

Fishing for the ~~Amalgamation~~ Isaacs Cup.

A big contingent of anglers and their friends patronised the first Amalgamation trip of the season to the Witham banks and other places in Lincolnshire where it is possible to catch bream, roach, and other things. On this occasion the "other things" were mainly responsible for the sport provided, for, in angling parlance, the scale fish were "dead off." "I've got an eel," shouted a competitor whose peg number was towards the low end. "And I'll be hanged if here isn't a sole," quoth Sam, his next-door neighbour, as he hauled ashore a fine specimen of a No. 9, bootlace and all. "I wonder where t' fellar is wot belongs it?" was a query from the eel-catcher, but everybody was too warm to pursue the inquiry further.

Yes, it was Hor, with a great capital, and a deep breath for the aspirate—far too hot for the majority of the 250 competitors to think of much else than sending for another case of "stone ginger." Those who had tipped an eel match were not very wide of the mark, for no self-respecting roach or bream could be expected even to dream of feeding under such conditions. They were stowed away in the shady corners, probably "sipping" their own element to keep cool. The best fish which came under my notice were a fine tench of over 2½lb. taken by Mr. T. Watts, the winner, and a perch a shade over a pound which Mr. J. Craven landed. The lowest weight to catch the scrutineers' eyes was 11½oz. But although sport was rather slow, the glorious day was full compensation for light baskets. Prizes at headquarters on Friday at 8 o'clock. The following were the "top enders":—

1—T. Watts, Robin Hood.....	3lb 4oz
2—W. Wraith, Wakefield.....	2 9
3—J. H. Carver, White House..	2 3
4—W. Addison, Robin Hood....	2 2½
5—H. Wilkinson, Holbeck	1 15
6—W. H. Lambert, Keighley ...	1 11
7—S. Shepherd, West Leeds.....	1 8½
8—C. Holford, Idle	1 8
9—J. Horner, Robin Hood	1 5½
10—Pearson, Wellington	1 3
11—F. Reynolds, W. Hunslet Lib	1 4
12—L. Baxter, York-road Vict...	1 2½
13—A. Dykes, Druids	1 2½
14—J. Broadbent, Windsor Cas.	1 2½
15—B. Hanson, Wakefield	1 1
16—J. Craven, Shades Inn	1 0½

DATE	BAIT	NAME AND PLACE	REMARKS	No. Kind	LB	OZ
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1910

Feb 5 Oade
 Myself - little ww. of R. Flat Pond
 ww. of bronze carp 1 1/2 hours
 btw. 3 sold. large Silver Carp about
 8" long which put back, nice mid-day carp
 1 Blk-b sold 2 Bronze Carp water gun 6

X

1 1/2

Mar 13 worms
 Myself for young of siddale
 Fished Bardney. commenced fishing
 Myself 10 to 5.15 pm to 6 Wind. very cold been
 also a snow storm night before. water
 spun for running colored water very cold
 fish had been on banks blue very hard
 2 hours not a until dinner time when sun got out very
 / run powerful. Myself caught 3 perch on perch
 worms 2 on myself. 7.5 but for young / perch 5

15.

26 Oade
 Myself - ww. of Flat Pond. warm sunny day
 Myself 9 bronze 10 sold 2 Blk-b sold
 ww. of 8 bronze 1 sold - 5oz.

1 0

X

28 Oade
 Myself. Pool. Sunny day N & Wind
 water low clear as gin. Fished on
 opposite side to paper mill. 1 pm to 6 pm
 result 3 minnows. Had a furious
 experience was broken by a fish which
 dived under a boulder. Myself was
 cast in, she fly hooked something 50 yards up
 stream while after a bit of play, broke away
 but left me with my line hook. float etc about an hour before

