

# Reading & District Angling Association

## Match Scene 6 August to 2 September 2024



### **PRESTCOLD MOVE TO THEALE**

On Sunday 11 August, Prestcold continued their tour of the Kennet by taking on the Theale River stretch. With the river performing badly so far this season it is at last pleasant to report that silver fish were on the feed and the average weight per man exceeded 2lbs. The match was won by RDAA and Prestcold's Match Secretary Mike Sheasby with 5lbs 7ozs. Fishing from a peg midway on the venue, Mike caught mainly Roach with some Dace and one small Chub using the traditional method of stick float with maggot on the hook over hemp and caster feed. One peg upstream Geoff Eley used similar tactics with an occasional maggot feeder attack to also catch Roach and Dace to come second with 3lbs 2ozs. In total the seven anglers managed to weigh 16lbs 1oz with one dry net on the day.

### **FIRST TIME ON RIVER FOR NEWTOWN**

Also on Sunday 11 August, only six anglers were prepared to take on the Thames at Wallingford for Newtown's first venture to a river this season. The long walk with match tackle is mainly to blame for the low turnout but it is always worth it at Wallingford. It was for Alan Powell who won the match with a respectable 7lbs 8ozs. Second was Kevin Strange with 3lbs 5ozs and third was Dermot Murphy with 2lbs 8ozs. The total weight caught seems a little low at 18lbs 1oz but what would regular match anglers give for 3lb a man averages on the Kennet?

### **BOATS TAKE UP GOOD SWIMS**

Completing a trio of river matches on Sunday 11 August were Sundial, who found many good swims were taken up with parked boats, which is often a problem at Ufton. Seven anglers only managed 4lbs 15ozs between them with the winner weighing 1lb 15ozs. A disappointing day for our London based anglers.

### **TUESDAY CLUB RETURN**

On 27 August the Tuesday Club returned to Willmott's after their summer break and immediately cashed in as the venue produced 406lbs between 10 anglers. Ernie Mallion – a new name to the winners' roster – took first place with a respectable 65lbs 12ozs from Phil Lush on 59lbs 11ozs. It wasn't all carp though as a small Tench, and a skimmer about 1lb also were caught. Oh, for a great lake of Bream and Tench to give more variety?

## **RDAA COMPLETE ADDITIONAL MATCH**

After two cancellations due to lack of support, seven anglers were booked into the additional RDAA match on the Thames at Wallingford on 18 August, so Mike Sheasby decided to hold the match. Thankfully all seven turned up to make a match of it and the return of 41lbs 9ozs between them made the long walk worthwhile. Fishing the first peg downstream from the "landing stage" at the bottom of the venue, Martin Hutchens banked mainly small Chub along with Skimmer Bream and a few Dace, using a combination of stick float and bolo float tactics, with a single and double red maggot or a single grain of sweetcorn on the hook, over groundbait and hemp feed, to win with 11lbs 14ozs. With a similar catch, new member Mike Dalziel was second from the "sandbags" peg at the bottom of the venue with 10lbs 2ozs. Mike fished a combination of stick float, waggler and maggot feeder tactics, with single and double red maggot on the hook, over groundbait and hemp feed. Good to see a new face on the match scene – well done.

## **KENNET SHOWS SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT FOR ASSOCIATION CUP DAY.**

On Sunday 1 September, 20 anglers turned out to fish for the prestigious Association Cup, and with a strong breeze on a warm muggy day, it was difficult to predict how the Kennet would fish after a very poor start to the season for match angling there. There was a slight improvement as the 2lb per angler mark was surpassed with a total weight of 45lbs 12ozs 8dr and it was encouraging to see both more anglers fishing, as well as the roach beginning to show. George Callaghan drew the infamous 'goldfish' peg on Beat 5A and proceeded to catch mainly Roach along with a couple of Dace and one Perch using stick float tactics, with single maggot or double pinkie on the hook, over hemp and maggot feed, to win with 5lbs 6ozs. The last two matches had been won from the last downstream peg on Beat "4B" section and Rob Stephens must have thought it was going to be his lucky day, but on this occasion, he had to settle with second place with an all Roach catch of 4lbs 13ozs using a combination of stick float and Avon float tactics, with single or double red maggot on the hook, over hemp and maggot feed. The other section winners were Martin Wickens with 4lbs 11ozs and Justin Mabere with 1lbs 14ozs.

The tables of achievement are going to be close this season although the club championship looks as though it will be a two-horse race. The individual tables will change dramatically as the season progresses with ounces separating them all in the weight and the points also close.

## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

1. Tilehurst British Legion AS	26lbs 05oz 8dr
2. YOTAC/21 Club	23lbs 08ozs
3. Excelsior	11lbs 08ozs
4. Reading Civil Service	9lbs 12ozs
5. Prestcold	8lbs 04ozs 8dr
6. Reading Fishing Club	7lbs 085ozs

**INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE WEIGHT TROPHY**

1.	Phil Allen	8lbs 08ozs
2.	Graham Hawkins	7lbs 08ozs 8dr
3.	Richard Rosinski	7lbs 08ozs
4.	Martin Hutchens	6lbs 08ozs 8dr
5.	Rob Stephens	6lbs 07ozs 8dr
6.	George Callaghan	5lbs 14ozs
7.	Dave Clarke	4lbs 15ozs 8dr
8.	Justin Mabere	4lbs 12ozs 8dr
9.	Martin Wickens	4lbs 11ozs
10.	Tony Tibble	4lbs 09ozs 8dr
11.	Fred Jones	3lbs 15ozs
12.	Stephen Church	3lbs 06ozs
13.	Steve O'Keefe	3lbs 06ozs
14.	Alan Hughes	3lbs 02ozs
15.	Duncan Bales	2lbs 14ozs 8dr
16.	Andy Chapman	2lbs 12ozs 8dr
17.	Mick Donahue	2lbs 12ozs 8dr
18.	Spencer Couzens	2lbs 06ozs
19.	Ian Claridge	1lb 14ozs
20.	Dave Finn	1lb 05ozs 8dr

**INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE POINTS TROPHY**

1.	Justin Mabere	28
2.	Martin Hutchens	24
	Phil Allen	24
4.	Graham Hawkins	22
5.	Dave Clarke	20
6.	George Callaghan	18
	Richard Rosinski	18
	Rob Stephens	18
9.	Andy Chapman	16
	Fred Jones	16
	Stephen Church	16
	Dave Finn	16
13.	Tony Tibble	12
14.	Duncan Bales	10
	Spencer Couzens	10
	Mick Donahue	10
	Martin Wickens	10
18.	Alan Hughes	6
	Ian Claridge	6
	Steve O'Keefe	6

**Next RDAA match is Sunday 15 September 2024 on the Thames at Wallingford B. Please support this match by booking directly with Mike Sheasby as the Thames continues to fish well. Please also book in the normal way for the next Association match on Sunday 6 September 2024, which is a team of four match. Note: - This match has been changed to encompass Ufton, Lower Benyons, Theale and Calcot due to work taking place on the towpath on Beats 4 and 5.**