



Reading & District Angling Association

Match Scene 7 January to 3 February 2025

TUESDAY CLUB FIELD 16 FOR FIRST MATCH OF THE YEAR

In a month of poor weather, inhibiting matches and weights, it is no surprise that there are few reports. However, the Tuesday Club can always be relied upon to catch some fish at Willmott's Pool and 16 anglers filled up the venue on Tuesday 14 January. Geoff Lewendon took the honours with 57lbs with Phil Lush second with 38lbs 14ozs, however the disappointing return of 176lbs in total does question the ability of the venue to fish well with a full capacity of anglers on the bank.

This may have been in the minds of some anglers when the following week only 9 anglers turned up. Geoff Lewendon drew the same peg and took the honours again with a similar catch of 53lbs with Richard Rosinski well back in second on 27lbs 2ozs. This time a total of 164lbs weighed in seemed to prove the theory of the preceding week.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FISH GONE? PART ONE

Froxfield can always be relied upon to produce a fish or two in the coldest of winters when not iced over but on Sunday 26 January 6 anglers from Reading Fishing Club braved the cold weather for just 2lbs 1oz between them. The persistent cold weather has affected the fishing, and no skimmers were caught so the anglers had to scale down to attract small gudgeon and roach. Pete Budagi managed to win with 1lb 1oz from Steve Palmer second with 9ozs and Geoff Lewendon third with 7ozs.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FISH GONE? PART TWO

The Tuesday Club's third visit of the month to Willmott's Pool on Tuesday 28 January proved to be a disaster. Again 9 anglers turned up but only 71lbs in total were caught. Mark Kingsbury managed to catch over half of that to win with 36lbs 8ozs and Geoff Lewendon this time had to settle for runner up with a measly 13lbs 2ozs to cap off a good month for him personally. The subsequent inquest was about the lack of bites and fish (there were three blanks on the day) but eventually the anglers put the poor weights down to the atrocious weather of hailstones and cold rain. Good job I was in Vietnam in 30c!!

DIFFICULT CONDITIONS GREET ANGLERS AT FROXFIELD - AGAIN.

On Sunday 2 February only 12 anglers braved the cold conditions to take on the out of form canal at Froxfield for the RDAA Canal Championship. With heavy rain throughout the week depositing copious amounts of cold water into the canal the conditions of heavy tow, coloured water and high levels did not bode well. So it proved, with a total match weight of only 7lbs 1ozs and four dry nets. The match was won by Thatcham Angling Proprietor Tony Franklin. Fishing the first peg below the "overhead power lines" on Froxfield "A", (Short Pound), Section. Tony banked one Skimmer Bream of 2lbs using bomb tactics, with two pieces of worm on the hook. RDAA Coaching Secretary Gordon McGee was second overall. Drawn at the bottom end of Froxfield "A", (Wides), Section. Gordon took the small fish approach, and it nearly paid off. Using pole tactics and feeding pinkie with groundbait, with pinkie on the hook he caught small roach and gudgeon to weigh of 1lb 5ozs 8dr.

Congratulations go to Tilehurst Royal British Legion AS for winning the club Championship.

Congratulations go to Martin Hutchins for winning the Senior Aggregate Points Trophy and Richard Rosinski for winning the Senior Aggregate Weight Trophy this season. (Tables on next page).

A reminder to all trophy winners last season to return said trophies to Mike Sheasby Match Secretary as soon as possible.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – FINAL PLACINGS

1. Tilehurst British Legion AS	49lbs 11ozs
2. YOTAC/21 Club	46lbs 12ozs 8dr
3. Reading Civil Service	34lbs 04ozs 8dr
4. Reading Fishing Club	26lbs 11ozs 8dr
5. Excelsior	22lbs 10ozs 8dr
6. Pangbourne & Whitchurch	21lbs
7. Prestcold	17lbs 07ozs 8dr
8. King Heron	2lbs 08ozs

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE WEIGHT TROPHY

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

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE POINTS TROPHY

1.	Martin Hutchins	56
2.	Justin Mabere	36
	Phil Allen	36
4.	Andy Chapman	34
	Gordon McGee	34
6.	Richard Rosinski	32
	Rob Stephens	32
8.	George Callaghan	28
9.	Graham Hawkins	26
10.	Dave Clarke	22
	Dave Finn	22
	Ernie Malyon	22
13.	Steve Palmer	18
14.	Martin Wickens	16
	Fred Jones	16
	Dave White	16
	Stephen Church	16
	Steve O'Keefe	16
19.	Paul Leek	14
	Duncan Bales	14
	Mark Hornblow	14
22.	Tony Tibble	12
	Ian Claridge	12

Next Association match is Sunday 2 March 2025, at Froxfield, Teams of four book in as normal.