

SMAC 2011 Trophy Winners

Trophy	Angler
Championship	Keith Harrison
Runner-up	Paul Pannett
Biggest fish	Keith Harrison (12lb 14oz carp)
Best match weight	Keith Harrison (60lb 2oz, Bradshaws No 4)
Knockout cup	Keith Harrison
Alan Cawley Rosebowl	Ian Coleman

SMAC 2011 Match Winners

Match	Angler	Weight
Goose Green	Ian Coleman	21lb 8oz
Cudmore pool 1	Keith Harrison	55lb 8oz
Firtree Nooky Hollow	Dave Zahra	37lb 4oz
Bradshaws No 4	Keith Harrison	60lb 2oz
Carr Mill Dam	Paul Pannett	13oz
Firtree, Bensons Creek	Billy Smith	19lb
Blindells Farm, East	Keith Harrison	41lb 12oz
Bannister House	Dave Zahra	20lb 8oz
Bradshaws No 6	Chris Parry	27lb
Winsford Flash	Keith Harrison	7lb 9oz
Heronbrook, Canal	Pete Ransome	55lb 8oz
River Wye, Hereford	Dave Zahra	5lb
Partridge, Pine	Keith Harrison	23lb 12oz
Goose Green	Keith Harrison	22lb 6oz

Trophies were presented at the April 2012 General Meeting by Chairman William Barker:



The Alan Cawley Rosebowl, being collected on behalf of Ian Coleman by Jon Crowther.



Club Championship runner-up Paul Pannet.

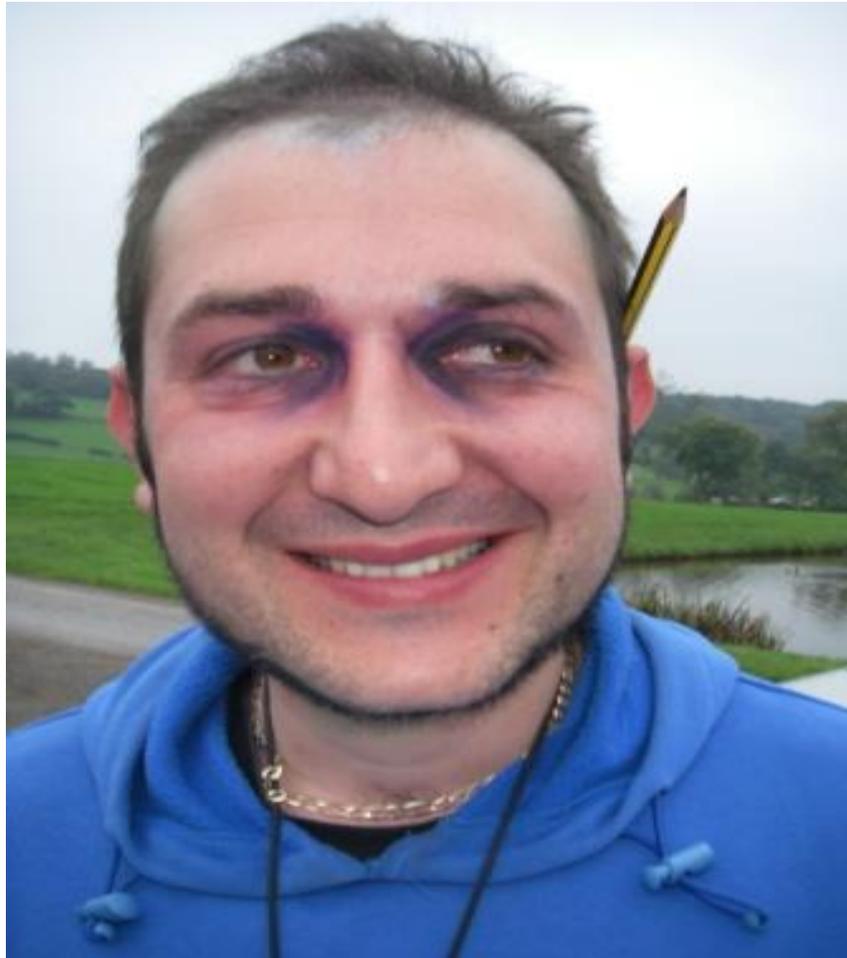


Current Club Champion, Knockout cup, biggest fish and best match weight cup holder, Keith Harrison.

