

## 2013 PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:

IAN COLEMAN RECEIVES THE ALAN CAWLEY ROSEBOWL TROPHY



PETE RANSOME RECEIVES THE KNOCKOUT CUP TROPHY



PETE BOGGIANO RECEIVES THE CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNER UP TROPHY



PHIL ZAHRA RECEIVES THE BIGGEST MATCH WEIGHT TROPHY AND THE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY



Congratulations to all winners on the night - unable to attend was Alan Hesling who picked up the top weight fish trophy which was collected on his behalf by Billy Smith who evaded the camera.  
Good Luck to all for next season!!!

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## South Manchester Angling Club Match Points League Table 2012

Position	Name	Partridge Lakes - Ribbon	Blundells Farm - Ash	Heronbrook, Island Pool	Meadow View - Linnet	Brookside, Kingfisher Lake	Bradshavs - Lake 6	Cudmore - Pool 5	Goose Green	Fir Tree Farm - Fir Water	Blundells Farm - West	Bradshavs - Lake 3	Goose Green	Dunham Massey - Match Lake	Fir Tree Farm - Nooky Hollow	Matches fished	Total points	Dropped points	Overall final total	Average points per match [not accounting for dropped points]
1	Phil Zahra	<b>12</b>	16	19	12	14	19	19	16	19	16	14	19	14	<b>11</b>	14	220	23	197	15.71
2	Peter Boggiano	7	11	14		16	10	<b>5</b>	6	6	6	19	16	19	19	13	154	5	149	11.85
3	Ian Coleman	19	19			19	11	8		14	19	16	1	7	14	11	147		147	13.36
4	Alan Hesling	<b>1</b>	0	12	19	8	12	4	12	12	10	10	6	1	8	14	115	1	114	8.21
5	Paul Pannett	14		11	1		16	6	10	8	9	7	5	6	9	12	102		102	8.50
6	Keith Standing	3	0	1		0	9	14	14	9	14	8	7	8	14	13	101		101	7.77
7	Billy Barker	11	0	7	11	11	5	16	4	5	11		11	0	6	13	98		98	7.54
8	Mick Abdy	5		16	16			10	19				8	10	10	8	94		94	11.75
9	Keith Thorne	1	12			7	8		8	7	12	9	10	14	5	11	93		93	8.45
10	Chris Parry	8	8		9		14	7	9			11	12	9		9	87		87	9.67
11	Keith Harrison	6	0	<b>1</b>	10	9	4	9	7	4	8	1	14	11		13	84	1	83	6.46
12	Pete Ransome	9	0	8	1	12		12	1	11		1	1	16		11	72		72	6.55
13	Frank Coleman		9		1	6	3	11	3	10	5	12		5	4	11	69		69	6.27
14	Billy Smith	1	0	1	14	1	7		11	16	1	1	9			11	62		62	5.64
15	Rodger Wolfenden	4	10	9					5		7		1		16	7	52		52	7.43
16	Dave Zahra	16	14	1												3	31		31	10.33
17	John Crowther	2	0		1	10	6							0	7	7	26		26	3.71
18	Lee Zahra	11	1	10												3	22		22	7.33
19	Mark Corless															0	0		0	
20	Jimmy Derbyshire															0	0		0	
21	Alan Gaskell															0	0		0	

Dropped points in **bold**

### 14<sup>th</sup> October 2012: Fir Tree Farm – Nooky Hollow

The final match of the 2012 SMAC season was held at Fir Tree Farm on the Nooky Hollow water, reports of 90lb winning bags in previous weeks were looking doubtful as the SMAC regulars lined up for a team photo sporting their new club attire on a particularly cold and foggy morning after the coldest night of the year..... The match secretary receiving abuse whilst blissfully unaware in a hung-over state:



With the club championship top spot already decided the contest was on for the runner up trophy, Pete Boggiano needing to finish at least 4 points in front of Ian Coleman to claim the trophy. Pete weighed in first of the two from peg 2 tipping the scales to 22lb 7oz with a pellet, corn and meat net of *pasties* – this was the top weight right round to Ian who needed to finish at least second – Ian weighed in a 16lb 7oz net of carp with some silvers which was good enough for joint second place with Keith Standing at the time, however Roger Wolfenden was next to weigh in and the drama ensued – Roger had caught well all day and managed to do Pete a massive favour beating Ian to second place on the day by 3lb 5oz, it's safe to say nerves were shredded along with the fingernails!! Well done to Ian and Pete – a close battle and a friendly



outcome:

The final word this year has to go to the SMAC match secretary Phil Zahra – what a season. Phil compiled a massive 197 point total to clinch the title – Phil has weighed in just over 400lb of fish at an average of 29lb per match and has scored an average of 16 points per match with 5 wins, 3 seconds and 3 thirds – not bad for a blind squirrel eh! Well done Phil a truly well-deserved title and I'm sure the trophy will take pride of place alongside the biggest match weight trophy for his 63lb 12oz net at Bradshaws no6.



