

Fishers Green Comet Open

Fishers Green SC held their Comet Open meeting on 12th June, as part of their Eastern Aphelion series. The forecast of NE wind is usually considered a good direction but the wind would be up and down all day with big shifts creating a snakes and ladders affair.

Thankfully this year the lake is weed-free, so at least all the area could be used as needed. The competitors asked for four races so that is what they got, with a beat the full diagonal of the lake and a combination of reaches and a run to bring them back to the starting area.

The two races in the morning were won by Bob Dodds and Mike Ettershank who seemed to have the measure of the conditions, choosing best how to work the shifts up the beat and how to choose the best route downwind past the island to the bottom mark.

A leisurely lunch (this year with a curry theme) prepared by Jane O'Brian, was followed by two more races but the wind was becoming ever more patchy and unpredictable. In these conditions Eddy Pope came into his own winning both heats but lost out in the final reckoning on tie break.

