earned Julian his first SMAC frame.

The story of the day has to go to..... Keith Harrison whose inexplicable 'cow' noises kept everyone entertained throughout the day..... Not really, the story of the day has to go to Wayne Rooke who absolutely battered the match and won by over 100lb! Wayne figured out the fishing the moment he saw the fish topping and set up to mug fish off the top all day on 8mm cubes of meat fished very shallow. This didn't only win the match but has also took the record for the highest ever SMAC match weight, a record held for several years by veteran Billy Barker who was more than pleased to hand over the title to Wayne. What a cracking performance to weigh in 147lb dead on a day most people struggled – well done Wayne!

Funniest moment of the day has to go to Paul Pannett who was struggling with only 2 fish in his net halfway through until one decided it was time to break free and leapt from his keepnet to freedom leaving Paul with only a solitary carp to weigh in – unlucky Paul! The second section was won by James Brown with 29lb 4oz from peg 17 and the pairs competition is looking more and more like a race for second place with the Zahra/Rooke pairing so far in front they are in the future.

We're onto Fir Tree for the next match where we'll be upto 4 bonus pegs!

Our roving photographer has been at it again.....



Wayne Rooke Congratulated by Billy Barker and Martin Cook with the current biggest fish



Martin Cook ready for the French Foreign Legion and Keith Harrison brewing up another earth shattering pump



Lovely day in the sunshine for us to enjoy but also the fish!

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Match Report 4:

DATE	18.05.14								
VENUE	HARDY'S KNUTSFORD - SYNDICATE LAKE								
MEMBERS FISHING	21								
VISITORS FISHING	0								
WEATHER	23 °C MAX SUNSHINE WITH SLIGHT BREEZE								
PAY-OUTS	1ST	£	47.00	2ND	£	35.00	3RD	£	23.00
2 SECTION PAYOUTS	SEC1	£	21.00	SEC2	£	21.00			
BONUS PEGS	12 & 21								

SCORCHIO!!!!!! Some fantastic weather greeted us for the fourth match at the highly rated private syndicate water Hardy's fishery – special thanks go to the Waltonion guy's [especially Stu Brown] for sorting this out for us. Fears at the draw where that the lake would be under too much pressure from 21 anglers plus pleasure fishermen overcrowding the lake and these fears turned into reality as it turned out to be a really difficult match.

Pete Boggiano picked up his first frame of the season finishing in third place sat on peg 24, Pete fished expanders over micro's and shallow maggots to put together a net of skimmers and several other species of tiddlers to weigh in 15lb 8oz

Second place went to new member Phil Topham who fished a tidy match from peg 7 netting 19lb 2oz fishing chopped worm and caster on the pole – well done Phil – this is made even sweeter as you beat the current league champion of the next peg!

Wayne Rooke showed his class once again and moved into first position in the league after a great performance. Fishing shallow maggots and pellets on a short line from peg 13 Wayne weighed in 27lb 4oz to win the match – not bad after an estimate of 15lb!!!! Nice one Wayne – an average of over 17 points per match is championship winning standards!

Sections were taken by Martin Cook and Chris Gabrielides with 11lb 12oz and 11lb 4oz – well done lads!

Overall the fishing was disappointing but at least it was a cracking day weather wise.

The next one is SMAC 'O' Mania at Cudmore arena where the winner could net a cool £30,000..... oh hang on a moment..... no they can't.

Apologies for the 'no fish' pictures below but everyone loves a surprise mug shot!

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Match report 3:

DATE	04.05.14								
VENUE	PARTRIDGE LAKES - COVEY 6								
MEMBERS FISHING	19								
VISITORS FISHING	2								
WEATHER	12 °C MILD WITH LITTLE WIND AND NO RAIN								
PAY-OUTS	1ST	£	47.00	2ND	£	35.00	3RD	£	23.00
2 SECTION PAYOUTS	SEC1	£	21.00	SEC2	£	21.00			
BONUS PEGS	143								

A mild run in to the third match of the season and news of the lake record falling earlier in the week was enough to whet the appetite of 19 members and 2 visitors - the reduced field was due to several regulars being down at white acres however we were once again blessed with alternate pegs along the entire length of the canal style covey 6 - the newest of the covey's at Partridge Lakes.