### **2012 CHAMPION PHIL ZAHRA**

Well, what a season it's been, with 6 anglers in the club finishing on more than 100 points, a total weight of 2500lb of fish at an average of 280lb per weigh in and the club seeing a different top two for the third year on the trot – roll on next year which will hopefully see a few new faces and some new surprises along the way! The full list of match winners and trophy winners will be posted after the presentation evening.

#### **The SMAC frame:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Peg 2 – Pete Boggiano – 22lb 7oz

2<sup>nd</sup> – Peg 15 – Roger Wolfenden – 19lb 12oz

=3<sup>rd</sup> - Peg 14 – Ian Coleman – 16lb 7oz

=3<sup>rd</sup> - Peg 14 – Keith Standing – 16lb 7oz



## 30th September 2012: Dunham Fishery – Whiteoaks Lake

The penultimate match on the SMAC calendar was held at Dunham Fisheries on the original 'Whiteoaks' lake, 20 anglers in total attended with 14 SMAC regulars joined by 6 visitors. The week leading up to the match was like a mini monsoon season meaning there was plenty of extra cold water in the lake and with a cold, blustery breeze the conditions were beginning to feel like winter rather than autumn.

The final of the knockout cup was to be fished between last year's losing finalist Pete Ransome and this year's 'glamour boy' Phil Zahra [his own words] - with the difference in fortunes this season the wise money would be backing Zahra but anything can happen..... Below is an account of the final with some pictures to illustrate the tension!

After a few hours fishing it became evident to the SMAC regulars that it was going to be difficult - it also became evident that the visitors were no strangers to the venue as two were catching particularly well. Pete Boggiano and Ian Coleman are both battling it out for the runner up spot this year and were pegged side by side on 28 and 29 respectively. Both were pretty much fishless for the first 4 hours of the match - Pete then decided to fish shallow at 6m with maggot and pellet with a 'catch whatever is swimming attitude' - 2 hours later he weighed in 25lb 2oz of carp and chub which earned him 3rd place overall on the day but first place in the club standings. Ian lost 4 decent fish and could only tip the scales to 3lb - he is now only 3 points clear in second place with one match to go!

First and second place on the day came from visiting venue regulars Steve J and Dave Royal. Dave picked up second place fishing tight to the far bank rushes from peg 26 tipping the scales at 47lb 14oz and Steve bagged up from the tip of the island on peg 25 fishing the pellet waggler towards the far bank rushes weighing in 82lb 10oz - a cracking weight on a difficult day. The SMAC frame was made up by Pete Ransome in second place with a mixed bag weighing 19lb 8oz from peg 14 and in joint third were Phil Zahra and Keith Thorne both weighing in 11lb dead from peg 12 and 22 respectively - powers of deduction now unveil the result of this year's knockout cup - after a difficult season Pete Ransome dug deep and even though he broke his pole halfway through the match managed to put together a good net of fish from a difficult section to beat Phil Zahra to the title - well done Pete, a great win and hopefully the tide has turned and this could be a sign of things to come for next year! Commiserations to Phil but I'm sure the league title trophy will make up for the defeat and maybe he'll stop walking round like billy big bollocks now haha!!

The SMAC frame:

1st - Peg 25 - Steve J - 82lb 10oz [NM]

2nd - Peg 26 - Dave Royal - 47lb 14oz [NM]

3rd / SMAC 1ST - Peg 28 - Pete Boggiano - 25lb 2oz

4th / SMAC 2ND - Peg 14 - Pete Ransome - 19lb 8oz

=5th / SMAC =3RD - Peg 12 - Phil Zahra - 11lb and Peg 22 - Keith Thorne - 11lb



Pete Ransome, KO cup finalist, confident, and Phil Zhara, KO cup finalist, secret squirrelling before the match



Let the final begin (they were also on adjacent pegs....)



Phil "close but no cigar" Zahra Pete Ransome with his KO cup-winning 19lb+



Winner Steve J (sorry full name not available) 2nd Dave Royal 3rd Pete Boggiano

### **Goose Green, 16 Sep 2012**

14SMAC anglers turned out for the second visit of the season to Goose Green fishery with hopes of drawing on an island peg or hopes that nobody would notice the splash of their feeder travelling into someone else's swim!! We were greeted with blustery winds and reports of rain around the corner meant the match would be fished in very autumnal weather.

Fishing throughout the day was slow for most, probably due to the reduced temperatures the week before, but as usual the banter about who was fishing where kept everyone amused for most of the day.

