

Severn Trent Region – England Loch Style Eliminator 2010
Fished at Blithfield on 13th June 2010

Thirty-one entrants competed for places in this year's national final to be held at Chew Valley Lake in September. Despite calm conditions for most of the day and torrential rain after 4pm, most competitors found the fishing challenging, with variable light breezes making fly presentation difficult. However, odd fish were rising and would come to a well-presented fly. Top rod on the day was Wilmslow angler Nick Dunn who's last minute change of plan saw him at Watery Lane in the south lakes east shore. Using a DI5 line and orange blob booby, Nick was soon into fish taking 4 in the first hour. Continuing to catch steadily through the remainder of the day, he was the only competitor to reach his 8 fish limit and begin returning trout, finishing with a magnificent bag of 13 fish for 23lb 4 - he was the clear winner. He won the John Hedges Severn Trent Shield, the 'Top Rod' Trevor Colclough Memorial Trophy and tackle vouchers to the value of £20 kindly donated by ArchLine Tackle of Cannock.

Second place went to ex England captain and local angler Martin Greatbatch who took 8 trout on traditional wet flies tempting 7 of his fish to an amber nymph fished on the top dropper.

Special thanks should go to South Staffs Water who hosted this event when the usual venue, Draycott Water, was shut for the season.

The rod average on the day was 4.52 and the average weight of fish caught 1lb 11.

The first 8 have likely qualified for the National Final. Positions 9 to 11 may qualify depending upon the total national entry.

1. Nick Dunn
2. Martin Greatbatch
3. C Smith
4. Graham Willis
5. Bernie Maher
6. D angel
7. J Dunn
8. P Angell
9. Ian Colclough
10. Peter Elliott
11. G Hedges