



Reading & District Angling Association

Match Scene 5 November to 2 December 2024

FROXFIELD FISHES WELL AGAIN

We start with a non-affiliated club match. The army often ask us to help them out when they hold a fishing match and as usual RDAA were only too pleased to accommodate them on our Froxfield venue on Wednesday 6 November. The ten anglers managed to weigh in a total of 45lbs 8ozs. The winner went home happy with his weight of 12lbs 4ozs.

WALLINGFORD ROACH HAUL

On Sunday 10 November Reading Fishing Club returned to Wallingford. The ten anglers managed to amass a total weight of 48lbs 2ozs, but no large fish were caught although one barbel was hooked but not landed. The winner was Tony Roberts with 17lbs which is the highest winning total so far this season at the venue. What was more remarkable is that the weight was entirely made up of 185 roach all caught on the 7m whip. Well done, Tony. Martin Oliver was second with 10lbs 11ozs and Steve Palmer was third with 9lbs 12ozs.

FRED WINS AGAIN

Reading Civil Service held their November match on the 17th at Calcot. The Kennet is notoriously hard for match anglers once the clocks go back and once again that proved to be the case for the five anglers that took on the challenge. Only one bite was had and that came to Fred Gill who, having landed a wonderful 3lb+ perch from Padworth Canal last month, made no mistake in banking an equally good fish with a Grayling for 1lb 1oz.

NEWTOWN AT FROXFIELD

Newtown's match at Froxfield also on 17 November managed to attract 17 anglers. Reporting on this match is sketchy but the total weight of 30lbs 11ozs is a little disappointing even if the winning weight was the best so far this season. Terry Smith won the match with a respectable 16lbs 12ozs however the weights were not reported for Stuart Howe and Paul Holland in second and third respectively. Unfortunately, the paddles on Lock 69 seemed to have been removed which meant the wides were shallower than normal; perhaps this accounted for the poor weights other than the winner.

NOT THE BEST OF WEATHER TO GO FISHING

On Tuesday 19 November the weather was atrocious, with rain turning to heavy snow and temperatures getting colder as the day went on. However, does this put off the intrepid anglers in the Tuesday Club? Of course not! Eleven braved the weather to record a total of 196lbs at Willmott's Pool with John Ambrose taking the honours with 51lbs from Geoff Lewington with 31lbs 2ozs. Ernie Mallion resorted to catching 4lbs of Rudd to keep warm. All were thankful for the hospitality of Emma in the club shop providing hot beverages at lunchtime.

TUESDAY CLUB RETURN A WEEK LATER

On Tuesday 26 November the Tuesday Club returned to Willmott's Pool and the 11 anglers banked 223lbs between them. Andy Bridge continued his good form to come second with 36lbs 6ozs but was no match for Geoff Lewendon who romped home with 62lbs 2ozs.

RDAА ADDITIONAL MATCH STILL FAILS TO ATTRACT ANGLERS

On Sunday 17 November RDAА held its additional match on the Thames at Wallingford and only five anglers were prepared to take on the walk as, yet again, the river performed much better than the Kennet. Mike Dalziel was drawn on the peg immediately upstream of the 'sandbags' at the bottom of the venue and he won with a small silvers bag of 7lbs 8ozs using Bolo tactics with maggot on the hook over groundbait, maggot, hemp and caster feed.

FROXFIELD PROVES A STRUGGLE AS METEOROLOGICAL WINTER BEGINS.

On Sunday 1 December, the traditional Christmas RDAА match for the Ron Want Cup attracted a healthy 28 participants to Froxfield. The match day weather was mainly overcast with frequent light rain showers, but mild with a light wind blowing. The Canal had a slight colour but was towing strongly due to the recent heavy rains. As is usual on this match, the top three anglers and section winners all received a Christmas prize. The total weight of 49lbs 5ozs 8dr was a little disappointing and there were six that failed to weigh in. The match was won by Richard Rosinski who was drawn on the first peg upstream of the overhead power cables on Froxfield "A", (Short Pound), Section. A bonus 1lb 8ozs Perch with Skimmer Bream and Roach helped him to record 9lbs 10ozs, fishing pole tactics, feeding groundbait and pinkie, and chopped worm and caster with red maggot and worm on the hook. Also on the Short Pound, on the second peg below lock 69 was Steve Palmer. He banked small Roach and Perch using pole tactics, feeding groundbait and pinkie, with single red maggot and pinkie on the hook to finish second with 5lbs 12ozs. R DAA Coaching Secretary, Gordon McGee, was third overall. Pegged on the peg downstream of the overhead power cables on Froxfield "A", (Short Pound), Section. Gordon also banked small Roach and Perch and a Skimmer Bream also using pole tactics, feeding groundbait and pinkie, with single red maggot and pinkie on the hook to weigh of 4lbs 12ozs. As all top three came from the same section the other prize winners were Martin Hutchins on A section with 4lbs 4ozs, Fred Gill with 2lbs 7ozs on B section and Steve Lewis on D section with 9ozs.

The tables with two matches left to go bread as below

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Tilehurst British Legion AS	49lbs 11ozs
2. YOTAC/21 Club	45lbs 04ozs 8dr
3. Reading Civil Service	30lbs 03ozs
4. Reading Fishing Club	25lbs 05ozs 8dr
5. Pangbourne & Whitchurch	19lbs 06ozs
6. Excelsior	17lbs 12ozs 8dr
7. Prestcold	17lbs 07ozs 8dr
8. King Heron	0lbs 08ozs

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE WEIGHT TROPHY

1. Richard Rosinski	17lbs 02ozs
2. Andy Chapman	16lbs 02ozs
3. Martin Hutchins	11lbs 14ozs 8dr
4. Phil Allen	11lbs 07ozs
5. Chris Evans	11lbs 01ozs 8dr
Graham Hawkins	11lbs 01ozs 8dr
7. Gordon McGee	10lbs 04ozs
8. Rob Stephens	10lbs 03ozs 8dr
9. Martin Wickens	9lbs 05ozs
10. Steve O'Keefe	8lbs 09ozs
11. Eddie Chichoki	8lbs 08ozs
12. Paul Mason	8lbs 00ozs
13. Justin Mabere	7lbs 02ozs 8dr
14. Alan Hughes	6lbs 12ozs
15. Geoff Eley	6lbs 06ozs
16. Steve Palmer	6lbs 05ozs
17. Ernie Mallion	6lbs 04ozs
18. Dave Clarke	5lbs 14ozs
19. Dave Dudman	5lbs 10ozs
20. Duncan Bales	4lbs 15ozs 8dr
21. Tony Tibble	4lbs 09ozs 8dr
22. Colin Shepherd	4lbs 02ozs
23. Paul Leek	4lbs 01ozs
24. Fred Jones	3lbs 12ozs

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE POINTS TROPHY

1. Martin Hutchens	38
2. Justin Mabere	36
3. Andy Chapman	34
4. Phil Allen	28
George Callaghan	28
Richard Rosinski	28
7. Graham Hawkins	26
Rob Stephens	26
9. Dave Clarke	22
Dave Finn	22
11. Stephen Church	16
Fred Jones	16
Steve O'Keefe	16
Martin Wickens	16
Gordon McGee	16
16. Duncan Bales	14
Steve Palmer	14
18. Tony Tibble	12
19. Chris Evans	10
Spencer Couzens	10
Paul Mason	10
Mick Donahue	10
Alan Hughes	10
Fred Gill	10
Steve Lewis	10

Next Association match is Sunday 5 January 202, at Froxfield, book in as normal.

From the reporting team it remains to wish all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.