

READING AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sunday 1st February 2026

Reading and District Angling Association Canal Championship
(Kennet & Avon Canal: Froxfield "A" 15 Pegs)

Fifteen Anglers were booked in for this match with no pegs remaining in the draw bag. The match day weather was overcast with frequent light rain, mild and with a slight southerly wind blowing. The Kennet and Avon Canal had a very strong colour and was towing strongly due to the recent heavy rain.

Once again the weather during the week preceding the match day proved to be our undoing. Heavy rain during the week meant that large volumes of cold water were going in to the Canal and with the water level high and heavily coloured, made for a difficult day. Fortunately the Venue was still fishable.

Total match weight on the day was 17lbs 8ozs 0drms, (at an average weight of 11lbs 2ozs per Angler), there were six dry nets on the day. The top three teams on the day were Reading Fishing Club with 7lbs 7ozs 8drms, Excelsior with 11bs 9ozs 0drms and Reading Civil Service with 0lbs 14ozs 8drms.

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 Steve Palmer fishing for Reading Fishing Club. Fishing the third peg below Lock 69 on Froxfield "A", (Short Pound), Section. Steve banked an all Roach catch during the course of the match. Fishing pole tactics, feeding pinkie with groundbait, with pinkie and maggot on the hook to record a weight of 4-4-0.

Richard Arkell fishing as an Individual was second overall. Fishing on the "Gate Peg" on Froxfield "A", (Wides), Section. Richard banked a Perch of 2-0-0 along with Roach during the course of the match. Fishing pole tactics, feeding pinkie with groundbait, with pinkie and maggot on the hook to record a weight of 4-1-0.

1st	Steve Palmer	Reading Fishing Club	4lbs	4ozs	0drms	Froxfield "A" (Short Pound)	Roach.
2nd	Richard Arkell	Individual	4lbs	1ozs	0drms	Froxfield "A" (Wides)	Perch, Roach.

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Section Winners:

"A" Section	Froxfield "A" (Wides)	Richard Arkell	Individual	4lbs	1ozs	0drms
"B" Section	Froxfield "A" (Short Pound)	Steve Palmer	Reading Fishing Club	4lbs	4ozs	0drms

Total Section Weights:

"A" Section	Froxfield "A" (Wides)	11lbs	2ozs	0drms
"B" Section	Froxfield "A" (Short Pound)	6lbs	6ozs	0drms

Specimen Fish Recorded:

None									
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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
FINAL POSITIONS

YOTAC/21 Club	84	15	8
TRBLAS	44	14	0
Reading Fishing Club	43	14	0
Reading Civil Service	28	10	0
Excelsior	25	6	8
Prestcold AC	13	7	0
Pangbourne & Whitchurch	3	4	0

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Individual Placings:

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE WEIGHT TROPHY
FINAL POSITIONS

Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	25	9	0
Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	25	6	8
Dave Ward	Individual	23	9	0
George Callaghan	YOTAC/21 Club	21	6	8
Steve Palmer	Reading Fishing Club	16	7	0
Phil Allen	Reading Civil Service	13	0	0
Luke Wilcox	Individual	13	0	0
Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	11	10	0
Duncan Bales	YOTAC/21 Club	10	7	0
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	10	3	0
Mark Frost	Individual	9	9	0
Geoff Eley	Prestcold	9	6	0
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	8	15	0
Richard Arkell	Individual	8	11	0
Tony Roberts	Reading Fishing Club	8	5	0
Spencer Couzens	TRBLAS	8	4	0
Alan Hughes	YOTAC/21 Club	7	14	0
Richard Dearlove	TRBLAS	7	0	0
Andy Woolsey	Reading Fishing Club	6	10	8
Eddie Cichocki	Reading Civil Service	6	10	0
Richard Rosinski	Reading Fishing Club	6	6	8
Ernie Malyon	Individual	6	0	0

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE POINTS TROPHY
FINAL POSITIONS

Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	56	Points
Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	42	Points
Dave Ward	Individual	42	Points
George Callaghan	YOTAC/21 Club	38	Points
Duncan Bales	YOTAC/21 Club	28	Points
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	28	Points
Steve Palmer	Reading Fishing Club	26	Points
Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	24	Points
Luke Wilcox	Individual	24	Points
Phil Allen	Reading Civil Service	22	Points
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	22	Points
Ian Claridge	YOTAC/21 Club	20	Points
Gordon Mc'Gee	Reading Civil Service	20	Points
Pete Leek	Pang & Whitchurch	18	Points
Ernie Malyon	Individual	18	Points
Richard Rosinski	Reading Fishing Club	18	Points
Richard Arkell	Individual	16	Points
Alan Hughes	YOTAC/21 Club	16	Points
Tony Roberts	Reading Fishing Club	14	Points
Geoff Eley	Prestcold	12	Points
Mark Frost	Individual	12	Points
Andy Woolsey	Reading Fishing Club	12	Points

Congratulations go to Martin Hutchins of Excelsior for winning the Senior Aggregate Points Trophy and Mick Donohoe of Yotac/21 Club for winning the Senior Aggregate Weight Trophy this season.

Congratulations also go to Yotac/21 Club for winning the Club Championship Trophy this season.

As usual I will give a full breakdown of all of the Prize-Winners and the Match Statistics for this season at a later date.

Can I remind all those members who were Trophy Winners from last season to return their Trophies to me as soon as possible.

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RDAA – February Match Results

- **Tuesday 3rd - Tuesday Club**

Geoff Lewendon led the way for the latest Tuesday club match on Willmott's with 45lb 10oz, runner up was Martin Oliver with 44lb 8oz and 3rd with 40lb 8oz was Ernie Malyon. Total weight from the 11 anglers taking part was 166lb 2oz.

- **Tuesday 10th - Tuesday Club**

Willmott's - The additional stocking of extra carp into the venue was an added bonus for the 14 anglers fishing this match as they amassed an impressive weight for this time of year with 421lb 14oz. Leading the way was Paul Leek with 132lb 14oz, 2nd was Tony Holdsworth with 107lb 10oz and 3rd with 40lb 12oz was Dave Dudman.

- **Sunday 15th**

Newtown AC Midgham Canal - this was another match on one of the Reading Canals where no one has had a bite.

RFC Froxfield A - This was a tough match with 7 anglers fishing and only 3 anglers catching. Only one angler managed to catch more than a pound and that was Steve Tucker who weighed in 1lb 8oz for the win. Second was Richard Rosinski with 13 oz and third was Steve Palmer with 2oz.