The SMAC table is beginning to take a familiar shape as Phil Zahra moves to the top after an impressive match from peg 133 fishing pellet down the edge and shallow maggot for a catch of decent size F1's in comparison to most to weigh in at 58lb 12oz. Well done Phil a great catch, obviously inspired by drawing next to your partner Wayne Rooke who also had a cracking days sport fishing Pellet to different areas of his peg and maggots down the track Wayne tipped the scales at a stonking 72lb 8oz from peg 135 which is enough to push him into second place in the table by 1 point from third. The Weights combined now push Phil and Wayne way out in front in the pairs tournament and by the looks of things they'll be tough to catch!

First place on the day went to visitor Sean Griffiths who was in front of Wayne by just over a pound! Sean fished a great match from peg 165 feeding micros and fishing 4mm on the hook in 1ft of water across to the far bank to cash in £47 – well done Sean a cracking performance on your first SMAC match!

Sections were taken by Visitor Andy Morrissey with 53lb 12oz and James Brown with 47lb dead.

A special mention must go to Keith "Duckie" Standing who had a *fowl* match. It has come to the attention of your SMAC match reporting team that on a secret midweek reconnaissance mission to suss out Covey 6, he was given some bum information by one of the venue regulars. He was told to pot in particles across for the F1s and small carp, and that Pigeon Conditioner and Trill (budgie food) had been productive. On match day, this was obviously taken too literally, and the resident ducks had a field day (see photos below). Duckie was feeding tight across in barely a foot of water and every time he unshipped to land a fish, the ducks would enter his swim, up-
end, and mop up all his bait.

The other hot bankside rumour is that Duckie is bringing one of his guns to the next match to deal with any stray ducks, along with a portable barbeque, and will be offering crispy duck pancakes for a quid a pop for the first three hours of the match (a time when he never catches much anyway).

Overall a cracking day was had by all with over 745lb of fish caught averaging 35lb per member!



Keith's float just ready to go under..... followed shortly by the ducks to mop up his bait..... followed shortly by the 'birdie!!!

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Match report 2:

DATE	20.04.14								
VENUE	HIGH HEYES [CATTERIES] - LAKE 3								
MEMBERS FISHING	21								
VISITORS FISHING	0								
WEATHER	8 °C MAX DRY BUT WITH VERY STRONG WINDS								
PAY-OUTS	1ST	£	47.00	2ND	£	35.00	3RD	£	23.00
2 SECTION PAYOUTS	SEC1	£	21.00	SEC2	£	21.00			
BONUS PEGS	16								

Twenty one members turned out for the second SMAC match of the season with hopes not too high for what is apparently a difficult venue with no 'main species' to attack the talk at the draw was to fish for anything that swims and hope for a few bonus fish as there were some barbel and also big carp to be had, one of which fell to new member Darren Gabrielides who landed an 8lb carp caught on corn to put his bid in for the biggest fish of the year award. This may have been the biggest but there was some variety on offer also with Louis Mansfield netting a goldfish and Alan Hesling who pulled out a giant perch of 3lb 2oz – a proper specimen that fell to paste down the edge and then proceeded to eat most of the other fish in Alan's net!

There is one noise that makes my heart sink more than any other noise, it can be heard every other Sunday during summer between the hours of two and four in the afternoon – this is the whoohooo noise coming from Phil Zahra's peg as he's just landed a fish that will wipe out your last hours hard work..... this Sunday was no different. After a desolate 5 hours with only 4 roach Phil landed 6 barbel in the last hour fishing top two plus two on peg 44 with maggot to weigh in 29lb dead to secure third place.

Second place went to camera shy new member Geoff Poole who netted 30lb 2oz from peg 31 on the peninsula – Geoff was joking prior to the match that pinkie was his preferred bait but managed to get a carp on a bunch of pinkies whilst most of his fish were caught on double sweetcorn – well done Geoff on your first SMAC frame.

First place went to the in-form Billy barker on peg 13. Billy won the match fishing corn down the side and also catching on the tip to put together a well-earned 34lb 8oz. Billy now tops the league at the early stage and is clear by 7 points after two cracking performances.

Sections were picked up by Pete Boggiano and Ian Clarkson with 22lb 14oz and 19lb 6oz respectively. The two Pete's [Ransome and Boggiano] are still at the top of the pairs league but the table is much tighter now and they only have a 3lb margin to play with. The pairs table and individual league table can be found on the league tables tab – if you scroll to the bottom of the league tables page you will also find a new table showing the highest earners throughout the season with £210 needed to break even on match fee's it will be interesting to see who can 'fish for free' this year [I never include bait and fuel in my calculations as I'd have to win every match to break even!!].

Below are a few pictures from the day taken by our roving photographer and his telescopic lens - watch out no-one is safe!!!



Darren Gabrielides with the current Biggest fish, Louis Mansfield with his goldfish and Alan Hesling with a big nasty perch!!!



