

RDAA – October Match Reports

- **Sunday 12th October** – Sundial were on Wallingford B. Four anglers returned a total weight of 11lb 13oz. It turned out to be a close match with only a few ounces separating the top 3 anglers. Unfortunately, they have not sent in the top 3 names. Winning weight on the day was of 3lb 11oz, 2nd was 3lb 10oz and 3rd was 3lb 3oz.
- **Tuesday 14th October** – The Tuesday Club decided to hold a silvers match on Cottage Lane what was Lakes 3 & 4. This proved to be a tough match for most of the field as the silver fish seemed to be at the end nearest the carpark and the further up the lake they went the harder the fishing was for the Silvers. Eleven anglers fished this one and the total weight was 20lb 10oz however, the winning weight was nearly half of the total weight, and this was Richard Rosinski who managed to find rudd shoaled up in his peg and made the most of this with a weight of 10lb 8oz. 2nd was John Ambrose with 4lb 10oz and 3rd with only 1lb 8oz was John Nichols. Next week they are trying on the other Lake old 1 & 2. See below how they got on.
- **Sunday 19th October** – Reading Civil Service were on Padworth Canal. Taking the honours was chairman Richard Munday with a winning weight of 3lb 6oz, 2nd was Fred Gill with 2lb 5oz. Six fished this match and returned a combined weight of 12lb 8oz.
- **Tuesday 21st October** - The Tuesday Club held their second Silvers Match on the 21st at Cottage Lane old lakes 1 & 2. Ten anglers fished this one with a total weight of 24lb 2oz. This was a very tight match with the top 2 being separated by just half an ounce in favour of Richard Rosinski with 6lb 15oz 8 drams to runner-up Tony Roberts weight of 6lb 15oz, 3rd on the day was Geoff Lewingdon with 5lb 1oz. The weights were made up of Roach, Rudd and Perch.
- **Tuesday 28th October** - The Tuesday club held their match on Southstoke. This match was a very close contest with the top angler on the day Ernie Maylon with his winning weight of 6lb 10oz. This was just enough to beat a tied 2nd place which was shared between Geoff Lewingdon and Richard Rosinski with 6lb 6oz. Total weight on the day was 41lb 11oz for the 10 anglers.

R & D.A.A. MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sunday 2nd November 2025

R & D.A.A. Association Shield

(River Thames: Cholsey and South Stoke 22 Pegs).

This was our final match on the River Thames for this season, with the remaining matches to be held on our section of the Kennet & Avon Canal at Froxfield. I feel that these matches on the River Thames have been a success this season with more members fishing these matches and greater weights being caught. Hopefully we can obtain some booking on these venues for next season.

Twenty two anglers were booked in for this match with no pegs remaining in the draw bag. The match day weather was mainly dry with some sunny spells, cool, and with a strong and gusty wind blowing. The River Thames had a slight colour and was flowing slowly.

Total match weight on the day was 79lbs 5ozs 8drms, (at an average weight of 3lbs 9ozs per Angler), there was one dry net on the day.

The top three teams on the day were TRBLAS with 29lbs 8ozs 8drms, Yotac/21 Club with 15lbs 1ozs 0drms and Reading Fishing Club with 9lbs 12ozs 0drms.

Many thanks to all those that turned out on the day and thanks also goes to Alan Hughes for assisting me at the draw.

Overall Winners:

The Match was won by Dave Ward fishing as an individual. Fishing on the "gate" peg on Cholsey section, Dave banked mainly Roach along with a few Perch during the course of the Match. Fishing pole tactics, with red maggot on the hook, over groundbait and hemp feed, to record a weight of 10-4-0.

Martin Hutchins of Excelsior was second overall. Fishing the first peg downstream of the "gate" peg on Cholsey section, Martin banked a Chub of 1-0-0 along with Roach, Dace and Perch during the course of the match. Fishing bolo float tactics, with red maggot on the hook, over groundbait and hemp feed, to record a weight of 8-7-0.

1st		Dave Ward	Individual	10lbs	4ozs	0drms		Cholsey	Roach, Perch.
2nd		Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	8lbs	7ozs	0drms		Cholsey	Chub, Roach, Dace, Perch.

