

Loch-Style Qualifier, Chew Valley, Sunday 23rd May. Scorchio! Bright sunshine, high temperatures & little wind, plus tales of Chew being ‘rock hard’, resulted in a lot of the 41 competitors having concerned faces at breakfast. I fished, to even up the numbers, and was delighted to draw ‘local’ Nikki Long, he would know where the fish were. Sure enough, we headed straight for Walley Bank and would have had it to ourselves, if it hadn’t been for the rest of the fleet being there too! First cast I had a fish on, but as I had put the rod down and was busily applying industrial quantities of Factor 25, it was perhaps appropriate that it slipped off. Floaters or Midge Tip with nymphs and/or buzzers seemed to be the most successful method but it was never going to be easy and the pre-match forecast of 3 fish being enough to get you through, was largely correct. Once again, missed takes & dropped fish would prove to be costly. Only 2 anglers ‘bagged up’ and some struggled all day without a take; a total of 89 fish were boated for a rod average of 2.2, with the best being 2 rainbows of 3lb 1oz caught by Andy Haskins & Rob Honour.

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Results Chew Qualifier 23th May 2010

Rank	Name	Fish	Weight	Time Bonus
1.	John Humphry	8 fish for	19lb 13oz	Inc Time Bonus
2.	Mark Miles	8	17lb 04oz	Ditto
3.	Tony Baldwin	5	9lb 10oz	
4.	Nikki Long	4	9lb 07oz	
5.	John Horsey	5	8lb 00oz	
6.	Alan Williams	4	7lb 08oz	
7.	Rob Honour	3	7lb 03oz	
8.	Andy Haskins	3	7lb 02oz	
9.	Baz Reece	3	6lb 05oz	
10.	Ron Tutt	3	6lb 04oz	
11.	Tim Balding	3	5lb 10oz	
12.	Will Lear	3	5lb 06oz	
13.	David Drake	3	5lb 02oz	
14.	John Braithwaite	3	5lb 01oz	
15.	Nigel Evans	2	4lb 07oz	
16.	Steven Feddery	2	4lb 03oz	
17.	Keith Brown	2	4lb 00oz	
18.	John Gumbleton	2	3lb 13oz	
19.	Pete Ford	2	3lb 10oz	
20.	Mark Beal	2	3lb 10oz	
21.	Paul Roach	2	3lb 09oz	
22.	Martin Burgess	2	3lb 05oz	
23.	John Waters	2	3lb 04oz	
24.	Steve Preston	2	3lb 01oz	
25.	Mark Withyman	1	2lb 06oz	
26.	Alan Denton	1	2lb 05oz	
27.	= Les Cooke	1	2lb 02oz	
	= Iain Mackay	1	2lb 02oz	
	= Jeff Mason	1	2lb 02oz	
	= David Morton	1	2lb 02oz	
31.	Mark Glass	1	1lb 15oz	

32. Andrew Wiles	1	1lb 12oz
33. = Malcolm Price	1	1lb 11oz
= Lee Williams	1	1lb 11oz
35. Simon Gurney	1	1lb 06oz
Pat Damant	Blank	
Andrew Hedger	Blank	
Paul Maslin	Blank	
Peter McGuckian	Blank	
Stephen Millington	Blank	
Alan Tonge	Blank	

A total of 89 fish at a rod average of 2.2, Best Fish 3lb 01oz (Andy Haskins & Rob Honour)