Last year's club champion has had a difficult and very different season this year, currently lying mid table without any of last year's success to shout about, However Keith Harrison managed to rack up his first frame of the season fishing meat on a short pole line from peg 3 he weighed in 19lb dead which earned him third place on the day.

Johnny come lately Pete Boggiano didn't draw the only bonus peg this week but managed to back up his win from the last match with a second place at goose green, fishing the method across to the island from peg 13 for most of the day then switching to the margins for the last two hours saw Pete amass 37lb 11oz, 90% of which he caught down the side on meat and corn – the island chuck not proving to be as productive as first thought, as was the case for all the anglers who fished the method line all day.

First place on the day went to the current league leader Phil Zahra – he has now secured the title mathematically but I'll save the congratulations until the end of the season. Phil fished his trusted short pole with paste and pellet for the later part of the match accounting for most of his 43lb 13oz after picking up some earlier fish on the method to the island from peg 2.

Phil has had an unbelievable season to date with 5 wins, 3 seconds, 2 thirds and 2 fourth place finishes [which have been dropped] he deserves the top spot and is on for an all-time record score! The fight is now on for runner up as Ian Coleman didn't post a weight at this match he is now within reach of Pete Boggiano who has turned things around and with two matches to go anything could happen!



The SMAC Frame

1<sup>st</sup> – Peg 2 – Phil Zahra – 43lb 13oz

2<sup>nd</sup> – Peg 13 – Pete Boggiano – 37lb 11oz

3<sup>rd</sup> – Peg 3 – Keith Harrison - 19lb

## 2nd September 2012: Bradshaws Fishery – Lake 3

Lake 3 at Bradshaws fishery is an unusual lake divided by several islands and some other features such as a brick chimney and some electrical cable which has come up from the depths to create havoc for some anglers. 12 SMAC anglers were situated from pegs 2-16 across the far dam wall with several regulars missing in Spain on a fishing trip the reduced field were almost divided in two with nearly half of the anglers on bonus pegs!

It became evident from the start that the earlier numbers were the productive pegs with the 3 anglers pegged beyond peg 12 struggling to get bites let alone fish whilst the action from pegs 2-12 was instantaneous with 4 anglers into fish in their first chuck – the story of the day however was how many fish were lost to the aforementioned snags – anglers kicking themselves at the end after losing several fish too many!

The battle for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was a close call with pegs 5 and 11 delivering the goods for the top ranked anglers in the club – Phil Zahra fished paste and pellet towards the brick chimney on the pole to put together a net of carp for 34lb 1oz to secure 3<sup>rd</sup> place from peg 5 whilst Ian Coleman fished pellet feeder towards the island on peg 11 to tip the scales at 35lb 14oz which was good enough for second place on the day.

When Pete Boggiano pulled peg 8 from the draw bag it seemed like a good draw – however when peg 8 was also drawn as a bonus peg it became a different kettle of fish. Fishing at 16m all day to the two islands in front of peg 8 Pete managed to lose 9 decent fish as they flew for cover once hooked, at the weigh in he was sure this would affect the overall outcome

and was kept on tenterhooks right to the very last weigh in where he could have been duped by a Coleman once again – Frank this time, however Frank could only tip the scales at 28lb 8oz which wasn't enough to compete with Pete's meat, corn and pellet caught net of carp which weighed in at 41lb 3oz securing first place on the day and earned Pete a cool £200 from the bonus fund – I suppose if you draw the bonus peg 5 times in 11 matches it's only a matter of time!

The SMAC Frame:

1<sup>st</sup> – Peg 8 – Pete Boggiano – 41lb 3oz

2<sup>nd</sup> – Peg 11 – Ian Coleman – 35lb 14oz

3<sup>rd</sup> – Peg 5 – Phil Zahra - 34lb 1oz

Apologies for the quality of the photography below – our regular cameraman will be back at the next match when he has returned from his 'pleasure' fishing excursion!!



### 19<sup>th</sup> August 2012: Blundells Fishery – West Pond

The second SMAC visit to Blundells fishery in 2012 brought us to the West Pond – with vivid memories of the weather that battered us earlier in the year the sun shining in the sky was a pleasant sight to all.

At first sight the West pond looked absolutely perfect for a bagging session and with everyone ready for fish the draw commenced with 14 anglers hoping to pull the fancied pegs from the bag. There were 4 bonus pegs drawn with Keith Standing, Roger Wolfenden and bonus peg regulars Pete Boggiano and Paul Pannett given the opportunity to walk away with a cool £200.

