

R & D.A.A. MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sunday 2nd November 2025

R & D.A.A. Association Shield

(River Thames: Cholsey and South Stoke 22 Pegs).

This was our final match on the River Thames for this season, with the remaining matches to be held on our section of the Kennet & Avon Canal at Froxfield. I feel that these matches on the River Thames have been a success this season with more members fishing these matches and greater weights being caught. Hopefully we can obtain some booking on these venues for next season.

Twenty two anglers were booked in for this match with no pegs remaining in the draw bag. The match day weather was mainly dry with some sunny spells, cool, and with a strong and gusty wind blowing. The River Thames had a slight colour and was flowing slowly.

Total match weight on the day was 79lbs 5ozs 8drms, (at an average weight of 3lbs 9ozs per Angler), there was one dry net on the day.

The top three teams on the day were TRBLAS with 29lbs 8ozs 8drms, Yotac/21 Club with 15lbs 1ozs 0drms and Reading Fishing Club with 9lbs 12ozs 0drms.

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 Dave Ward fishing as an individual. Fishing on the "gate" peg on Cholsey section, Dave banked mainly Roach along with a few Perch during the course of the Match. Fishing pole tactics, with red maggots on the hook, over groundbait and hemp feed, to record a weight of 10-4-0.

Martin Hutchins of Excelsior was second overall. Fishing the first peg downstream of the "gate" peg on Cholsey section, Martin banked a Chub of 1-0-0 along with Roach, Dace and Perch during the course of the match. Fishing bolo float tactics, with red maggots on the hook, over groundbait and hemp feed, to record a weight of 8-7-0.

1st		Dave Ward	Individual	10lbs	4ozs	0drms		Cholsey	Roach, Perch.
2nd		Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	8lbs	7ozs	0drms		Cholsey	Chub, Roach, Dace, Perch.

Section Winners:

"A" Section		Cholsey		Dave Ward	Individual	10lbs	4ozs	0drms
"B" Section		South Stoke (Top)		Rob Stephens	Yotac/21 Club	2lbs	7ozs	0drms
"C" Section		South Stoke (Bottom)		George Callaghan	Yotac/21 Club	5lbs	4ozs	8drms

Total Section Weights:

"A" Section		Cholsey		46lbs	1ozs	0drms
"B" Section		South Stoke (Top)		8lbs	1ozs	0drms
"C" Section		South Stoke (Bottom)		25lbs	3ozs	8drms

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Specimen Fish Recorded:

None							
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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

YOTAC/21 Club	65	6	8
TRBLAS	44	14	0
Reading Fishing Club	29	9	0
Reading Civil Service	23	11	8
Prestcold AC	10	2	0
Excelsior	9	14	8

Individual Placings:

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE WEIGHT TROPHY

Dave Ward	Individual	20	3	0
Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	18	5	8
George Callaghan	YOTAC/21 Club	15	1	8
Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	14	11	0
Phil Allen	Reading Civil Service	12	3	8
Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	11	10	0
Luke Wilcox	Individual	11	4	0
Duncan Bales	YOTAC/21 Club	10	6	0
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	9	11	0
Mark Frost	Individual	9	9	0
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	8	15	0
Spencer Couzens	TRBLAS	8	4	0
Steve Palmer	Reading Fishing Club	7	6	0
Alan Hughes	YOTAC/21 Club	7	1	0
Richard Dearlove	TRBLAS	7	0	0
Tony Roberts	Reading Fishing Club	7	0	0
Geoff Eley	Prestcold	6	1	0

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE POINTS TROPHY

Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	34	Points
Dave Ward	Individual	34	Points
Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	32	Points
George Callaghan	YOTAC/21 Club	28	Points
Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	24	Points
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	24	Points
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	22	Points
Duncan Bales	YOTAC/21 Club	20	Points
Phil Allen	Reading Civil Service	16	Points
Luke Wilcox	Individual	14	Points
Mark Frost	Individual	12	Points
Gordon Mc'Gee	Reading Civil Service	12	Points
Ian Claridge	YOTAC/21 Club	10	Points
Mike Dalziel	Individual	10	Points
Graham Hawkins	Prestcold	10	Points
Paul Mason	YOTAC/21 Club	10	Points
Richard Rosinski	Reading Fishing Club	10	Points

A big thank you goes to Gordon Mc'Gee for checking and clearing the pegs on these venues prior to the Match and to Andy Chapman for pegging these venues on the Saturday before the Match.

