

Last Sunday of the Season Competition / Social

27/11/2011

Last year this competition was fished in freezing conditions with 6 inches of snow on the ground, abandoned cars on the roads and ice in the margins. Today 12 months later the weather couldn't be any worse

Overnight torrential rain hit the Peak District coupled with 25 mph winds and gusts to 85mph. The anglers, fishing this now annual event, hoped that the winds would blow out overnight, they didn't!

Thankfully the rain abated but the winds remained, swirling in every direction. At one point during the day one of the boats in the sailing club was turned over and there was genuine worry that we might not be able to keep the gas cooker burning for the now obligatory bacon sarnies.

During the day 26 anglers turned up for this social event, most wisely deciding to fish the West Bank or Duffers, fishing with the wind behind them.



Unlike last year, when EFFC stalwart Dave Hamnett was the only angler to catch, albeit a fine 5lb fish, a reasonable proportion of anglers caught fish. Top rods were EFFC regular Chris Tomlinson who banked 4 fish including a 3lb plus fish and Andy Wilde of Orvis who took 4 fish and lost a few in the morning on buzzers off Duffers.



John Tomlinson and Andy Wilde

However the fish of the day and winner of the David Lockett sponsored £50 Orvis voucher was defending champion Dave Hamnett. David landed (and returned) a hard fighting rainbow from the valve tower weighing in at exactly 8lb.



Half time bacon butties were again cooked and rationed by Andy Barnes, once we found somewhere out of the wind to light the gas burners.



EFFC Chef Andy Barnes



Dave Hamnett receiving the winners prize from sponsor David Lockett.

The 2011 season finishes on Wednesday, thanks to all members, friends, waiting list and day ticket anglers who have made this another successful season at Errwood.

Special thanks to David Lockitt for sponsoring this event.