Section Winners:

"A" Section		Cholsey		Dave Ward	Individual	10lbs	4ozs	0drms
"B" Section		South Stoke (Top)		Rob Stephens	Yotac/21 Club	2lbs	7ozs	0drms
"C" Section		South Stoke (Bottom)		George Callaghan	Yotac/21 Club	5lbs	4ozs	8drms

Total Section Weights:

"A" Section		Cholsey		46lbs	1ozs	0drms
"B" Section		South Stoke (Top)		8lbs	1ozs	0drms
"C" Section		South Stoke (Bottom)		25lbs	3ozs	8drms

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Specimen Fish Recorded:

None									
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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

YOTAC/21 Club	65	6	8
TRBLAS	44	14	0
Reading Fishing Club	29	9	0
Reading Civil Service	23	11	8
Prestcold AC	10	2	0
Excelsior	9	14	8

Individual Placings:

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE WEIGHT TROPHY

Dave Ward	Individual	20	3	0
Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	18	5	8
George Callaghan	YOTAC/21 Club	15	1	8
Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	14	11	0
Phil Allen	Reading Civil Service	12	3	8
Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	11	10	0
Luke Wilcox	Individual	11	4	0
Duncan Bales	YOTAC/21 Club	10	6	0
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	9	11	0
Mark Frost	Individual	9	9	0
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	8	15	0
Spencer Couzens	TRBLAS	8	4	0
Steve Palmer	Reading Fishing Club	7	6	0
Alan Hughes	YOTAC/21 Club	7	1	0
Richard Dearlove	TRBLAS	7	0	0
Tony Roberts	Reading Fishing Club	7	0	0
Geoff Eley	Prestcold	6	1	0

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE POINTS TROPHY

Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	34	Points
Dave Ward	Individual	34	Points
Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	32	Points
George Callaghan	YOTAC/21 Club	28	Points
Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	24	Points
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	24	Points
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	22	Points
Duncan Bales	YOTAC/21 Club	20	Points
Phil Allen	Reading Civil Service	16	Points
Luke Wilcox	Individual	14	Points
Mark Frost	Individual	12	Points
Gordon McGee	Reading Civil Service	12	Points
Ian Claridge	YOTAC/21 Club	10	Points
Mike Dalziel	Individual	10	Points
Graham Hawkins	Prestcold	10	Points
Paul Mason	YOTAC/21 Club	10	Points
Richard Rosinski	Reading Fishing Club	10	Points

A big thank you goes to Gordon McGee for checking and clearing the pegs on these venues prior to the Match and to Andy Chapman for pegging these venues on the Saturday before the Match.

A big thank you also goes to the London Anglers Association for allowing us to use their venue at South Stoke and to the Jolly Anglers Association for allowing us to use their venue at Cholsey.

Finally a very big thank you goes to our President, Martin Salter, for making all of the necessary arrangements with the London Anglers Association and the Jolly Anglers Association to allow us to use their Venues for this Match.

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Alby Cohen – Obituary:

It was with great sadness that I received the news of the passing away of Alby Cohen a few weeks ago.

For those of you who are unaware, Alby was the Chairman of R&DAA when I first joined the Executive Council way back in 1999 and had served on the Executive Council for many years, more lately as the Auditor of the Accounts.

Alby was also of great help to myself when I first joined the executive council of Reading and District way back in 1999, when I was taken on board as Match Secretary, to take over from Ken Wilmott, who was retiring due to ill health. His words of wisdom and encouragement were a great help at a time when I was being faced with the difficult task of filling Ken's shoes and not really knowing what I had let myself in for. Happily I am still in this role so his words of wisdom must have worked.

Always very supportive of the Match Fishing side of R&DAA, Alby was a regular competitor on the R&DAA Match scene for many years. He was awarded the coveted R&DAA Clubman of the year award in 2017 for his services to both South Reading AC and R&DAA. Ever willing to help, he was responsible for organizing the yearly Presentation nights for many years and was always on hand to assist me in handing out the Trophies to the winners on these nights and also organized the raffle.

Even though Alby may be gone, I am sure his memory and legacy will live on. I appreciated his friendship and help, and he will be sorely missed. My thoughts and best wishes go out to all of his family at this sad time.

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