A big thank you also goes to the London Anglers Association for allowing us to use their venue at South Stoke and to the Jolly Anglers Association for allowing us to use their venue at Cholsey.

Finally a very big thank you goes to our President, Martin Salter, for making all of the necessary arrangements with the London Anglers Association and the Jolly Anglers Association to allow us to use their Venues for this Match.

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Alby Cohen – Obituary:

It was with great sadness that I received the news of the passing away of Alby Cohen a few weeks ago.

For those of you who are unaware, Alby was the Chairman of R&DAA when I first joined the Executive Council way back in 1999 and had served on the Executive Council for many years, more lately as the Auditor of the Accounts.

Alby was also of great help to myself when I first joined the executive council of Reading and District way back in 1999, when I was taken on board as Match Secretary, to take over from Ken Wilmott, who was retiring due to ill health. His words of wisdom and encouragement were a great help at a time when I was being faced with the difficult task of filling Ken's shoes and not really knowing what I had let myself in for. Happily I am still in this role so his words of wisdom must have worked.

Always very supportive of the Match Fishing side of R&DAA, Alby was a regular competitor on the R&DAA Match scene for many years. He was awarded the coveted R&DAA Clubman of the year award in 2017 for his services to both South Reading AC and R&DAA. Ever willing to help, he was responsible for organizing the yearly Presentation nights for many years and was always on hand to assist me in handing out the Trophies to the winners on these nights and also organized the raffle.

Even though Alby may be gone, I am sure his memory and legacy will live on. I appreciated his friendship and help, and he will be sorely missed. My thoughts and best wishes go out to all of his family at this sad time.

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RDAA – November Match Results

- **Sunday 9th November** - Reading Fishing Club were on Wallingford B for their latest match. This turned out to be a bit of a tough one for Wallingford standards, as the better roach didn't show which left the field fishing for bonus fish or settling for the smaller roach and dace that were willing to feed. Winner on the day was Steve Palmer with a weight of 6lb 1oz, 2nd Richard Rosinski with 3lb 15oz and 3rd was George Callaghan with 2lb 9oz. Nine anglers fished for a combined weight of 23lb 1oz.

Prestcold ventured out to Northmoor for their latest match. Six anglers made the journey and it did not disappoint with a total weight of 35lb 4oz. Mark Stedman led the way with a winning weight of 10lb 12oz and a fine 1lb 1oz roach, 2nd on the day was RDAA Chairman Graham Hawkins with 8lb 12oz and 3rd with 7lb 8oz was Geoff Eley.

- **Sunday 16th November** - Newtown were on Froxfield A section. Fourteen anglers turned out for this match and returned a combined weight of 35lb 12oz. Winning the match was Alan Powell with 7lb 7oz, 2nd was Stewart Howe with 4lb 4oz and 3rd with a weight of 4lb exactly was Martyn Connolly.

Sundial fished Upper Benyons. This match proved to be a tough one with the river high and coloured. Five anglers fished and unfortunately only 2 anglers weighed in and both managed to catch exactly 5oz each for a combined total of 10oz.

- **Tuesday 18th November** – The Tuesday Club were on willmotts. Sixteen anglers returned a weight 221lb. Winner on the day was Earnie Maylon putting 54lb 2oz on the scales, 2nd with 25lb 14oz was Dave Dudman and 3rd was Phil Lush with 23lb 10oz.
- **Sunday 23rd November** - Reading Civil Service held their latest match on Padworth Canal, a venue that is normally good for a few fish. Unfortunately, the weather during the week leading up to this match was the coldest of the season so far, and this had a negative impact on this venue as nobody had a bite. Hopefully someone will find some fish on their next match at Salmon Cut B.
- **Tuesday 25th November** - The Tuesday Club were back at Willmotts for their match. Fifteen anglers were booked in for this one and a combined weight of 286lb was brought to the scales. Leading the way for this one was Tony Holdsworth with 43lb 12oz, 2nd was Paul Leek with 36lb 14oz and 3rd again was George Callaghan with 34lb 8oz.
- **Sunday 30th November** - Pangbourne & Whitchurch held their match on Froxfield A section. Unfortunately I have not received a match report for this one.

Littlemoor AC fished Northmoor on the Thames. Again, unfortunately, I have not received a match report for this one.