It's getting tighter at the top....

Match Report: 16 October - Goose Green Fishery

The Match Secretary was very late to arrive on the last SMAC match of the season at the popular Mottram St Andrew venue, on account of a very late night. He looked a little the worse for wear after a fancy dress party the previous night and still had most of his Beeltejucce make-up on, and strangely smelt of Sambuca...



Beetlejuice

Anyway, back to the match report. After surviving his "near-death" experience when falling through a platform on the previous match, championship leader Keith Harrison was hampered on this one with a recently-diagnosed broken arm. "It had been hurting for a while, so I thought I better get it checked out" said Keith before the match, "and when I found out it was broken I told them not to put a cast on it until Monday, as I had an important match to fish the day before." He drew sock-on the island on peg 2 and suffered a painful match in many ways, watching all those around him catch on the method across to the island or down the edge, including Billy Smith on fancied peg 1, which also happened to be the bonus peg on the day, worth a cool £300+ if he won off it. Half way through Billy was nudging it, but then Alan Hesling started to catch, again on the island (just a chuck to the edge off peg 5) as well as Billy Barker on the next peg, who had about a yard of island to aim for as everyone was going for it.

Away from this activity, things were slow, but Paul Pannett on peg 11 by the overflow at the dam end was quietly catching caster roach, feeding caster and hemp on a shortish pole line.

With 2 hours to go Keith Harrison attacked his close meat line and landed two very chunky carp, the best 12lb 14oz, which, with a large skimmer and a few bits, went 22lb 6oz to net him the match, the club championship, and largest fish of the season. Alan Hesling was second with 18lb 8oz, method carp on the pellet with a few silvers to maggot and worm at 11m. Third was Paul Pannett with a pole caught silver catch of 12lb 8oz, which also clinched him the championship runner up slot.



1st Keith Harrison - 22lb 6oz 2nd Alan Hesling 18lb 8oz 3rd Paul Pannett 12lb 8oz

Match Report: 02 October - Partridge Fisheries - Pine

After the recent hot spell, cloudy skies greeted a full house at Partridge for the penultimate match of the SMAC calendar. Just before that all-in, current leader of the championship Keith Harrison had a nasty accident where he fell through a partially rotten board on his peg platform and injured his knee quite badly. Fishing through the pain barrier on a peg 17m wide, he skillfully managed to make his hallmark slow sinking bread attack work yet again to record yet another victory with 23lb 12oz of slurping carp, on a day when many anglers were struggling to put fish in the net. Second on the day was regular SMAC guest Paul Parkes with 13lb 10oz of mainly pellet fish from down the track and across at 16m. Mick Abdy, having a very bad season, finished in the last framing position with 11lb 12oz of pellet fish, mainly on the method across with a few pole caught fish from down the edge.

The win all but seals it as Club Champion for Keith - a point from the last match at Goose Green will seal it and make him a very worthy winner...

The SMAC frame:

1st Keith Harrison 23lb 12oz

2nd Mick Abdy 11lb 2oz

3rd Chris Parry 10lb 6oz

Match Report: 18 September - R Wye, Hereford (Non-Championship match)

Fourteen travelled to the away match on the River Wye, only to be greeted by a low river, when the pegs were screaming out for some extra water. After a hearty breakfast paid for by the club in Hereford, many of the field had just taken barbel gear and came unstuck when it soon became apparent that bleak would figure in framing catches. Some of the lads just pleasure-fished two rods and didn't bother with the match, others wished they hadn't gone in the pools. Dave Zahra won with 5lb of bleak plus a stray eel, Charlie Matthews was second with 4lb 12oz which included a couple of bonus perch, with Paul Parkes third with 4lb 6oz.

John Matthews gave up after an hour. Mick Abdy gave up after 45 minutes; on his last visit to the Wye he had 29 barbel. Billy Barker had a nice sleep. Pete Ransome didn't have any baits small enough to catch.

Roll on the next match...

