

Match Reports 5 December 2022 - 8 January 2023

The cold weather that graced us for the week beginning 11 December put paid to most of the matches scheduled to take place leading up to Christmas. However not deterred by a bit of arctic weather the intrepid Tuesday Club anglers decided to fish Willmotts on 13th December and boy, were they rewarded. All 8 anglers caught a total of 226lbs of carp with Tony Holdsworth taking the honours with a winning weight of 47lbs 12oz from Mark Hornblow 2nd with just a pound less. Good to see some new names in the frame and hats off to all who took part.

The following week they ventured out again as the weather was milder and hopes were high of a repeat. This time only(??!!) 160lbs was shared between the 8 participants with Phil Lush finishing 1st with 76lbs and George Callaghan 2nd with 54lbs 8oz.

Once again, the veterans decided to venture out on 29 December to shake off the Christmas exertions and the numbers swelled to 11. This time it was Rob Stephens who caught the most with 40lbs 6oz from Tony Holdsworth with 35lbs. The total weight was 178lbs.

RDAA traditionally hold an open match at Froxfield between Christmas and New Year and this normally attracts some good anglers from the Midlands. Friday 30 December saw this take place even though our Match Secretary had been ill for the majority of December. 30 anglers took part on a mild, overcast day with some heavy showers and a gusty wind. The winner was Carl Eland who fishes with Drennan Oxford. Fishing the last peg upstream of "Lock 70" on Froxfield "A", (Short Pound), Section. Carl banked mainly Roach with a few Perch. using pole tactics, feeding liquidized bread and pinkie, with bread punch and single pinkie on the hook, to record a weight of 8lbs 4oz.

Alex Clements fishing for Dorking was second overall. Fishing two pegs upstream of the "overhead power cables" on Froxfield "A", (Short Pound), Section. Alex also banked mainly Roach with a few Perch using similar tactics to the winner, to record a weight of 7lbs 6oz.

In form Justin Mabere fishing for Oakwood was third overall. Fishing the first peg downstream of "Lock 70" on Froxfield "A", (Turning Bay), Section. Fishing pole tactics, feeding pinkie and groundbait and chopped worm and caster, with single pinkie and single red maggot on the hook Justin banked Perch and Skimmer Bream. to record a weight of 7lbs 5oz.

Section money winners by default were Froxfield A wides section, Mark Hornblow 3lbs 10oz, Froxfield A short pound Mark Drew 6lbs 10oz, Froxfield A turning bay Mick Denton 4lbs 7oz and Froxfield B top Richard Rosinski 5lbs 7oz. Total match weight on the day was a slightly disappointing 76lbs 7oz.

A big shout goes out to the Pelican Inn for hosting the draw and prize giving and to Alan Hughes for assisting at the draw.

Sunday 8 January saw the latest RDAA match to take place at Froxfield for the Kennet Trophy and Reading Angling Centre Trophy. There is a lot of colds and flu about which probably contributed to a smaller than normal turnout of just 24 anglers. Again, a mild, overcast day

with heavy showers and a gusty wind meant that the canal had a slight colour and was towing strongly.

Justin Mabere seems to have cracked this venue and with another favourable draw, once again followed up his win and third place in December with another win here. Fishing the first peg downstream from "Lock 68" on Froxfield "A" Section. Fishing pole tactics, feeding pinkie and groundbait and chopped worm and caster, with worm, single red maggot and pinkie on the hook Justin banked fourteen Perch to 2lbs and Roach to record a weight of 10lbs 15oz.

Paul Leek was second overall. Fishing the second peg downstream from "Lock 70" on Froxfield "A" Section. Paul banked Perch to 1lbs 8oz along with Roach fishing pole tactics, feeding pinkie and groundbait and chopped worm and caster, with worm, single pinkie and single red maggot on the hook to record a weight of 8lbs 10oz

Martin Hutchins kept his good form going. Drawn in the unfavoured Froxfield B top section he did well to record a weight 8lbs 2oz to win the section and Tony Tibble recorded a weight of 4lbs 7oz to win the short pound section.

Overall weight was a respectable 98lbs 11oz and thanks again go to the hospitable Pelican Inn for hosting the draw and to Alan Hughes for his assistance.

In the individual aggregate Weight trophy it is close at the top with only one match to go.

1. Justin Mabere	28-01-0
2. Martin Hutchins	27-09-8
3. Rob Stephens	19-13-8
4. Phil Allen	18-12-8
5. Duncan Bales	18-06-4
6. Richard Rosinski	18-04-0
7. Tony Tibble	17-03-0
8. Paul Leek	16-05-0
9. Fred Jones	16-02-8
10. Alan Hughes	15-07-0

In the individual aggregate points trophy, it is again very close

1. Martin Hutchins	44pts
2. Richard Rosinski	42pts
3. Fred Jones	40pts
4. Rob Stephens	38pts
5. Phil Allen	34pts
6. Tony Tibble	34pts
7. Alan Hughes	32pts
8. Duncan Bales	30pts
9. Pete Godfrey	30pts
10. George Callaghan	28pts

Next RDAA match 5 February Froxfield book in through club or direct with Mike Sheasby