

Match Reports for 9 October – 6 November 2022

On Sunday 9 October, **Tilehurst Royal British Legion** held a match at Wallingford and the 5 anglers that took on the long walk to the river were well rewarded as the Thames produced its best match result of the season at the venue. It was won with 17lb 2oz and all caught well to weigh in a total of 47lb between them.

On Sunday 16 October **Newtown** held their final summer points match on the Thames at Sonning. Unfortunately, the 13 anglers faced an unforgiving river which led to a very close match and only 1lb 10 oz shared between 5 anglers that weighed in. Terry Smith took the honours with a meagre 8 oz, 8 drams ahead of Robin Goddard in second who in turn was 8 drams ahead of Roger Saunders in third.

On the same day however, the river produced a much better result at Wallingford when 8 **Prestcold** members managed to put 32lbs 5oz on the scales, with a winning weight of 9lb 8oz. 2 chub obliged but the nets were mainly made up of Roach and skimmer bream.

To the Kennet and **Sundial** fielded 4 anglers at Theale and they managed to put 8lbs 3oz of silvers on the scales with a winning weight of 2lbs 6oz so close all round

The following weekend proved to be one when the first heavy rains arrived and so prospects on the rivers were not good. On Sunday 23 October **Tilehurst Royal British Legion** ventured out to Ufton which is often ignored as a match venue but fishes well. The 7 anglers managed to put 18lbs 8 oz together on a difficult day with a rising river, with the winner scaling 4lbs 1oz.

With still warm weather and with flow on the river the extra **RDAA** match on 30 October at Wallingford encouraged 10 anglers to compete and they were not disappointed. Despite some heavy rain during the day a total of 65lbs 7oz proved once again what a good venue Wallingford is. Dave Clarke won the match with 13lbs 12oz using waggler tactics with double red maggots or double caster on the hook with loose fed hemp and caster. The catch was mainly roach and hybrids. In second place was Martin Hutchins catching mainly roach but to a combination of bolo, pole, and feeder tactics with similar hook bait combinations as the winner, to record a weight of 12lbs 6oz.

After a week of frequent heavy rain showers the participants for the **RDAA** match on 6 November knew they were in for a hard day. With the river rising throughout and heavy flow, prospects were not good and so only 23 anglers took part with the Association Shield up for grabs. As usual Beats 4 and 5 were used and the winner came from the swim downstream of the Holy Brook confluence on Beat 5B section. Fishing stick float tactics with red maggot or caster on the hook and feeding caster, maggots and hemp, Ian Claridge managed to find some willing Perch and small fish to record a weight of 3lbs 13oz. Rob Stephens was second overall. Fishing on the first peg downstream of the "white bridge" on Beat "5A" section, Rob banked mainly Roach with a couple of Dace during the course of the match. Fishing avon float tactics, with red maggot on the hook, over hemp, caster and maggot feed, he recorded a weight of 3lbs 6oz 8dms. Third, only 8 drams behind Rob, was the in form Richard Rosinski from Beat 4B section. A total of 32lbs 10oz 8 dms was caught on the day which given the conditions was an acceptable result. Once again thanks must go to Alan Hughes for assistance at the draw and Fred Jones and Steve O'Keefe for arranging the pegging.

Next RDAA matches - Wallingford (weather permitting) on 27 November 2022 book direct with Mike Sheasby followed by the Christmas Match on 4 December 2022 on the canal at Froxfield book in via club or direct.