The match commenced with anglers opting for varying tactics ranging from chopped worm and caster for the Ide, pellet/Maggot approach on the far bank targeting the carp and shallow tactics to target some huge 'cruisers' that could be seen surfacing from time to time. Oh how looks can be deceiving..... 2 hours into the match every angler on the lake was struggling to get bites, it was unbelievable that a lake which looked so promising was failing to produce from every peg. This continued until the end of the match leaving all 14 anglers wondering what was wrong!

Second and third positions on the day came from non-members Bob Birks and Alan McMahon who fished similar tactics using maggot to the far bank and landing a mixed bag of Ide and Carp to compile nets of 15lb 12oz and 12lb 13oz respectively.

The next closest members to get into the frame were the ever present Phil Zahra securing 16 points with a club 2<sup>nd</sup> catching a mixed bag of fish with a couple of bonus carp on pellet in the margins for 12lb 11oz and Keith Standing only 1oz behind catching down the track on maggot for club 3<sup>rd</sup> on the day and 14 points – Keith could have improved on his position but failed to land one of the "cruising battleship's" he hooked in the last hour which apparently reached speeds of up to 35 mph in the short battle!!

The overall winner on the day was Ian Coleman – sat on peg 9 Ian amassed 17lb on the short pole using Pellet – Ian's win tally now equals Phil's with 4 wins for the season but he has to hope for a miracle to remove Phil from the top spot in the league table as he is 29 points adrift going into the final 4 matches of the season.

As you can see from the above the bonus money was threatened by Keith standing but remains unclaimed – the next match will have 5 bonus pegs and in all honesty, with my luck on bonus pegs I'm going home if I draw one!! On to Bradshaw's lake 3 for the next match when Ian Coleman will be employing a sniper to take Phil out before the draw!

The SMAC Frame:

1<sup>st</sup> – Peg 9 – Ian Coleman 17lb dead

2<sup>nd</sup> – Peg 15 – Bob Birks 15lb 12oz

3<sup>rd</sup> – Peg 17 – Alan McMahon 12lb 13oz

4<sup>th</sup> – Peg 3 - Phil Zahra 12lb 11oz

5<sup>th</sup> – Peg 13 – Keith Standing 12lb 10oz

Pictured below is Ian coleman with his winning catch – unfortunately I didn't get a picture of Phil or Keith with their catches so have added stock photo's of the blind squirrel and the cowboy instead.....



## 05th August 2012: Fir Tree Farm – Fir Water

If there was such a thing as a 'new fishery smell' as there is a 'new car smell' fir tree water would have it – this could have been the case with piles of manure ready to bed the reeds almost breaking the surface on the nearside bank – fortunately the only smells on the day were from the butties and drinks delivered to our pegs whilst fishing!

After a briefing on the rules and best tactics from fishery owner Martin the draw commenced in the 'green section' with 12 regular SMAC anglers joined by 7 non-members making a healthy field of 19, 3 of which were given the chance to take home the £200 bonus money which has rolled over more times than the euro-millions. Pete Ransome, Keith Harrison and Pete Boggiano were the [un]fortunate souls sat on the bonus pegs for the match.

The semi-final of the knockout cup was fished with Pete Ransome taking on Keith Harrison and Keith Standing taking on Phil Zahra – the results and final fixture are below.

From the start it was evident to all that the fishing was to be dominated by small carp from 4oz-12oz with the possibility of the odd bonus fish up-to 4lb thrown in. Most anglers began on a short line with a 'catch as many as possible' attitude feeding the fishery 3mm pellet and fishing either pellet or maggot on the hook – sport was instant and continuous for most of the field with a couple of bonus fish being landed on light gear which required a certain amount of skill [luck] to land.

Third on the day was Ian Coleman who sat out on his short line for most of the match but then moved out to 16m after noticing the bigger carp rooting around near the island, Ian managed to land a couple and loose a couple [much to his dads pleasing] weighing in a bag of 17lb 5oz of small carp with the two bonus fish caught on maggot and pellet.

On peg 9 fishing 'down the track' for most of the day Billy Smith hit into a couple of decent carp to back up his bag of smaller fish using maggot, pellet and weed as his main line of attack, talking the fish into submission he amassed a weight of 17lb 10oz to secure second place.

The weigh in reached peg 22..... Billy Smith was in the lead..... Keith Standing had a net of 13lb 5oz and was feeling optimistic about reaching the knockout cup final, but hang on a minute, who's sat on peg 22? – its Phil Zahra.... I get home from every match and my wife doesn't ask how I've gone on – she now say's to me "has that Phil won again?" – The answer is yes. The Blind squirrel drags his nut haul from the lake and weighs in 18lb 10oz to take first place by 1lb from Billy and to knock Keith out in the semi's – an impressive catch with surprisingly no bonus fish in the net – all caught at 3m with maggot, paste and pellet, well done Phil – win number 4 of the season to take him to 122 points at an average of just over 16 points per match – not bad at all!