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2.0 1/2

DATE	BAIT	NAME AND PLACE	REMARKS	No. KIND.	LB.	oz.
1910						
May 16	myft	Whit Mon. J. Hill Pool.	water clear as gin fished the worms Arthurton length. only 1 bite with trout 6 ¹ / ₂ long had to throw back. myft. J. Hill Pool.			
				32	2	0 ¹ / ₂
June 18	myft	Myself Canal. bottom pond. 1 ¹ / ₂ hrs	much disturbed by boats caught 2 judyem 2 roach. Dull afternoon			
				7		9
19	single colored myft worms.	Myself Liversley Isaac Cup Match	rather windy but very hot too			
		Phasankel 248 entires. slight color in water				
		Phalson 18 hook single colored				
		myft 6 x 2 sub. Caught 1 Bream 12oz				
		1 lb tray 1 Bream 4oz 15 eels best tray.				
		all caught with single colored myft.				
		except last 2 eels. = 17 fish.				
		Won 2nd prize 30/. 2 Watts won with 3 lb tray (sent 2 lb 9 oz).				
		21 Paste Rothwell Slough 2 ¹ / ₂ hrs warm night				
		Caught 12 perch 1 with paste.				
		1 roach 1 carp = 38 judyem				
		largest fish carp 2 ¹ / ₂ oz returned all after weighing.				
				110	6	13 ¹ / ₂

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			Prot 9 th	110	6	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
1910						
June 25	Myths worms	Myself Greenwood Cup Match Ulkeby Drawn no 376	very bad hole right in middle of tremendous weed bed stretching right across/wide near Kirbythorpe church only about 2 yards of water to fish in & only 18' deep white with worm caught 1 eel 1 1/2 oz not in prizes 3.30 to 6.30 pm	1		1 1/2 oz
26	colours myths worms	Myself with Victoria Club. per was on the to Cowthorpe off match Fished on my own below dam.	East tried all I knew but could not get fish on caught 1 roach 6 1/2 oz & 1 minnow with myths. Thwaites won with an eel 10 oz large worm 5. Parker 2nd with 1 1/2 oz no one else caught fish.	1 roach 1 minnow		6 1/2
July 2	Myths	Myself Bottom Pond 5 hours	much disturbed by boats, very cold caught 1 gudgeon	1		1
9		Mile Pond. Wakefield Barnsley Trophy Match 2 hours 20 a side	Drawn no 25. very cold wind & water like ice. 5 boats during match C.A. 9 th			
14	factory			114	7	7 1/2

DATE	BATT.	NAME AND PLACE.	REMARKS.	No. Kind.	LA	OR
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1910

P. G. J. G. 121 9 4^{3/4}

July 16 single
coloured
myths
Myself. Hookstall Open Match
- S. Hill. 80 entries. 2 hours.
10 boats during match Drawn No 35.

good hole weed bed in front of me
no books found on arrival on the bank that
I had forgotten my reel & had to buy
a bit of line from one of my neighbors

no 3 fish & tie on rod end. Caught with No 18
(well dressed) on long but cast.
with back hook ~ single coloured myths 2 roach & stone
2 shell 1 stone loach = 5 1/2 oz. won the match 1 roach
30f. 2nd weight 2 1/2 oz. strong wind 2

17. Myths
worm Dubwith per Motor charabanc

through Hornanton Castleford
Munk Vision Selby. Water running
very swift & cold but very cold
wind Caught 2 eels = 1 judgeon = 3 oz
2nd prize 4/6 D Churn 1st with a eels
Jack 12 oz on worm in last 10 min. 2

Had Ham & Egg tea at Jewhaddon
White Swan Dubwith arrived
home Wfd 9.30 pm

C. J. G. 127 9 13

DATE	BAIT	NAME AND PLACE	REMARKS	No. KIND.	LB.	OZ.
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1910
 July 18 ^{Colours} ^{myfs} ^{Craig} ^{white} ^{worms} ^{Taste} ^{Ed 7th} ¹²⁷ ⁹ ¹³
 Myself Wfd Annual Match Swinshed
 1/2 hour handicap Drawn no 25. ^{Perch}
 Water clear as gin & very weedy ¹
 Taste only 4ft 6" deep. very windy - bad ¹
 to throw out. Caught 9 roach 2 Dace ^{Dace}
 1 eel = 1 perch. but only 2 Dace ²
 1 eel = 1 perch. but only 2 Dace ^{roach} ¹ ^{3 1/4}
 2 1/2 oz / eel = 2 roach weighed in = 7 1/2 oz
 took 15th prize. 4/6. Bad hole
 Jw Smith won with 4 lb 10 oz.

