

# Reading & District Angling Association

## Match Scene 3 October - 6 November 2023



### **SUNDIAL VISIT TO WALLINGFORD**

Sundial made the long trip to Wallingford on Sunday 8 October with seven anglers looking forward to a good day. Overall, they took 16lbs 11ozs to the scales with a winning weight of 10lbs 8ozs. Not much more to report other than 3 Bream were caught and 6 cormorants spotted.

### **SUCCESS FOR READING CIVIL SERVICE**

On Sunday 15 October, and, after a summer of disasters, Reading Civil Service managed to successfully complete their first match on RDAA waters this season. Having had their match at Padworth Canal cancelled in June, they were happy to return to the venue at a time of year when catching fish can be hard. However, the five anglers did manage to weigh in 7lbs 7ozs 8dr of mainly small fish, so they had an enjoyable day. Richard Munday managed an all perch catch to win with 2lbs 14ozs, his best fish was about 10ozs. Gordon McGee was second with 2lbs 1oz of roach with the biggest fish at 7ozs and third was Dave Finn with 1lb 6ozs that included a skimmer, roach and perch. Most fish were caught when there was a slight flow from boat traffic which is interesting to note.

### **NEWTOWN STRUGGLE**

Also, on Sunday 15 October Newtown held a match on Beat 5 of the Kennet. The first cold snap, with an overnight low close to freezing, the river was always going to be a challenge as the Kennet normally switches off under those circumstances, and that is what happened with the 12 anglers only managing 5lbs 15ozs between them. Andy Powell took the honours with 1lbs 9ozs which, given the conditions, was quite respectable. Barry Moreton came second with 1lbs 4ozs and Paul Holland was third with 1lbs 3ozs.

### **RISING RIVER DEFEATED**

On Sunday 22 October Prestcold were faced with a River Thames swollen by the rains of Storm Babette. The river was still rising and barely between its banks at Wallingford, but the 7 anglers decided to fish anyway, and, despite the conditions, all caught using the slacks to find fish and scale an impressive 15lbs 7ozs 8dr between them. Roy Green employed short pole tactics on the end peg downstream to catch more than 300 Bleak to win with 5lbs 8ozs. Second was RDAA Match Secretary Mick Sheasby with 2lbs 3ozs. Pegged one down from the sandbags swim he used bolo float tactics to catch a small chub and Roach and Bleak.

### **WET, WET, WET.**

It cannot escape notice that we have had a lot of rain in October with two named storms, (who on earth thinks naming storms is a good idea?) but a bit of rain doesn't dampen the hearts of our intrepid veterans in the Tuesday

Club. On Tuesday 31 October they once again did battle with the carp at Willmott's and Tony Holdsworth triumphed with 66lbs. John Nichols came second with 42lbs and between them the very soggy 10 anglers managed to put 303lbs on the scales. Not the best result which suggests that even carp like to shelter from the weather sometimes.

## **STORMS OVER STILL WATERS**

The RDAA match due to take place on 29 October at Wallingford was lost to the weather with the Thames in flood. However, RDAA Match Secretary, Mike Sheasby, quickly moved the association Shield match on 5 November from the River Kennet to the canal at Froxfield to ensure this match went ahead. The weather on the day was mild and mainly dry, which helped the 23 anglers, but they were faced with a very coloured canal that was towing strongly after the rain of the previous week. The total weight caught of 101lbs 2ozs was the best of the season on RDAA matches and was won by Martin Hutchins. Pegged on the first swim below Lock 69 Martin attacked with pinkie, caster and chopped worm in groundbait, with various hook baits of red maggot, worm and pinkie. Banking skimmers to 2lb and Perch to 1lb and roach to back these up he recorded a weight of 13lbs 3ozs. Association General Secretary, Alan Hughes, was second overall. Fishing at the bottom of the straight on Froxfield "A", (Wides), Section. Alan banked a Bream of 4-8-0 (a real specimen for the venue) along with Skimmer Bream using groundbait feeder tactics, feeding groundbait, with single red maggot or worm on the hook to record a weight of 8lbs 14ozs. The four sections were won by Martin, Alan, Rob Stephens with 7lbs 10ozs, and Phil Allen with 5lbs 4ozs.

The coveted Club Championship is led by TRBLAS with 86lbs 13ozs with YOTAC/21 CLUB second with 60lbs 9ozs 4drms. Third are Reading Civil Service with 34lbs 7ozs 8drms and fourth are Excelsior with 28lbs 9ozs 8drms. Disappointingly, in fifth are Reading Fishing Club with 16lbs 7ozs, sixth are Prestcold with 6lbs 7ozs. King Heron are seventh on 2lbs 12ozs and bringing up the rear are Newtown with 1lb 15ozs 8drms.

Individual placings are on next page .....

### INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE WEIGHT TROPHY

Phil Allen	Reading C.S.	25	8	8
Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	20	8	8
Alan Hughes	YOTAC/21 Club	19	13	8
Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	14	12	0
Tony Tibble	TRBLAS	13	9	0
Steve O'Keefe	TRBLAS	12	6	0
Duncan Bales	YOTAC/21 Club	12	4	0
Richard Rosinski	Reading F. C.	11	14	0
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	11	7	8
Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	10	3	8
Dave Clarke	Excelsior	9	1	0
Gordon Mc'Gee	Reading C.S.	8	15	0
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	8	8	4
Peter Godfrey	TRBLAS	7	8	8

### INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE PTS TROPHY

Phil Allen	Reading C.S.	34	Pts
Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	30	Pts
Steve O'Keefe	TRBLAS	30	Pts
Tony Tibble	TRBLAS	28	Pts
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	26	Pts
Alan Hughes	YOTAC/21 Club	24	Pts
Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	22	Pts
Richard Rosinski	Reading F. C.	22	Pts
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	22	Pts
Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	18	Pts
Spence Couzens	TRBLAS	18	Pts
Peter Godfrey	TRBLAS	18	Pts
Graham Hawkins	Prestcold	18	Pts
Duncan Bales	YOTAC/21 Club	16	Pts

Once again it will be good to see old and new anglers at the next RDAA matches. These are on Sunday 26 November at Wallingford B (book in direct with Mike Sheasby), and the RDAA Christmas Match is on Sunday 3 December on the canal at Froxfield, book through your affiliated club or Mike Sheasby.