The general consensus for the day was to get the match booked for next year as them 6oz carp will be 1lb and sport will be fantastic, a couple of years down the line and this will be one of the best match lakes around – no doubt!

Obviously nobody needs the £200 bonus money as it was unclaimed again, the next match will have 4 bonus pegs – let's hope Phil doesn't draw one!

The SMAC frame:

1<sup>st</sup> – Peg 22 – Phil Zahra – 18lb 10oz

2<sup>nd</sup> – Peg 9 – Billy Smith – 17lb 10oz

3<sup>rd</sup> – Peg 5 - Ian Coleman – 17lb 5oz



Also Pictured below are a few other anglers with decent catches who weren't afraid of the camera - unfortunately Frank Coleman wasn't allowed to weigh Paul Pannett in or he would have clearly won!



Below is the 2012 knockout cup table and The final fixture - congratulations to Phil Zahra and Pete Ransome for beating off the competition to reach the final

South Manchester Angling Club 2012 Knockout Cup								
	Round 1		Round 2		Semi Final		Final	
Venue	Cudmore Pool 5	Wt	goose green match lake	Wt	fir tree farm - fir water	Wt		Wt
Date	08.07.12	(lbs.oz)	22.07.12	(lbs.oz)	05.08.12	(lbs.oz)		(lbs.oz)
1	Keith Standing	41lb 2oz						
2	Mick Abdy	32lb 2oz	Keith Standing	43lb 10oz	Keith Standing	13lb 5oz		
3								
4								
5	Phil Zahra	51lb 2oz	Phil Zahra	44lb 10oz	Phil Zahra	18lb 10oz	Phil Zahra	
6								
7	Alan Hesling	22lb 12oz	Paul Pannett	23lb				
8	Paul Pannett	27lb 10oz						
9	Pete Ransome	33lb						
10	Frank Coleman	32lb 10oz	Pete Ransome	drw	Pete Ransome	14lb		
11	Ian Coleman	29lb 12oz	Ian Coleman	drw				
12								
13	Pete Boggiano	25lb 8oz	Billy Barker	5lb 4oz				
14	Billy Barker	48lb 8oz						
15	Chris Parry	29lb 8oz	Keith Harrison	10lb 4oz	Keith Harrison	1lb 12oz		
16	Keith Harrison	30lb						

## 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012: Goose Green Fishery – Match Lake

It was a busy draw for the 8<sup>th</sup> match of the SMAC calendar at the ever favourite Goose Green Match Lake – reports of a poor match the day before did little to dampen the spirits as members were *happily* filling out questionnaires and contact details forms – information from which will be collated and emailed soon.

For the first time in the clubs history there were 2 bonus pegs drawn – each with the chance of winning the £200 pot! – Alan Hesling drew the flyer that is Peg 1 and Paul Pannett drew his second bonus on the trot, peg 16; another fancied peg - two class anglers on two hot pegs... this time the bonus had to be won!!

The quarter final of the knockout cup was also fished adding some extra spice to proceedings – the full results and next round fixtures are below.

A 9:20am all in saw 15 out of the 16 anglers commence fishing to be joined half an hour later by a despondent Paul Pannett after ‘not hearing’ the all-in. Almost everyone who had a chuck to the island [and some that possibly didn’t] began to fish the method across with others opting for a pole attack or groundbait feeder in hope of hitting into the shoal of Keith Standings Bream.

Action was instant for the pegs around the island with several anglers into decent carp from the outset and after an hour of fishing it became evident that the skill was to land the feeder on the shelf for the carp – drop off it and your into skimmers, so it would take a skill not possessed by most to keep hitting the same spot and keep on the carp all day.

Sport around the rest of the lake was good but a little sporadic with fancied peg 1 not producing which left Alan Hesling snoozing for a couple of hours then waking up to compile 29lb 2oz for 4<sup>th</sup> place. It was the sporadic fishing around the rest of the lake which resulted in the performance of the day from un-fancied peg 12 and venue expert Keith Standing hauling in an impressive groundbait feeder and maggot net of carp and bream to tip the scales at 43lb 10oz to secure third place only 1lb behind the points machine that is Phil Zahra – Phil hasn’t finished out of the top 4 all season and racked up 44lb 10oz of carp to 8lb and some bits fishing from peg 9 with his trusted short pole and paste with knicker elastic to show off.

Those anglers who could see the action coming from peg 4 were treated to a method feeder master class from the ever modest Mick Abdy [who has since offered lessons at a reasonable rate] – as mentioned before the skill was to keep the feeder on the far shelf towards the island – Mick landed pretty much every cast on a sixpence and showed that experience pays – using method feeder and maggot hook bait Mick caught steadily from the off landing carp up-to 6lb to amass a winning weight of 50lb 8oz, well done Mick, a truly deserved victory.

