

Match : Knockout Cup 2013

Knockout Cup Format

This year, we're trying a slightly different format, designed to give all members two chances to qualify for the final, and the chance to lift this trophy. Previously the format of the qualifying rounds had led to some anglers having a bye in the earlier rounds, or three people fishing off for a place in the next round, but the new format is purely a knockout, with two anglers facing each other in a weight-based duel, with the winner progressing through to the next round. It also gives people two chances to qualify for the final.

The aim is to get down to 16 anglers, then have 8 ties with all names in the drawbag to pair 2 anglers together in direct knockout matches, with the winner of each tie progressing through to the next round. The winner of tie 1 will face the winner of tie 2; the winner of tie 3 will face the winner of tie 4, etc. To get down to the initial 16, an eliminator is fished where the 16 top weights on a designated match progress to the draw for phase 1, which will ultimately produce one winner from phase 1, who will then contest the overall knockout cup final.

Another designated eliminator match will then be fished to decide the second finalist, with the top 16 weights going into the draw for phase 2, fished in an identical fashion to phase 1, to produce a phase 2 winner. The finalists from phase 1 and phase 2 will then fish the grand final, with the overall winner being crowned KO cup champion for 2013. The winner of phase 1 will not be involved in phase 2.

With the exception of the eliminator matches, competitors for each tie will be charged £1 per tie, yielding £30 from phase 1 matches and £30 from phase 2. This will be paid out fully in the final, with £40 to the winner and £20 to the runner-up.

There has already been an early casualty, with 2012 winner Pete Ransome failing to get through the eliminator for phase 1. No doubt he'll be trying doubly-hard in the phase 2 matches in an attempt to regain the cup.

Phase 1 last 16, Bradshaws Number 8, Bolton, 19 May 2013

Some big names are out, fallen like current cup holder Pete Ransome in the eliminator round. Things were very peggy (see main match writeup), but this year everyone gets two chances to qualify for the final. Martin Cook (12lb 12oz fishing to a bridge) easily outclassed reigning club champion Phil Zahra (2lb 6oz fishing to a bridge), so now Phil is free to focus on the Club Championship alone. Chris Knowles and Roger Wolfenden were unable to fish, so Chris goes through on account of having a higher weight in the eliminator match.

Chris Parry (3lb 10oz) was in the right area but had no bonus fish to bulk out his weight, but Ian Clarkson (15lb 12oz) certainly did, with a double-figure ghostie winning the tie on its own to put him comfortably through. Keith Harrison (7lb 9oz) ran to his peg, he'd drawn well in a form area, but started off on a light 9s elastic and kept being ripped, but bumped fish when stepping up and his catch rate dwindled. Keith Standing (10lb 15oz) had a solid 2 hours to build most of his weight of smallish barbel, roach and other non-carpy stuff before it does, but he'd done enough to go through.

Mick Abdy (6lb 3oz) caught sporadically and went for snookers in the last 90 minutes by fishing a big margin line for a lump or two without joy. Billy Barker (7lb 12oz) was almost hearing the fat lady clear her throat when he latched into an obliging sizeable carp, leaving it late on to seal victory and set up an interesting next round tie.

Ian Coleman (23lb 12oz) picked his fish up early and late on in the match, mainly small stuff, but was way ahead of Paul Pannett (11lb 14oz), who was unfortunate not to progress after finding a shoal of obliging small barbel in a slightly deeper part of the track with a liking for double caster.

Pete Boggiano (18lb 4oz fishing to the same bridge as Phil Zahra) sprayed maggot everywhere all day to keep the barbel interested to see off a spirited Alan Hesling (11lb 9oz) from the lower pegs.

Frank Coleman (3lb 4oz) effectively had a bye through to the next round as Keith Thorne could not fish.