Match Report: 04 September - Heronbrook canal

Nice weather greeted the full house at the popular Staffordshire venue, but the carp didn't switch on fully. Many anglers were frustrated by having obvious signs of fish in their pegs, but they just wouldn't get their heads down. They did get their heads "up" for Pete Ransome on peg 8, though. Pete's not had the most productive of seasons, but made the most of a good draw and managed 55lb 8oz of carp off the top on bread for a comfortable victory over championship leader Keith Harrison, who fished similar tactics with a level 35lb for third. Sandwiched between these weights was Lee Zahra on p2, who opted for small method feeder across to far bank rushes to ease into second place with 42lb 12oz, mainly carp on meat.

As the next match (The River Wye at Hereford on 18 September) isn't a championship one, there are only two left (Partridge and Goose Green) for any one of around six anglers to clinch the cherished top spot.

1st Pete Ransome peg 8 55lb 8oz

2nd Lee Zahra peg 2 42lb 12oz

3rd Keith Harrison peg 17 35lb

Match Report: 21 August 2011 - Winsford Flash

The last three "naturals" fished have not fished well, and this one was no different. It looked nice, but then so does my back garden sometimes....still, the sailing boats were different to look at, even if we weren't allowed to use them for target practice.

Skimmers at distance were the main attack for a full field of anglers, so it's no surprise that Keith Harrison won on the pole from peg 14, fishing caster for pairs of eyes, initially to secure a few points, only claiming "about 3lb" at the weigh-in, to the dismay of many in the frame for the club championship (who stuck on the feeder) to top 7lb 9oz on the scales. Close by was visitor Scott Duffy who fished a hard match on the feeder with maggot at distance (80+ yards) for an ounce less of skimmers and roach for 7lb 8oz. Joint third were SMAC's Jimmy Derbyshire and visitor Doug Stevens, who both tipped 5lb 4oz into the weigh net. No pictures are available for this match because it's hard to get 4-to-the-ounce roach into focus on any camera. Lets hope for a better result at the next match, on Heronbrook. This one's probably full already (31 Aug 2011 as I type) so contact Phil our brilliant Match Secretary if you're interested.

SMAC frame:

1st Keith Harrison 7lb 9oz

2nd Jimmy Derbyshire 5lb 4oz

3rd Pete Ransome 5lb dead

Match Report: 07 August 2011 - Bradshaw's number 6, Bolton

Name	Peg no	Weight			Club position	Points
		lbs	oz	dr		
Chris Parry	10	27	0	0	1	19
Alan Hesling	3	11	0	0	2	16
Keith Standing	13	7	0	0	3	14
Billy Smith	2	6	0	0	4	12
Billy Barker	15	5	12	0	5	11
Dave Zahra	17	5	0	0	6	10
Frank Coleman	1	4	8	0	7	9
Paul Pannett	12	4	4	0	8	8
Keith Harrison	14	3	8	0	9	7
Pete Ransome	4	3	4	0	10	6
John Crowther	16	d	n	w	11	1

Match Report: 24 July 2011 - Bannister House - Old Match Lake

Name	Peg no	Weight			Club	
		lbs	oz	dr	position	Points
Dave Zahra	9	20	8	0	1	19
Paul Pannett	4	6	0	0	2	16
Lee Zahra	7	5	14	0	3	14
Alan Hesling	1	4	4	0	4	12
Keith Standing	8	4	2	0	5	11
Chris Parry	13	2	8	0	6	10
Mark Corless	6	2	2	0	7	9
Frank Coleman	5	1	10	0	8	8
Billy Barker	11	d	n	w	-	1
Keith Harrison	14	d	n	w	-	1
Pete Ransome	3	d	n	w	-	1
Billy Smith	15	d	n	w	-	1
John Crowther	16	d	n	w	-	1

Match Report: 10 July 2011 - Blundells Farm - East Canal

Keith Harrison won the knockout cup, beating Pete Ransome convincingly. Bread up against the reeds was the winning tactic. Keith Standing had most of his fish on banded pellet, Alan Hesling caught on sweetcorn.



Keith Harrison and Pete Ransome before the match.



Plenty of fearures to fish against for Keith.....