The league table is now fully up-to date and as we are in the second half of the season includes dropped points, there is currently a run-away leader [no name required] but the competition is hotting up for second place with 6 anglers within 19 points of each other.

Keith Standing [bye], Phil Zahra, Pete Ransome [bye] and Keith Harrison progressed to the semi-final of the knockout cup at the expense of Paul Pannett and Billy Barker. Thanks to Alan Hesling and Paul Pannett the bonus money is still safe for the next match and 3 bonus pegs at the new Fir water at Fir-tree Farm in Wigan – does anybody want the £200??

The SMAC frame:

1<sup>st</sup> – Peg 4 – Mick Abdy – 50lb 80z

2<sup>nd</sup> – Peg 9 – Phil Zahra – 44lb 10oz

3<sup>rd</sup> – Peg 12 - Keith Standing – 43lb 10oz



Below is the 2012 Knockout cup quarter final results and Semi Final fixtures.

South Manchester Angling Club 2012 Knockout Cup						
	Round 1		Round 2		Semi Final	
Venue	Cudmore Pool 5	Wt	goose green match lake	Wt		Wt
Date	08.07.12	(lbs:oz)	22.07.12	(lbs:oz)		(lbs:oz)
1	Keith Standing	41lb 2oz				
2	Mick Abdy	32lb 2oz	Keith Standing	43lb 10oz		
3					Keith Standing	
4						
5	Phil Zahra	51lb 2oz				
6			Phil Zahra	44lb 10oz		
					Phil Zahra	
7	Alan Hesling	22lb 12oz	Paul Pannett	23lb		
8	Paul Pannett	27lb 10oz				
9	Pete Ransome	33lb				
10	Frank Coleman	32lb 10oz	Pete Ransome	dnw		
					Pete Ransome	
11	Ian Coleman	29lb 12oz	Ian Coleman	dnw		
12						
13	Pete Boggiano	25lb 8oz				
14	Billy Barker	48lb 8oz	Billy Barker	5lb 4oz		
					Keith Harrison	
15	Chris Parry	29lb 8oz	Keith Harrison	10lb 4oz		
16	Keith Harrison	30lb				

## 8th July 2012: Cudmore Fisheries, Lake 5

The first dry day in what seemed to be an eternity preceded the 7<sup>th</sup> SMAC match of the 2012 season and hopes were high as the double draw commenced for the match and also the first round of the knockout cup.

Some confusion about the peg numbering led to Pete Ransome initially celebrating a short walk to peg 1 only to realise peg 1 was at the other end of the lake! It is also worth noting that Paul Pannett drew the bonus peg – this may be mentioned again as he beat yours truly of the next peg.

Sport throughout the day was consistent for pretty much all of the field with over 500lb of fish caught between 16 anglers on the day; this has got to become a regular venue for future matches as there wasn't a weight below 22lb! We were joined by 3 non-members to make up a field of 16 anglers and the expected methods to do the damage were short pole with pellet and method feeder to the far bank.

In 4<sup>th</sup> place on the day was the method expert that is Keith Standing fishing Pellet and Maggot to the far bank on the method feeder – he weighed in 41lb2oz to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the club standings as non-member Scott Duffy claimed the overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the day with 48lb of pole caught carp using paste and pellet on the hook; he was tipped to second spot by only 8oz; Billy Barker who had all of his fish on the method feeder with a triple maggot hook bait weighing in a mixed bag total of 48lb8oz. [It is worth mentioning now that Billy estimated his catch at "a little over 20lb"]

Although Cudmore have designed the lake to be 'the fairest match lake in the country' the winner on the day came from end peg number 19 – with vast acres of water to fish to and a sneaky walk down the match length after two hours to ask for 'paracetamol' whilst looking over shoulders to find out who was catching on what [which is quite impressive for a blind squirrel] The match secretary Phil Zahra secured his 3<sup>rd</sup> win of the season with a mixed bag of pole caught fish on pellet and paste – all joking aside, once again Phil fished a solid match to amass a total weight of 51lb12oz and that number 1 spot in the league table is looking a long way in the distance as we enter the second half of the season.

Fortunately the bonus peg money is safe thanks to Paul Pannett finishing 11<sup>th</sup> on the day – thanks Paul! He did however proceed to the second round of the knockout cup alongside Keith Standing, Pete Ransome, Billy Barker, Keith Harrison, Phil Zahra [bye], and Ian Coleman [bye] – the full results and fixture list is below.

Overall a cracking day was had by all drenched in sunshine rather than rain and everyone catching well. On to Goose Green for match number 8!

