READING AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION
MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sunday 2nd August 2026
Reading and District Angling Association - Preservation Cup
(River Thames: Wallingford "B" and Cholsey 23 Pegs).

Twenty three anglers were booked in for this match with no pegs remaining in the draw bag. The match day weather was dry, hot, sunny and humid, and with a strong breeze blowing. The River Thames had a very slight colour and was flowing very slowly.

Total match weight on the day was 113lbs 10ozs 0drms, (at an average weight of 4lbs 15ozs per Angler), there were no dry nets on the day.

The top three teams on the day were Trblas with 22lbs 9ozs 0drms, Yotac/21 Club with 21lbs 4ozs 0drms and Reading Fishing Club with 13lbs 2ozs 0drms.

Many thanks to all those that turned out on the day.

Overall Winners:

The Match was won by Mike Dalziel fishing as an individual. Fishing on the top of the "sedges" peg on Wallingford "B" section, Mike banked small Chub, Roach and Perch during the course of the Match. Fishing a combination of waggler and pole tactics, with sweetcorn, tares and worm on the hook, over groundbait, sweetcorn, hemp and tare feed, to record a weight of 14-2-0.

Martin Hutchins of Excelsior was second overall. Fishing on the "sandbags" peg on Wallingford "B" section, Martin banked small Chub, Dace, Roach, Bleak and two small Barbel during the course of the match. Fishing a combination of bolo and pole tactics, with sweetcorn and maggot on the hook, over groundbait and hemp feed, to record a weight of 8-12-0.

1st		Mike Dalziel	Individual	14lbs	2ozs	0drms		Wallingford "B" (Top)	Chub, Roach, Perch.
2nd		Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	8lbs	12ozs	0drms		Wallingford "B" (Bottom)	Chub, Dace, Roach, Bleak, Barbel

Section Winners:

"A" Section	Wallingford "B" (Top)		Mike Dalziel	Individual	14lbs	2ozs	0drms
"B" Section	Wallingford "B" (Bottom)		Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	8lbs	12ozs	0drms
"C" Section	Cholsey		Paul Leek	Pang & Whitchurch	4lbs	10ozs	0drms

Total Section Weights:

"A" Section	Wallingford "B" (Top)	48lbs	11ozs	0drms
"B" Section	Wallingford "B" (Bottom)	45lbs	15ozs	0drms
"C" Section	Cholsey	19lbs	0ozs	0drms

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Specimen Fish Recorded:

None									

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Yotac/21 Club	31	12	0
Trblas	26	10	0
Reading Fishing Club	16	10	8
Pangbourne & Whitchurch	12	9	0
Reading Civil Service	11	13	0
Excelsior	10	14	0

Individual Placings:

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE WEIGHT TROPHY

Mike Dalziel	Individual	14	2	0
Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	10	14	0
Richard Rosinski	Reading Fishing Club	8	12	8
Phil Allen	Reading Civil Service	8	4	0
Pete Godfrey	TRBLAS	8	1	0
Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	7	15	0
Steve Palmer	Reading Fishing Club	7	14	0
Dave Ward	Individual	7	4	8
Pete Leek	Pang & Whitchurch	6	13	0
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	5	14	0
George Callaghan	YOTAC/21 Club	5	13	0
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	5	0	0
Paul Leek	Pang & Whitchurch	4	10	0
Luke Wilcox	Individual	4	10	0
Eddie Cichocki	YOTAC/21 Club	4	6	0
Richard Dearlove	TRBLAS	4	1	0
Tom Murrell	Individual	3	14	0

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE POINTS TROPHY

Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	20	Points
Phil Allen	Reading Civil Service	16	Points
Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	16	Points
Steve Palmer	Reading Fishing Club	14	Points
Richard Rosinski	Reading Fishing Club	14	Points
Pete Godfrey	TRBLAS	12	Points
Eddie Cichocki	YOTAC/21 Club	10	Points
Mike Dalziel	Individual	10	Points
Alan Hughes	YOTAC/21 Club	10	Points
Paul Leek	Pang & Whitchurch	10	Points
Duncan Bales	YOTAC/21 Club	8	Points
Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	8	Points
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	8	Points
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	6	Points
Pete Leek	Pang & Whitchurch	6	Points
Dave Ward	Individual	6	Points
Ian Claridge	YOTAC/21 Club	4	Points

A big thank you goes to Andy Chapman and Richard Dearlove for assisting me in checking and clearing the pegs on these venues prior to the Match and to Andy Chapman for assisting me in pegging these venues on the Saturday before the Match.

A big thank you also goes 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 the Jolly Anglers Association to allow us to use their Venue for this Match.

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Tuesday 4th
The Tuesday Club were on Willmott's. Fifteen anglers weighed in a combined weight of 678lb 8oz. Winner on the day was Martin Oliver with a weight of 85lb 5oz, 2nd was Dave Wood with 78lb 10oz and 3rd with 68lb 6oz was Tony Holdsworth.

Sunday 9th
Sundial were on Cottage Lane Lake 2. The total weight on the day was 32lb 12oz. The winner had 15lb 14oz, 2nd was 13lb 4oz and 3rd was 2lb 10oz.

Tuesday 11th
The Tuesday Club ventured on to the River Thames at Southstoke. Ten anglers were out for this match and they returned a combined weight of 37lb 2oz. Winner on the day was Steve Pack with a very respectable weight of 8lb 1oz despite the conditions. Steve fished a ground bait feeder filled with hemp and caster, with sweetcorn on the hook and I am informed he caught quality roach on this method. Runner up on the day was Richard Rosinski with 7lb 2oz and 3rd was Martin Oliver with 6lb 9oz.

Sunday 16th
Newtown were on Wallingford B. Nine anglers returned a combined weight of 30lb 13oz. Winner on the day was Terry Smith with 8lb 5oz. Terry fished the whip and caught small silvers on maggot. Coming in 2nd was Richard Herman with 4lb 5oz with a bag of roach and perch, 3rd was Alan Powell who also had roach and perch for 4lb.

Reading Fishing Club were on Cottage Lane Lake 2. Richard Rosinski led the way for this match with 15lb 9oz made up of tench, bream and small silvers. Second and third place was extremely close with just 2oz separating Martin Oliver and Steve Palmer, with Martin taking 2nd with 11lb 4oz and Steve settling for 3rd with 11lb 2oz.

Sunday 30th
Tilehurst RBL were on Wallingford B. Yours truly won this match with 17lb 13oz of mainly roach with a few chublets and dace. The first half of the match I fished the bolo over groundbait with corn or caster on the hook for mostly chublets and dace. Very few roach on this method so I changed to fishing the waggler, and feeding hemp and using hemp on the hook. This change brought the swim alive with decent roach for the next 2 hours however, the last half hour the roach stopped feeding and I only added a few dace at the end. Runner up on the day was Andy Woolsey with 9lb 13oz. Andy started on the pole line over groundbait but the going was slow so he switched to feeder fishing the far side of the river and caught mainly perch and chublets. Third on the day was the bionic bleaker Pete Godfrey with 8lb 11oz and you guessed it, all bleak.