"Can't be bothered"



1st K Harrison 2nd K Standing 3rd Alan Hesling

Name	Peg no	Weight			dr	Club position	Points
		lbs	oz				
Keith Harrison	1	41	12	0	1	19	
Keith Standing	13	29	14	0	2	16	
Alan Hesling	19	25	12	0	3	14	
Phil Zahra	17	24	0	0	4	12	
Billy Smith	5	20	12	0	5	11	
Lee Zahra	2	17	0	0	6	10	
Frank Coleman	8	13	8	0	7	9	
Dave Zahra	16	12	10	0	8	8	
Pete Ransome	15	11	8	0	9	7	
Mick Abdy	6	11	0	0	10	6	
John Crowther	18	7	10	0	11	5	
Chris Parry	12	7	8	0	12	4	
Ian Coleman	14	7	2	0	13	3	
Billy Barker	10	6	2	0	14	2	
Mark Corless	7	d	n	w	15	1	

Match Report: 27 June 2011 - Benson's Creek, Fir Tree Fisheries

No actual report as both normal match reporter and the Match Sec were absent from this one for various reasons. The club championship is hotting up, and turning into a four-horse race with some new names in the frame.

1st Billy Smith 19lb 0oz
 2nd Ian Coleman 8lb 8oz
 3rd Dave Zahra 7lb 12oz

Match Report: 12 June 2011 - Carr Mill Dam

It rained a lot, not many caught and it was cold. Enough said?

1st Paul Pannett 13oz
 Joint 2nd Stan Harrison & Chris Parry 8oz
 4th Billy Barker 7oz

Match Report: 22 May 2011 - Bradshaw's no 4, Bolton

Bitterly cold winds greeted the anglers for the eagerly-awaited SMAC match at Bradshaw's no 4, Bolton. Most pegs were taken and everyone was hoping to draw the stick-ups and not the causeway. The quarter finals of the knockout cup were also being fished, to ramp up the pressure.

Odd carp were showing from the whistle, but the cold had subdued things somewhat, with John Crowther starting well on the method feeder on peg 22, with corn or soft pellet on the hook. Also catching well were Keith Harrison and visitor Paul Parkes, both in the middle of the match length.

At the weigh-in, visitor Paul Parkes on peg 12 had pulled ahead of everyone with a creditable 88lb 4oz, and he reckons he lost as many fish off the hook as made it into his nets. The damage was done on meat over pellet at mainly 12m, quite a feat in the gusting wind, with carp to low doubles. Second off peg 7 was Keith Harrison, winner a couple of matches ago with 60lb 20z of pellet caught carp, on the deck at around 11m. A single fish adrift was Paul Pannet with 56lb 8oz of mainly carp caught on the short pole at 8m on prawn over

micro pellets off peg 14. Paul was forced to fish this line on his spare margin pole as the 4th section of his proper pole blew in early into the match, scuppering the long pole approach. Finishing off the SMAC frame was John Crowther who weighed 47lb 6oz.

In the knockout cup, Keith Harrison, Phil Zahra, Alan Hesling and Pete Ransome are through to the semi-finals, and the likes of current cup holder Mick Abdy and club champion Keith Standing were eliminated.
 Result: 1 Paul Parkes (visitor) 88lb 4oz
 2 Keith Harrison 60lb 2oz
 3 Paul Pannett 56lb 8oz

2011 Knockout Cup				
Round 2				Semi Final
Bradshaw's no 4	Paid	Wt		
22-May-11	£1	(lbs:oz)		
Keith Harrison	y	60.02	→	Keith Harrison
Mark Corless	y	10.00	→	
Phil Zahra	y	40.00	→	Phil Zahra
Mick Abdy	y	27.00	→	
Keith Standing	y	20.08	→	Alan Hesling
Alan Hesling	y	25.08	→	
Pete Ransome	y	46.00	→	Pete Ransome
Lee Zahra	y	16.1	→	

Match Report: 08 May 2011 - Firtree Fishery - Nooky Hollow

Report from the Match Secretary:

A day of mixed weather but most people were looking forward to this small but well-stocked pool, a day where we didn't fish the knockout cup as 4 regulars were absent.

Most people started catching small carp from the off however throughout the 5 hour match only one barbel was landed to visitor Charlie Zahra's white maggot.

Most people caught at the island bank with an approx 11m pole required. Dave Zahra and Phil Zahra were catching fish simultaneously on pegs 17 and 2, both were catching well in the margin with some nice ghosties coming out, Ian Coleman was catching well on peg 12 with his dad chasing him all the way on peg 7.