The SMAC frame:

1<sup>st</sup> Peg 19 – Phil Zahra – 51lb 12oz

2<sup>nd</sup> Peg 9 – Billy Barker – 48lb 8oz

3<sup>rd</sup> Peg 10 – Scott Duffy – 48lb [NM]

4<sup>th</sup> Peg 6 – Keith Standing – 41lb 2oz



Below is the 2012 1st round knockout results and the fixtures for round 2:

## South Manchester Angling Club

## 2012 Knockout Cup

Round 1				Round 2			
Venue	Cudmore Pool 5	Paid	Wt		Paid	Wt	
Date	08.07.12	£1	(lbs:oz)		£1	(lbs:oz)	
1	Keith Standing	x	41lb 2oz				
2	Mick Abdy	x	32lb 2oz	Keith Standing			
3							
4							
5	Phil Zahra	x	51lb 2oz				
6				Phil Zahra			
7	Alan Hesling	x	22lb 12oz	Paul Pannett			
8	Paul Pannett	x	27lb 10oz				
9	Pete Ransome	x	33lb				
10	Frank Coleman		32lb 10oz	Pete Ransome			
11	Ian Coleman		29lb 12oz	Ian Coleman			
12							
13	Pete Boggiano		25lb 8oz				
14	Billy Barker	x	48lb 8oz	Billy Barker			
15	Chris Parry		29lb 8oz	Keith Harrison			
16	Keith Harrison		30lb				

### 24 June 2012: Bradshaw Hall Fisheries, Lake 6

After the recent spell of torrential rain expectations weren't too high on arrival to Bradshaw's, the corner pegs were understandably the fancied draw and some big lumps were expected to feature in the frame however with silver fish matches being won with 50lb bags of chub and skimmers they weren't to be ignored.

At the draw 7 out of the 8 corner pegs were taken leaving peg 1 empty - the frame was expected to come from these pegs which was the case as the top 6 all came from these corner pegs - the pegging was quite tight across the far bank of the lake [peg's 5 - 9] which resulted in two separate occasions of 2 people fighting the same fish!

Chris Parry started well [peg 18] catching chub down the side and Alan Hesling [peg 15] was into some decent fish straight away, on the other side of the lake the current club leader Phil Zahra [peg 9] was into some lumps almost immediately and Paul Pannett [peg 10] was steadily catching silvers with the occasional F1 thrown into the bag - it was these anglers who figured out the fishing early who would eventually make up the top 4.

Chris Parry fished corn on the pole in the margins all day to try to avoid the chub and target the carp but eventually weighed in a net full of chub and some F1's with a decent carp to achieve 3rd place with 40lb 8oz, Paul Pannett fished a solid match, worked hard all day to weigh in a bronze maggot caught net of chub and some F1's for 46lb 4oz to secure 2nd place, but the current league leader firmed up his position at the top with his 4th frame from 6 matches with 8 paste caught lumps fished for at 6m to tip the scales at 63lb 12oz - one of these fish weighed 15lb and in normal circumstances would have been a biggest fish contender however fell 3lb short of Alan Hesling's Meadow View 18lb 6oz carp which remains at the top - Alan finished 4th on this match with 36lb 4oz, just short of the SMAC frame.

Overall the water fished much better than expected with all anglers weighing in - below are pictures from the day featuring the top 7, the picture quality will improve when I remember to get some batteries for my camera!!

A good day was had by all.

1st Peg 9 Phil Zahra 63lb 12oz

2nd Peg 10 Paul Pannett 46lb 4oz

3rd Peg 18 Chris Parry 40lb 8oz



Pictured below are Alan Hesling, Ian Coleman, Pete Boggiano and Keith Thorne with their catches that earned them 4th - 7th place respectively.



## 10 June 2012: Brookside fisheries, Kingfisher

On arrival we were greeted with a less than picturesque 'hole in the ground' type water, however hopes were high as some good weights have been reported in recent weeks. Most of the far bank was flooded resulting in some wet feet and plenty of moaning. We were joined by two unfortunate chaps from another club who had turned up for their match a week late, however they were welcomed to join us - that is until they were the first two to catch fish and we all thought a couple of ringers had turned up!

The bottom end of the lake was very quiet all day with very few fish caught, the top end was a little better but bites and fish were very sporadic throughout. Phil Zahra landed a few early fish but was quiet for the mid-section of the match, Ian Coleman and Pete Boggiano pegged next to each other on 11 and 10 respectively were matching each other fish for fish when they came round, Ian fishing corn over pellet picking up slightly better fish than Pete fishing maggot over pellet - this would prove to be the deciding factor. Phil came back a little towards the end as did Pete Ransome who eventually finished 4th however neither could enter the race for the top two places which resulted in a tightly contested battle with Ian Coleman eventually racking up his third win of the season denying Pete Boggiano by 1lb and about £400 as he was sat on the bonus peg - gutted!

