

Match fishing; what's it about ?....

If you want to improve your fishing I think there is little doubt you not only need to compete with the fish but with other anglers to learn what they are doing and see what works and what doesn't

I've been fishing with the VAC match crew for around 18 months and have had a great time. Everyone is friendly and welcoming and new faces are welcome and encouraged. I've learned a massive amount and my fishing has improved hugely as a result. Don't worry about how you do at first as everyone has to start somewhere.



The main series works on a system of your 10 best scores so don't worry about missing the odd match. We also have separate series for ladies, juniors and seniors run during the Summer at Riverside and Frogmore – these are just four hours and only £2 pools.

We fish a mixture of club venues and prolific commercial venues so we get nice balance of cheap days out and net busting work outs. Pools are kept affordable (currently £6 on the main matches) and are optional. Some matches include a mandatory donation of a few pounds to a nominated charity. In addition, any day ticket fees will apply. Remember that on commercial venues the club often has to commit to a number of pegs and if you confirm your attendance then fail to turn up you will be liable for your share of the fees.

Most matches are fished over five hours. Your swim is determined by picking a peg out of a hat known as 'the draw' which is normally done an hour before the match start to give everyone time to get to there spot and to get set up. On river venues we usually operate on a 'walk-off'.

If you have any questions feel free to drop me a message or join us in the match section of the VAC forum. Look forward to seeing some new faces in 2011 !

Tight Lines

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