At the final whistle Dave Zahra pipped Phil Zahra by 1lb 8oz to weight in at 37lb 4oz, stopping Phil from winning approx £180 on the bonus peg. Ian continued his good form to take 3rd place with 22lb 8oz with his dad Frank just 1lb 4oz behind him

Result: 1 Dave Zahra 37lb 4oz

2 Phil Zahra 35lb 12oz

3 Ian Coleman 22lb 8oz

Match Report: 24 April 2011 - Cudmore Pool 1

It was a colder morning than everyone was expecting for the second match of the SMAC calendar at Staffordshire's Cudmore complex, this time on pool 1. To add some spice to proceedings, the first round of the knockout cup was also fished.

Information on the fishery before the match suggested that a 5m pole line could produce, as could a longer line at 12+, and if all else failed the method tight across was an absolute banker.

Winner by a country mile was Keith Harrison, who started on his 5m line by cupping in 3 big posts of micro pellets, and fishing a 4mm banded hard pellet over the top, just touching bottom. Sport was instantaneous, with Keith not having to fish any other lines as this line was kept alive for the whole of the match to weigh 55lb 8oz. Interestingly, this was the only catch taken at 5m, many others claimed not to be able to get a bite short. Keith has almost become the SMAC venue expert on pool 1 - he came second last year with a similar catch, only being ounced-out by a 50+ feeder weight then.

Keith Standing was second, on the method feeder, tight across to reeds, with 40lb 4oz of mainly banded pellet caught carp to 6lb. Keith fished the match in some pain, with a pending hand operation pencilled in for days after the match, but managed to cope OK and fend off the challenge of Alan Hesling, who finished one carp adrift in third with 37lb 8oz. Alan caught on both long pole and method across with a 50:50 split of mainly carp.



1st Keith Harrison 2nd Keith Standing 3rd Alan Hesling

In the Knockout cup there were victories for six angler, with two byes through to the next round, which won't be contested on the next match at Nooky Hollow, as there are several absentees.

South Manchester Angling Club				2011 Knockout Cup			
Round 1				Round 2			
Venue	Cudmore pool 1	Paid	Wt			Paid	Wt
Date	24-Apr-11	£1	(lbs:oz)			£1	(lbs:oz)
1	Keith Harrison	y	55.08				
2	bye			→	Keith Harrison		
3	Mark Corless	y	18.00	→	Mark Corless		
4	Paul Pannett	y	14.08				
5	Phil Zahra	y	10.04				
6	bye			→	Phil Zahra		
7	Mick Abdy	y	27.04	→	Mick Abdy		
8	Ian Coleman	y	20.00				
9	Chris Parry	y	16.04				
10	Keith Standing	y	40.04	→	Keith Standing		
11	Alan Hesling	y	37.08	→	Alan Hesling		
12	Dave Zahra	y	dnw				
13	Pete Ransome	y	18.00				
14	Billy Smith	y	6.02	→	Pete Ransome		
15	Lee Zahra	y	26.00	→	Lee Zahra		
16	Billy Barker	y	16.08				
Money taken (£)		14					

Match Report: 03 April 2011 - Goose Green, Mottram St Andrew

Sunday 3rd April 2011 saw the start of the SMAC annual match calendar, which kicked off at Goose Green Match Lake, Mottram St Andrew. Eighteen fished it in very chilly conditions, which probably accounted for the slow sport. First out of the traps was Ian Coleman behind the island on peg 16, with a nice carp on corn, tight across with his new Preston pole, which turned out to be the only carp caught in the whole match. This was backed up by a procession of large skimmers caught down the track on either corn or prawn to walk the match with 21lb 8oz. Ian also won the Alan Cawley Rose bowl trophy for his efforts.

In second place was Lee Zahra, also pegged within chucking distance of the island two pegs away from the winner, who fished corn at 6m and down the edge for a lone tench backed up with skimmers for 14lb 4oz. There was a tie for 3rd place - Billy Barker had 7lb 14oz off the tip to corn, with Paul Pannett weighing in the same weight of pristine caster roach, this time to the long pole.

The first round of the Knockout cup is scheduled to take place on Sunday 24th April at Cudmore, the next match.



1. Ian Coleman 2. Lee "Juggler" Zahra =3. Billy Barker & Paul Pannett