



Reading & District Angling Association

Match Scene 3 December 2024 to 6 January 2025

TUESDAY CLUB RETURN A WEEK LATER

On Tuesday 3 December the Tuesday Club returned to Willmott's Pool and the 10 anglers banked 245lbs between them. Richard Rosinski managed to win with 53lbs 2ozs with Tony Holdsworth second with 40lbs 10ozs. Perhaps the colder weather is starting to reduce the weights now.

FROXFIELD FISHES POORLY

Reading Fishing Club visited Froxfield on Sunday 8 December and, with the stormy weather and high winds, 6 brave souls took the risk. Unfortunately, they were fishing the notorious hard B section below the road bridge which has not fished well all season and with the wind hampering any presentation of bait it is no surprise that only one angler caught. Geoff Lewingdon caught two small fish, a roach and a perch, to weigh 1oz 8drs to take the win.

WILLMOTT'S – A PORT IN A STORM?

On Tuesday 10 December the Tuesday Club visited Willmott's wondering how it would fish after the storm of the previous weekend. No need to worry as 14 anglers banked 288lbs between them. Andy Bridge topped the weights with 58lbs 10ozs with the consistent Geoff Lewendon second with 44lbs 14ozs, proving that the venue can be a port in a storm?

SUNDIAL RESORT TO LITTER PICK

Maybe it was a little ambitious to schedule a match on the Kennet in December but the intrepid London anglers from Sundial are always up for a challenge. Only three made the long drive to Beat 3B to find, not unsurprisingly given the weather, a river that was running very fast and coloured. No one managed a bite so instead the three heroically did a litter pick and took plenty of rubbish home with them. Many thanks, guys.

LAST TUESDAY CLUB MATCH OF THE YEAR

On Tuesday 17 December the Tuesday Club held their last match of 2024 and no surprises when I tell you it was fished at Willmott's Pool. 11 anglers turned out and 228lbs were caught in total. Geoff Lewendon keeps framing, and this was no exception as he managed to win with 37lbs 4ozs from Dave Jones with 36lbs 8ozs. A close encounter to finish off the year.

OPEN MATCH AT FROXFIELD

Every year RDAA holds an Open Match at Froxfield between Christmas and New Year. Normally this is quite an event and attracts some very good anglers from far afield. This year it was arranged for Sunday 29 December which, maybe is one of the reasons that only 20 anglers took part, and most were local anglers. The canal did not fish well on the day and only 24lbs 14ozs 8dr in total was weighed in with 6 anglers not weighing in at all. Paul Leek was drawn on the first peg below Lock 69 on Froxfield "A", (Short Pound), Section, and his pole tactics with single red maggot on the hook and feeding pinkie with groundbait led to Skimmer Bream to 2lbs, and Perch to 1lbs 8ozs coming to the net to win with a healthy 9lbs 7ozs. from a traditionally good peg. Andy Woolsey was also drawn on a good peg - first downstream peg from the "gate" on Froxfield "A", (Wides), Section – and he caught Roach using pole tactics, feeding pinkie and groundbait, with single pinkie on the hook to weigh 2lbs 1oz for second. The section money winners were Robert Head on A Section with 2lbs, Richard Rosinski with 1lbs 14ozs on B Section and C Section was tied with both Ray Riggs and Dave White catching 1lbs 6ozs.

DIFFICULT CONDITIONS GREET ANGLERS AT FROXFIELD.

On Sunday 5 January 2025, 22 anglers were booked in for the Kennet Trophy and Reading Angling Centre Trophy but, with snow and icy conditions forecast on the Saturday before, our Match Secretary was kept busy with many pulling out. In the end 14 anglers took part in the draw for pegs and they were greeted with -3c on arrival but left in 13c at the end. With the cold rain falling and snow melt to contend with this was always going to be difficult, but hard work by the match team ensured only the pegs considered to be “good” were put in, but not surprisingly, only half the anglers brought fish to the net. The match was won by Ernie Malyon, who was drawn at the top of the turning bay on Froxfield "A", Section, Ernie banked two Skimmer Bream, one of 3lbs and another at 2lbs 12ozs using pole tactics, feeding liquidised bread, pinkie and squat, with double squat and worm on the hook to record a weight of 5lbs 12ozs. Martin Hutchins was second overall. Fishing at the bottom of the straight on Froxfield "A", (Wides), Section, he also managed two fish but of the Perch variety. One of 2lbs 4ozs and the other 1lbs 8ozs using groundbait feeder tactics, feeding chopped worm, and groundbait, with worm on the hook to weigh 3lbs 12ozs. Dave White once again followed up his section win from the week before with another on the Short Pound section with 1lb 3ozs.

With only one match at Froxfield in February left the tables make interesting reading

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Tilehurst British Legion AS	49lbs 11ozs
2. YOTAC/21 Club	45lbs 04ozs 8dr
3. Reading Civil Service	32lbs 15ozs
4. Reading Fishing Club	26lbs 06ozs
5. Excelsior	21lbs 8ozs 8dr
6. Pangbourne & Whitchurch	21lbs
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	15lbs 10ozs 8dr
4. Phil Allen	12lbs 09ozs
5. Ernie Malyon	12lbs
6. Gordon McGee	11lbs 14ozs
7. Chris Evans	11lbs 01ozs 8dr
Graham Hawkins	11lbs 01ozs 8dr
9. George Callaghan	10lbs 09ozs 8dr
10. Rob Stephens	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. Geoff Eley	6lbs 06ozs
18. Steve Palmer	6lbs 05ozs
19. Dave Clarke	5lbs 14ozs
20. Dave Dudman	5lbs 10ozs
21. Duncan Bales	4lbs 15ozs 8dr
22. Dave White	4lbs 13ozs

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE POINTS TROPHY

1. Martin Hutchens	48
2. Justin Mabere	36
Phil Allen	36
4. Andy Chapman	34
5. George Callaghan	28
Richard Rosinski	28
7. Graham Hawkins	26
Rob Stephens	26
9. Gordon McGee	24
10. Dave Clarke	22
. Dave Finn	22
12. Stephen Church	16
Steve O'Keefe	16
Martin Wickens	16
Fred Jones	16
. Dave White	16
17. Duncan Bales	14
Mark Hornblow	14
Paul Leek	14
Ernie Malyon	14
Steve Palmer	14
22. Tony Tibble	12

Next Association match is Sunday 2 February 2025, at Froxfield, book in as normal.