Phase 1 Quarter final, Goose Green Match Lake, 16 June 2013

Keith Standing managed to edge out Ian Clarkson in a closely contested battle by just less than 2lb - he will face Martin Cook or Chris Knowles in the next round at BenLee lakes. Ian Coleman and Frank Coleman both progressed at the expense of Billy Barker and Pete Boggiano to set up a Father and son Semi Final!!

Phase 1 Semi Final, Partridge Lakes - Pine, 14 July 2013

Without Chris Knowles to fish in the quarter final Martin Cook was given a bye to fish Keith Standing in the semi's and the Colemans [Ian and Frank] had a family duel in the other semi. Martin and Ian progressed beating their respective opponents and will fish for the first final place at Bradshaws number 6 when the first round of the next knockout phase will also be fished - good luck to the first finalists and good luck to everyone else for the next phase!

Phase 1 Final, Fir Water, 11 Aug 2013

Martin Cook and Ian Coleman duked it out for a place in the overall final from opposite ends of the match, with Martin edging it by just short of 3lb. The whole process now starts again to find the finalist from the second phase of the competition.

Phase 2 Knockout Round, Fir Water, 11 Aug 2013

It was planned to fish an eliminator to identify the 16 anglers for Phase 2 on Bradshaws Lake 6, but only 14 anglers turned up, so all were theoretically through to the next round. Due to circumstances meaning that a couple of anglers would not be available for key dates later in the cup, to keep the numbers right, those not fishing the eliminator were given the chance to compete at Fir Water.

A fresh draw was completed prior to the match to dictate the order for phase 2. There were some notable scalps to fall by the wayside in the match, but the quarter final looks to be very interesting, with Phil Zahra, Pete Boggiano and Ian Coleman all avoiding each other. The next match is a Cudmore. For the quarter finals, semis and final for Phase 2, if you don't turn up to fish, your opponent gets a bye through to the next round. This is because we are running out of matches on account of trying to cater for those missing earlier in Phase 1 matches.

Phase 2 Quarter-Final, Cudmore Arena, 25 August 2013

Keith Standing Beat Pete Ransome (21lb 10oz to DNW)
Phil Zahra beat Frank Coleman (83lb 7oz to 23lb 08oz)
Pete Boggiano Beat Ian Clarkson (47lb 7oz to 36lb 07oz)
Stuart Brown Beat Ian Coleman (35lb 2oz to 27lb 12oz)

Phase 2 Semi-Final, Goose Green, 08 September 2013

Phil Zahra beat Keith Standing (42lb 10oz to 26lb 9oz)
Pete Boggiano beat Stuart Brown (53lb 4oz to 17lb 5oz)
Phil and Pete go through to the Phase 2 final at Blundells Ash.

Phase 2 Final, Blundells Ash, 22 September 2013

Phil Zahra and Pete Boggiano were due to fish, but Pete was absent at a wedding. As a previous decision had been taken that for all Phase 2 matches, if an angler didn't turn up, their opponent gets a bye, sorry Pete, but rules are rules.... so Phil is through to the overall KO Cup final against Martin Cook, who qualified from Phase 1. The final will be fished at Bradshaws on the next match.

Grand Final, Bradshaws, Lake 4 06 October 2013

The final was fished between Phil Zahra and Martin cook - Phil came out champion with 43lb 6oz beating Martin Cook who weighed in 36lb 14oz. Congratulations Phil!!