Lazy Phil Zahra had to drive his food supplies to his peg so he could secretly stuff his face during his baron 5 hours!



Ian Clarkson shows us how to land big carp on white hydro whilst sat on a scaffolding rig and Billy Smith passes on useful advice to Alan Hesling about Perch fishing with paste

Pictured below are the framing anglers along with the top 15:

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Match report 1:

DATE	06.04.14								
VENUE	BRADSHAW HALL FISHERIES - LAKE 4								
MEMBERS FISHING	23								
VISITORS FISHING	0								
WEATHER	10 °C MAX WITH STRONG WINDS AND HEAVY SHOWERS								
PAY-OUTS	1ST	£	52.00	2ND	£	38.00	3RD	£	25.00
2 SECTION PAYOUTS	SEC1	£	22.00	SEC2	£	22.00			
BONUS PEGS	13								

It was a busy start to the eagerly anticipated 2014 season with 23 members creating the largest field of anglers for some time in a SMAC match. The first job of the day was to draw pairs for the newly formatted pair's tournament – the full draw can be seen below and the tournament table can be found on the league tables tab below the individual table.

PAIR NUMBER	ANGLER 1	ANGLER 2
1	GEOFF POOLE	PHIL TOPHAM
2	WILLIAM BARKER	JULIAN PITLOVITS
3	JEFFREY ELLIS	TONY MARTIN
4	KEITH THORNE	KEITH HARRISON
5	FRANK COLEMAN	MARTIN COOK
6	PETER BOGGIANO	PETE RANSOME
7	CHRIS GABRIELIDES	PAUL PANNETT
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9	STUART BROWN	BILLY SMITH
10	LOUIS MANSFIELD	STUART FORD
11	KEITH STANDING	JOHN CROWTHER
12	WAYNE ROOKE	PHIL ZAHRA
13	ALAN HESLING	MICK ABDY

With the winnings being split 60/40 between the finalists the winning team will walk away with a cool £188 along with the knockout trophy and the runners up will bag £124 it will definitely add a little extra to the season.

As the match got underway it took a short period of time for the fish to show and once they did the fishing across the whole lake was great with 650lb of fish caught averaging 28lb per member!!!

Most members chose rod and line methods with bomb/method and PVA tactics accounting for plenty of carp in the net and plenty evading the net as was the case for Billy Barker who could have netted well over 100lb if it wasn't for about 20 lost fish; unlucky mate, Billy was piped for third place from the next peg as new member Wayne Rooke put together a cracking net of skimmers with a few carp from peg 31, fishing the pole on pellet for most of the day Wayne was claiming to have been beat from both sides and was also claiming about 20lb in his net..... He actually weighed in 53lb which adds another member to the 'unable to estimate weight' gang!!

Second place was taken by the re-energised Pete Ransome. Pete fished a great match to tip the scales at 54lb 4oz from peg 27 with carp mainly taken on 8mm pellet on bomb tactics, Pete mentioned he didn't encounter any snags at all whilst fishing but nearly came unstuck when his keepnet got snagged at the weigh in, it was fortunately freed from the snag to get the 8 times champion in the swing of things for the season ahead.

As previously mentioned an influx of new members over the last couple of years has led to some cracking anglers adding to the frame, one of which is Chris Gabrielides who drew peg 6 and fished a great match on the method with pellet and dead maggot to net 63lb 8oz – nice one Chris and we hope you enjoy the 19 points and £52 big ones as a welcome to the club! Congratulations on the win, a great net of fish from the generally more difficult side of the lake.

Sections were taken by Billy Barker and Phil Zahra with 52lb 14oz and 45lb 2oz respectively – well done chaps!

The pairs tournament is also fully underway and topping the league after the first match are the superbly good looking pairing of Pete Boggiano and Pete Ransome with 104lb 8oz combined weight ahead of the superstar team of anglers Wayne Rooke and Phil Zahra with 98lb 2oz – Pete and Pete are off to the pub..... Wayne and Phil are off down Canal Street!

Funniest moment of the day has to go to Match Secretary Phil Zahra trying to put his umbrella up in the strong winds – I'll let the pictures do the talking:



How to erect and destroy an umbrella in 6 easy steps by Phil Zahra

Funniest pictures of the day go to Ian Clarkson – soaked to the bone, grumpy and refusing to crouch down and pose with his fish and Pete Ransome - too many double Bacardi and cokes and not enough beauty sleep result in bankside snoozing [whilst coming second in the match!!]



Pictured below are the framing anglers along with the top 15:

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