

The start of a new season that I hope will bring something to look forward to after the floods of the winter and then Covid – 19 to deal with. Our last report was in early March and there has no been a match since.

There are three Club matches to report on that were held on RDAA venues with one each on the Kennet, Thames and a Stillwater..

The River Kennet was the venue for T.R.B.L.A.S. to hold their match. The Kennet takes a long time to get going in a new season and this match was no exception. Small chub were the order of the day and Alan Hughes (pictured) had two small fish and a better one that was just shy of 5lbs to win the match with 5lbs 3ozs. Second spot went to newcomer John Monaghan with 1lb 5ozs of small silver fish and completing the top trio wa Dave Finn with a small chub of 14ozs.

Prestcold A.C. travelled to fish the Wallingford A stretch of the Thames at Benson.where the extra water from the rain in midweek saw the bream take an interest. John Main found two around the 5lbs mark and along with perch and roach took the honours with 14lbs. Fred Gill took the runner up spot with skimmer bream and roach to weigh in 7lbs 11ozs. Completing the top three was Graham Hawkins with 6lbs 14ozs of skimmers, roach and perch.The total weight between nine anglers was 52lbs 11ozs.

Newtown A.C. used the new Callow Pool venue at Farnham Flint to hold their match. This pool is primarily used for kids tuition and has a high population of small fish and winner of the match Terry Smith netted some of these along with a tench to total 4lbs 4ozs Roger Saunders claimed second spot with 2lbs 14ozs of “silvers” and similar species saw Robin Reynolds take third place with 2lbs 9ozs.

This weekend will see the first of the “extra” RDAA matches. This will be held on Beats 4 & 5 and not on the Benyons as shown in the permit. Members can book in with Mike Sheasby on 07802 414317 with the draw at 8am at the Match Hut at Farnham Flint.

Reading Fishing Club fished their match on New Barlows Lake on the Stacey complex at Tadley. Malcolm Vigor took top spot with 40lbs 2ozs of carp and bream. Dave Boshier claimed the second place with similar species weighing in at 31lbs 6ozs and completing the top three was Steve Tucker with 28lbs 12ozs.