2013 Knockout Cup champion Phil Zahra

South Manchester Angling Club - 2013 Knockout Cup - PHASE 1

PHASE 1 LAST 16				PHASE 1 QUARTER FINAL				PHASE 1 SEMI FINAL				PHASE 1 FINAL				FINALIST 1			
VENUE	BRADSHAW'S NO.0	Paid	Wt	VENUE	GOOSE GREEN	Paid	Wt	VENUE	PARTRIDGE PINE	Paid	Wt	VENUE	FIR WATER	Paid	Wt				
DATE	19-May-13	£1	(lbs:oz)	DATE	02-Jun-13	£1	(lbs:oz)	DATE	14-Jul-13	£1	(lbs:oz)	DATE	11-Aug-13	£1	(lbs:oz)				
1	MARTIN COOK	Y	12.12	}	MARTIN COOK		Bye	}	MARTIN COOK	Y	13.10	}	MARTIN COOK	N	13.05	}			
2	PHIL ZAHRA	Y	2.06		CHRIS KNOWLES		Didntish												
3	CHRIS KNOWLES	N	X																
4	ROGER WOLFENDEN	N	X																
5	CHRIS PARRY	Y	3.10	}	IAN CLARKSON	Y	13.00	}	KEITH STANDING	Y	13.00	}					}		
6	IAN CLARKSON	Y	15.12																
7	KEITH HARRISON	Y	7.09		KEITH STANDING	Y	13.02												
8	KEITH STANDING	Y	10.15																
																		MARTIN COOK	
9	MICK ABDY	Y	8.03	}	WILLIAM BARKER	Y	DNW	}	IAN COLEMAN	Y	24.13	}	IAN COLEMAN	N	10.08			}	
10	WILLIAM BARKER	Y	7.12																
11	PAUL PANNETT	Y	11.14		IAN COLEMAN	Y	17.08												
12	IAN COLEMAN	Y	23.13																
13	PETER BOGGIANO	Y	18.04	}	PETER BOGGIANO	Y	2.07	}	FRANK COLEMAN	Y	14.01	}							}
14	ALAN HESLING	Y	11.09																
15	FRANK COLEMAN	Y	3.04		FRANK COLEMAN	Y	20.12												
16	KEITH THORNE	N	X																

South Manchester Angling Club - 2013 Knockout Cup - PHASE 2

PHASE 2 LAST 16				PHASE 2 QUARTER FINAL				PHASE 2 SEMI FINAL				PHASE 2 FINAL				FINALIST 2				
VENUE	FIR WATER	Paid	Wt	VENUE	CUDMORE ARENA	Paid	Wt	VENUE	GOOSE GREEN	Paid	Wt	VENUE	BLUNDELLS ASH	Paid	Wt					
DATE	11-Aug-13	£1	(lbs:oz)	DATE	25-Aug-13	£1	(lbs:oz)	DATE	08-Sep-13	£1	(lbs:oz)	DATE	22-Sep-13	£1	(lbs:oz)					
1	PAUL PANNETT	Y	5.07	}	PETE RANSOME	y	DNW	}	KEITH STANDING	26	26.14	}	PHIL ZAHRA	n	bye					
2	PETE RANSOME	Y	11.01																	
3	KEITH STANDING	Y	10.05														}	KEITH STANDING	y	21.12
4	MICK ABDY	Y	DNW																	
5	BILLY BARKER	Y	1.13	}	PHIL ZAHRA	y	83.07	}	PHIL ZAHRA	y	42.02	}	PHIL ZAHRA	n	bye					
6	PHIL ZAHRA	Y	9.11																	
7	FRANK COLEMAN	Y	6.14														}	FRANK COLEMAN	y	23.08
8	KEITH HARRISON	Y	4.00																	
PHIL ZAHRA																				
9	MARTIN COOK	Y	13.05	}	PETE BOGGIANO	y	47.07	}	PETE BOGGIANO	y	63.06	}	PETE BOGGIANO	n						
10	PETE BOGGIANO	Y	39.02																	
11	IAN CLARKSON	Y	13.15														}	IAN CLARKSON	y	36.07
12	BILLY SMITH	Y	10.01																	
PETE BOGGIANO																				
13	KEITH WILLIAMS	Y	1.02	}	STUART BROWN	y	35.02	}	STUART BROWN	y	17.09	}	absent							
14	STUART BROWN	Y	3.11																	
15	KEITH THORNE	Y	3.02														}	IAN COLEMAN	y	27.12
16	IAN COLEMAN	Y	10.06																	