*W. James & Co
 311 2/3
 1/11/1910*

23 ^{by 18} ^{myfs} ^{also} ^{Craig} ^{wheat} ^{Craig} ²²
 Myself - J. Hill Halfmoon.
 wood bottom far side of boathouse
 rushes very much grown had to cut out ^{Bream}
 2 holes. J. Hill 1 roach + 1 perch = 2 oz ^{myfs}
 Myself 1 small zack with worm = 8 oz ^{Perch}
 9 roach 2 Bream = 1 perch also ¹
 2 roach 3 oz each total 15 fish ^{roach} ¹¹ ¹ ¹⁴
 Fished 3 1/2 hours very cold strong
 wind pained in Toronto most of
 time. water clear as gin.

30
 Campsall Lake. 9.30 to 7.30 pm
 Myself & Jb. Young. Water clear as
 gin bream all at shallow end.
 basking very hot sunny day
 Ed 7th 155 12 14 1/4

DATE	BAIT	NAME AND PLACE	REMARKS	No. Kind	lb	oz
1910		Campbell Coult	P.F. 7 th . 155	12	14	$\frac{4}{4}$
July 30	ground bait Bait.	Baffling wind could not throw out bait broken 5 times. could not get the fish Taste on at all. largest fish roach 6oz Myth went & fished at deep end but could & not get a bite so went to sleep 2 hours worms on bank 2 old swans & 7 young ones were standing on their heads eating roach 6 young groundbait as fast as we put it on 1 roach 1 lb 1 small roach 1 small worm = 1 lb 5oz	12 Bream 2 Perch 4	3	0	$\frac{2}{2}$
31	Myth	Tot Boston on holiday's ord Sunday Fished from Dredger w/ Sluice Taste 3.30 pm to 8 pm. water cloudy. Sunday much disturbed by boats caught 2 roach myth & broken once by large bream on by lump paste.	roach 2	5		
Aug 1	Mon Taste Myth worms	Fished from boat opposite Witham Tavern. 5.30 am to 10 am caught with paste 1 Bream 1 lb 1 roach 1 3oz 4 3 bream & 3 eels also lost a very nice large Bream broke line above float. Bream Did not have a fair amount after tea when caught 3 roach largest 8oz	roach 3 Bream 11 Bream	5	5	11 $\frac{3}{3}$
			C.P. 7 th .	189	21	14 $\frac{2}{4}$

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910						
July 2	Paste by lump	Witham same place as yesterday	Deernd down with rain until 8.30 am 6 am to 8 pm. Caught 4 roach 1 Bream = 1 eel			
	Myto		Broken by a very large bream eel fishing by lump of paste broke in a rush whilst actually run my line off reel. Blew a gale.	Bream 1 roach 4	1	0 $\frac{1}{10}$
3.	Creech wht	Forlyfoot W Limons Mill	11.30 am 8 pm. water running very low only about 1 ft deep until tide came in when the water backed up when doors shut			
	Myto		Plenty of splendid fish to be seen but could not throw out to them without frightening the shoals away.	Blew 2 very large roach		
	Trickel Mill side.		Caught 6 roach - 2 eels & rams heavy	6	1	4
4	Creech wht	Witham from boat off Witham	5.30 am to 8.15 pm Caught 2 roach 9 oz.			
	" Myto		after breakfast went to Swineshead			
	water		by 9.25 train fished between dams.			
	clay		towards Hubbert's Bridge			
	side		blew a gale, rained heavy. 10.30 am to 8.30 pm			
	" only 18" deep		Best roach 13 oz - 10 oz.	roach 4 eels 6	6	13
			C. d. g. d.		249	31 0

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C. J. G. 249 310

1910
 Aug 5 Creed Surfleet Jacksons Hole 10.30am 7.30pm
 white rained in torrents thunderstorm 1 1/2 hrs.
 colored 11 ft deep. caught nearly all with wheat
 myfs few with colored myfs. 54 roach. 1 Bream
 float largest 10 1/2 oz. 9 oz. 8 oz. Lost a great lot.
 1 shot. Clear as of fishing lately, short. Peculiar lutes. Bream 1
 from water just raised float from flat to half cock & held roach
 it there. very few took float under. 54 98