1st Peg 11 Ian Coleman 21lb 8oz

2nd Peg 10 Pete Boggiano 20lb 8oz

3rd Peg 8 Phil Zahra 17lb 8oz

## 27 May 2012: Meadow View, Linnet

The fish were absolutely crashing about from first light, but unfortunately not in a feeding mood, with reproduction on their mind. One angler who fancied his chances was Paul Pannett, who'd enjoyed a sneaky practice session the Friday before and literally emptied the pool on poled meat and corn, with many double figure lumps, and over 40 carp in total. On the day, Paul's peg was decimated by spawning carp which even uprooted a rush bed half way through.

As the match progressed, the curse of SMAC struck, and it was obvious to all (except Alan Hesling) that it was going to be a grueller. Alan took advantage of empty water to his right and netted 58lb 2oz of carp fishing meat up in the water from peg 22, doubling what anyone else could offer. The catch included a carp of 18lb 6oz, skillfully landed after it snagged on the electrical feed to the water aerators. This fish will be hard, if not impossible to beat for the best fish trophy, unless we hire a boat and go codding off the North Wales coast! Second was Mick Abdy with 28lb 12oz, 7 carp on meat down the side towards an empty peg, with Billy Smith having a similar catch for 14lb 10oz in third place.

1st Peg 22 Alan Hesling 58lb 2oz

2nd Peg 15 Mick Abdy 25lb 4oz

3rd Peg 17 Billy Smith 14lb 10oz

The current Club Championship table will be produced when results are entered by the Match Secretary (hint hint!)

### **13 May 2012: Heronbrook, Island Pool**

Pete Ransome fell in before the all-in, checking out his near-side margin line, but soon dried off in the blustery conditions. An overnight frost had put the fish down and it was a slow start for most. Match Secretary Phil Zahra complained for most of the match, pinched some special hooker pellets from an adjacent peg, and went from Zero to hero in the last hour, banking 3 fish (a carp and 2 bream for 28lb 12oz at the death. The carp went 14lb 6oz and must be an early contender for fish of the year. The cash-generating line for Phil was 4m, because of the wind. Second was Mick Abdy who fished a steady match, alternating between method feeder with corn and pole at 8m, but most fish were rod-caught, smallish carp and F1s for 25lb 4oz. Third was Pete Boggiano with 21lb 8oz, pellet and pole at 12.5 to 13m doing the damage.

1st Peg 16 Phil Zahra 28lb 12oz

2nd Peg 4 Mick Abdy 25lb 4oz

3rd Peg 12 Pete Boggiano 21lb 8oz

### **29 April 2012: Blundell's Farm, Ash**

Some 100lb+ weights had come from this pool in previous months, however, that wasn't going to happen on this day. It was a horrible, horrible day with very strong winds - bitterly cold and very wet which ruined most peoples fishing tactics. Only half of the lads weighed in, and the other half went for a warm bath 2 hours into the match. Despite the weather people were catching fish (mainly carp) with one into double figures. At the final whistle Ian Coleman won back-to-back matches with a very respectful 59lb 12oz on the feeder fishing pellet, beating Phil Zahra who came runner up with 41lb 4oz using the same method and white maggot. Dave Zahra finished 3rd with 24lb 12oz caught in the last hour.

We had 2 shouts for best fish with Phil Zahra weighing in a 9lb 10oz common then Ian Coleman weighing in a 11lb 4oz mirror which is currently biggest fish of the season.

1st Ian Coleman 59lb 12oz

2nd Phil Zahra 41lb 4oz

3rd Dave Zahra 24lb 12oz

### **15 April 2012: Partridge Lakes, Ribbon**

It was bitterly cold for the first match of the season for SMAC. A softly-softly approach was applied by most until the temperature rose slightly, but all all caught sporadically from the off. Ide were coming out from one side, whereas the carp were feeding around the low numbers. Visitor Ellis Leigh fished a tidy match on lots of chopped worm and pellet from peg 2 to weigh 28lb 14oz of maily carp, F1s and ide from tight across to the island. First in the club and second overall was Ian Coleman (17lb 14oz), who retained the Alan cawley Rosebowl for a 13lb 6oz worm and caster-caught ide catch, again nfrom tight over. Third was Dave Zahra with ide, 14lb 12oz, with 4th on the day and completing the SMAC frame, last year's runner-up in the club championship Paul Pannett, with another wormy ide bag of 13lb 6oz.

SMAC frame:

1st Peg 20 Ian Coleman 17lb 14oz

2nd Peg 5 Dave Zahra 14lb 12oz

3rd Peg 10 Paul Pannett 13lb 6oz