

Reading & District Angling Association

Match Scene 8 January to 12 February 2024



READING FISHING CLUB VISIT TO FROXFIELD

With atrocious weather there aren't many matches to report on this month, however Froxfield is always a good bet when everything else seems to be flooded and it was Reading Fishing Club that wisely had a fixture booked on 14 January. 10 fished and managed to scale 39lbs 4ozs between them so a good day was had by most. The winner was Steve Palmer with 6lbs 9oz with Tony Roberts second 4ozs behind and George Callaghan third 2ozs behind the second so a close encounter, overall.

TUESDAY CLUB COME OUT OF HIBERNATION

After a month of cold weather and flooding the Tuesday Club finally managed to get out and as usual made tracks to Willmott's Pool on Tuesday 6 February. Unsurprisingly they found the carp in a lethargic mood and the 10 veterans struggled compared to other visits. Paul Leek took first place with 30lbs 4ozs with Phil Lush second with 26lbs 12ozs. The total weight was more in line with previous winning weights at 135lbs. I am sure things will get better as the weather relents.

RDAA MATCH TURNS INTO A GRUELLER

The weather took its toll on the RDAA match at Wallingford at the end of January due to flooding and with a break of two weeks until the RDAA match held on Sunday 11 February (due to canoe racing on the 4 February) hopes were high that the weather would relent, and the fishing would improve. Unfortunately, the weather, whilst mild, was still wet, and a hefty amount of rain entered the canal, and this proved to make the fishing hard. 22 anglers took part for the Canal Trophy, and this was the last points match of the season with the March match (also on 2nd Sunday due to more canoe racing) being a team event. The canal was high and very coloured but at least it was still fishable, and the rain mostly held off during the day. Only 37lbs 13ozs 4dms were brought to the scales which is a disappointing return, but half expected given the rain during the week before and the conditions presented to the participants, and 7 failed to weigh in. The match was won by Mick Donahoe, who fished the first peg below lock 69 on the Short Pound. Feeding pinkie with groundbait and chopped worm and caster, with worm, maggot and pinkie on the hook Mick banked Skimmer Bream to 2lbs and Perch to 1lb fishing pole tactics, to record a weight of 9lbs 14ozs. Dave Clarke was pegged on the first swim downstream of the power lines in the Short Pound section and he finished second with 8lbs 4ozs with a Perch of 1lb and Skimmer Bream and Roach making up the weight using similar tactics to the winner. There were only three sections and the winner of Section A on the wides was Tony Franklin with 3lbs 2ozs. Section B on the short pound going to Mick Donahoe and the hardest section on the day going to Justin Mabere with only 7ozs.

Congratulations to Phil Allen who managed to win both the Individual Aggregate Weight Trophy and the Aggregate Points Trophy

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE WEIGHT TROPHY

FINAL POSITIONS

Phil Allen	Reading C. S.	30	5	8
Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	28	14	8
Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	24	4	8
Alan Hughes	YOTAC/21 Club	23	3	8
Gordon McGee	Reading C.S.	21	9	0
Duncan Bales	YOTAC/21 Club	19	9	0
Dave Clarke	Excelsior	18	11	0
Tony Tibble	TRBLAS	18	0	0
Justin Mabere	Individual	17	1	8
Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	14	12	0
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	13	3	8
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	12	12	4
Richard Rosinski	Reading F. C.	12	12	0
Tony Franklin	King Heron	12	12	0
Steve O'Keefe	TRBLAS	12	6	0
George Callaghan	YOTAC/21 Club	12	5	0
Paul Leek	Pang & Whitchurch	11	0	8
John Monaighan	TRBLAS	10	0	0
Terry Stretton	TRBLAS	8	3	0
Tony Roberts	Reading F.C.	7	14	0
Geoff Eley	Prestcold	7	11	12
Peter Godfrey	TRBLAS	7	8	8
Spencer Couzens	TRBLAS	6	3	0
Stephen Church	TRBLAS	5	8	0
Paul Mason	YOTAC/21 Club	4	15	0
Dave Finn	TRBLAS	4	4	8
Dave White	Pang & Whitchurch	4	3	8

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE PTS TROPHY

FINAL POSITIONS

Phil Allen	Reading C.S.	52 Pts
Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	50 Pts
Tony Tibble	TRBLAS	48 Pts
Justin Mabere	Individual	40 Pts
Alan Hughes	YOTAC/21 Club	38 Pts
Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	36 Pts
Tony Franklin	King Heron	32 Pts
Gordon Mc'Gee	Reading C.S.	30 Pts
Steve O'Keefe	TRBLAS	30 Pts
Richard Rosinski	Reading F.C.	28 Pts
Dave Clarke	Excelsior	26 Pts
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	26 Pts
Duncan Bales	YOTAC/21 Club	24 Pts
George Callaghan	YOTAC/21 Club	24 Pts
Paul Leek	Pang & Whitchurch	24 Pts
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	24 Pts
Geoff Eley	Prestcold	20 Pts
Tony Roberts	Reading F.C.	20 Pts
Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	18 Pts
Spencer Couzens	TRBLAS	18 Pts
Peter Godfrey	TRBLAS	18 Pts
Graham Hawkins	Prestcold	18 Pts
John Monaighan	TRBLAS	18 Pts
Terry Stretton	TRBLAS	14 Pts
Stephen Church	TRBLAS	12 Pts
Eddie Cichocki	Pang & Whitchurch	12 Pts
Paul Mason	YOTAC/21 Club	12 Pts

The overall club championship was won by YOTAC/21 with 106lbs 0zs 12dms from TRBLAS with 101lbs 11ozs 8ozs. A distant third were Reading Civil Service with 55lbs 15ozs 8dms, fourth came Excelsior with 47lbs 9ozs 8dms. Often runaway winners, Reading Fishing Club were fifth with a disappointing 21lbs 4ozs, sixth were Pangbourne and Whitchurch 17lbs 5ozs, seventh King Heron 12lbs 12ozs, eighth Prestcold 11lbs 2ozs 12dms and last came Newtown 1lb 15ozs 8dms.

The Match Secretary requests that all current trophy holders return the club trophies to him as soon as possible.

Once again it will be good to see old and new anglers at the last RDAA matches of this season. These are on Sunday 25 February at Wallingford (conditions permitting - book in direct with Mike Sheasby), and the next regular match is a Teams of 4 on Sunday 10 March on the canal at Froxfield, book through your affiliated club or Mike Sheasby.