6 Fished with 2 Skiffell anglers. R. S. Mitchell
 Creed Rowland Hill same place as yesterday
 wheat. R. S. M. 9 1/2 lb. R. Hill 2 lb roach. Creed the
 myfs very windy & much disturbed by rowboats
 11.15 to 7.45. Caught 37 roach & 1 dace
 Largest roach 1 lb 2 oz. 7 oz. 6 oz.
 Should have done well as I had got the
 fish collected when a boat with 3 anglers
 came & anchored right opposite to me
 & started ground baiting with a scoop out
 of a bucket nearly full of ground bait.
 This put the fish off & drew them away
 from me but I had the satisfaction
 of seeing that they only got 2 fish to
 amoung them.
 C. J. G. 342 47 10

DATE	BAIT	NAME AND PLACE	REMARKS	NO. KIND.	LB.	OZ.
				BE Jt.	342	47 10
1910 Aug 7	Worms	Myself Grand Shuic Wetham	Myself off boat opp. landing stage. Dull No 9 calm day 7:30 am to 6 pm with Bait 1 hour away at breakfast. much Caught with worm 1 Bream 2 lb 9 oz discarded by boats — — no 9 Bait 1 — 3 1/2 lb. 2 from 2l No 9 of line 1 shot — — Myself 1 roach 3 oz & 1 bream 6 oz 3 Bish gave excellent sport on the fine tackle			7 5
11	colored Simple No 13 shot	Myself Rothwell Slough Pond	Field side, calm night 1 1/2 hours Caught 14 Eelgrass 1 roach	roach 1 Eelgrass 14		6
13	colored wfd team weights	Return Match Barnsley 2 prophyl	Myself fished above Paper Mill water clear as given only been weeded fortnight before rather windy but warm. No 36 Bait only had 1 bite 1 roach 1 1/2 oz. 2 hours match 15 wfd team no fish very disappointing match. all fish were weighed in in this match whereas only standard size weighed in in wfd match	roach 1		1 1/4
		1. W. Dowler 10 oz 2. J. Young 8 oz 3. W. Wright 1 1/2 oz 4. P. Spooner 10 oz 5. P. Reynolds 3 oz Total 1 lb 5 oz. Barnsley 2 top weights Considine 1 lb 1 1/2 oz Denby 1 lb 1 1/2 oz with Shells all 3 medals again				
				CA Jt.	363	55 6 1/4

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<i>B.L. Jr.</i> 363 556						
1910						
Aug 16	Single colored myfs	Myself Rothwell Slough Pond 1 1/2 hours night caught 1 perch 3oz which put in R. Sta cold pond 12 gudgeon. far side warm night	Judgy 12 Dench 1			
20	colored myfs No 18	Myself Home Match above cutting Drawn No 38 per nearest to wfa hook. cold & windy water very clean.				
	L. Reynolds town with 1 lb 1/2 oz.	rained heavy. 3 hours match Caught 3 gudgeon 2 roach 2 D. Ruffs. 2 perch. only weighed in 3 gudgeon 1 D. Ruff. others under size = 2 1/2 oz took 11th Prize 4+	roach 2 Dench 2 Dench 2 Judgy 3			
Aug 28	myfs tooms	Myself Leeds Amptn Annual Outlet Thirkstead Drawn No 330 same side as Station Taste towards Boston 5 hrs 11.30 to 4.30				
		2. Hill 2 roach Caught 7 roach 2 eels = 1 lb 5 1/2 oz 90th prize weighed in 1 roach 6oz for trophy only one in team 10fd. Terrible high wind water high & colored 8 to 10 feet deep. could not keep out & thick bed of weed eels at side kept loose tackle lost 14 hooks 2 roast, 5				
		Bayley 2 prgs off me ran 2nd.				
<i>C. A. Jr.</i> 394 5710						

DATE	BAIT	NAME AND PLACE	REMARKS	No. KING.	LB.	oz.
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1910
 Sept 3 Single + double
 Colored
 Myself
 No 18. Match. Drawn No 17. *Walton*
 Pyl J^d 394 57 10¹/₂

found as last year. 3 hrs 3 to 6 pm.
 caught 6 roach + 3 gudgeon ^{very strong}
 weighed in 4 roach - 3 gudgeon. ^{very} _{wind} ³
 2 roach - 3 oz thrown out under bridge
 Smashed one by large fish. 6 1 0¹/₂

11 Colored
 Myself J young. 26 Robinson W. Race
 J Spurr. Leeds Ampton ^{Worms} ^{2nd to} ^{Single + double} ^{Worms} ^{arrived} ^{6.0 am}
 7.30 am to 3.0 pm. Fished Thurne
 crossed bridge + went to right above
 the bungalows + house boats. water colored
 about 5 to 6 ft deep. lost a lot of good
 fish biting short very peculiar bites.
 Smashed up mud I got a great lot of small fish. threw back
 by large fish which
 Caught 26 bream + 18 roach 2 largest
 bream 12 oz each, average of 5 oz lot. ^{roach} ¹⁸ ^{Bream}
 26 14 2¹/₂

Sept 17. Single + double
 Colored
 Myself
 No 18. Match. Drawn No 17. *Walton*
 Pyl J^d 394 57 10¹/₂
 found as last year. 3 hrs 3 to 6 pm.
 caught 6 roach + 3 gudgeon
 weighed in 4 roach - 3 gudgeon
 2 roach - 3 oz thrown out under bridge
 Smashed one by large fish.
 I got a great lot of small fish. threw back
 by large fish which
 Caught 26 bream + 18 roach 2 largest
 bream 12 oz each, average of 5 oz lot.
 26 14 2¹/₂

1/2
 1/4

REMARKS. KIND. LB. OZ.

P.C. 2nd 508 96 13 $\frac{1}{2}$

1910
 Sep 24th Creek
 White
 Oacle Colored
 Myft Strong wind night in shore 3.15 to 6.45
 Worms Broken 4 times. Water clear as gin. Perch
 Caught 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ roach ~ 8 perch largest⁸ roach
 roach 13oz. 5 14 9

Oct 1 Colored
 Myft Halfnoon bottom of wood
 water clear as gin only 2 bites. July
 Creek fished 2 hrs nearly wormed by black gnats.

2 Myft
 Worms Sramille 1st Annual Match

Roundly Metal
 Good run. Red Motor Chamabaine to Burburith
 Duffield ^{Derwent} Clough
 1st 1/2 Brook 3oz 3 blank
 2nd 1/2 - 1oz 3 hours match No 9 peg water very
 3rd 1/2 1 Bleak 1 Clear ~ running very swift, only very
 no other fish Short distance between pegs. Strong wind
 caught all in the stream all straight prop water
 competition. upstream caught 1 Bleak 1 1/2 oz. Bleak
 1/2 Must be at
 Johnston's another bad day Won Regulator Clock. 1 1/2

4 Oacle
 Myself Hot Pond Robin Hood
 fished 2 hours caught 5 bronze
 ~ 2 gold camp. weight 3 1/2 oz. Camp 3 1/2
 very clear low. windy. 7

P.C. 2nd 578 11 11 1/2

DATE	BAIT	NAME AND PLACE	REMARKS	No. Fish	lb	oz
			Boyle	578	111	11
1910						
Oct 8	colored myfs	Myself Rene Walter Willie Pond	Rothwell Slough water colored deep end calm afternoon 3 hours	33	1	4
	Rene 3 judyem Walter 3 Walter 1 roach (at 7 years) 1 2 judyem		Caught 33 judyem & 2 roach	33	1	4
9	myfs Tadde worms	Myself John S. & wife of Boston Leeds Ampton trip - W Davistow Fished Witham from boat of p.				
			Also gave me a drink after being out of water when I at kicked off			
			Water very high & running but gin	roach		
			Myself 3 roach = 6oz.	3		6
16	myfs worms Tadde Crud Wheat	Myself Rothwell Flood off Match Bardney Poy No 175 down stream bad place clear as gin & very shallow usually only 3ft 6" deep caught 1 roach 3oz - had another bite by fish which straightened No 18 hook out not in project				3
Nov 5	Smile colored myfs Crab 2l 1 shot	Myself Rothwell Slough Pond Fished 1 1/2 hours. water low & colored very cold caught 18 judyem 1 roach		18		12
Dec 26	myfs worms	Myself - George Faith Bardney 5 hrs Sinal Drain end of rd 1/2 mi	1 roach 3oz (W) 1 roach 1 Bitter cold North wind water high snow storm at night & running			3
	average		Total for 1910	637	114	8
	2 1/2 lb per outling		637 fish = 114 lb 8 oz. Fished on 48 occasions blank once			