

Reading & District Angling Association

Match Scene 7 November - 4 December 2023



RIVER LODDON UNFORGIVING

Not many matches to report on this month as the weather has taken its toll with most river matches cancelled. A small club, Sundial, rarely gets a match report here as the returns often come in just after this is published. They probably won't thank me for this one but on Sunday 12 November two brave souls decided to travel the long distance from Outer London to fulfill their fixture at Whistley Mill on the rarely match fished River Loddon. Unfortunately, the river was fast flowing, and coloured after heavy rain, to make the fishing extremely hard and both anglers failed to contact a fish. Well done for trying.

MATCHES AT FROXFIELD START TO RAMP UP

November traditionally sees clubs and anglers switching from rivers to canals for their sport and, with the recent downpours we have endured, you can see why. After RDAA moved their match to Froxfield on 5 November and the successful catches recorded, Newtown were looking forward to their match there on Sunday 19 November. Unfortunately, the venue did not match the weights of the previous match but nevertheless the 14 anglers that turned out managed to weigh in 29lbs 5ozs between them. Terry Smith led the way to win with a healthy 11lbs – very respectable – and Stewart Howe's second place with 6lbs 11ozs is also a good day's fishing. Dermot Murphy's 3lbs 13ozs managed to grab third place which left the other 11 anglers scratching around for bites for the other 8lbs odd between them.

WILLMOTT'S CONTINUES TO SHINE

After a three week break the Tuesday Club veterans went for some arm strengthening action with the carp at Willmott's Pool on Tuesday 21 November. This time 12 turned up for the exercise and it was John Nichols who prevailed with 60lbs 4ozs, to continue his good run of form. John Ambrose was second with 52lbs 8ozs so only a couple of fish between them. The total weight of 360lbs is about par for the course at this time of year.

WILLMOTT'S FEELS THE COLD

A quick return to Willmott's by the Tuesday Club saw a very different venue on Tuesday 28 November. The first frost and colder air certainly dampened the enthusiasm of the fish, and this also seems to influence the anglers too. as only 8 turned out to record a total weight of 112lbs. The honours went to Paul Leek who managed to weigh 34lbs, and the consistently good form from John Nichols saw him come second with just 24lbs 12ozs. Once the fish get used to the colder water, the weights should return to normal.

RDAA CHRISTMAS MATCH

On Sunday 3 December 23 anglers turned out for the RDAA match at Froxfield for the Ron Want Cup and Ron Want Shield. This is also the Christmas match and there were traditional prizes for the top three individuals and section winners. After the poor weather endured during November, it was mild, although the day was interspersed with rain as has been the norm over autumn. The total weight was a healthy 77lbs 4ozs and only three anglers failed to weigh in. RDAA Junior Coach Gordon McGee was a popular winner with 10lbs 15ozs. Fishing at the bottom of the straight on Froxfield "A", (Wides), Section. Gordon banked a Perch of 1-0-0, a Bream of 3-0-0 along with Skimmer Bream using groundbait feeder tactics, feeding groundbait, with double pinkie on the hook. Paul Leek, proving that he can adapt to the canal after his win at Willmott's midweek, was second overall. Fishing the second peg above the overhead power lines on the "Short Pound" on Froxfield "A" Section. Paul banked mainly Skimmer Bream to 2-0-0 using pole tactics, feeding pinkie, and chopped worm and caster, with single red maggot, pinkie or worm on the hook to record a weight of 7lbs 3ozs. George Callaghan, also pegged on the wides of Froxfield A section, came third with 6lbs 7ozs. The other section winners were Geoff Eley and Tony Franklin who both weighed 4lbs 8ozs in their section and Tony Tibble on the not so good downstream of the Road Bridge area with 2lbs 6ozs.

The Club Championship still sees TRBLAS at the top with 93lbs 8ozs 8drms from YTAC/21Club on 83lbs 0ozs 4drms. Reading Civil Service are in third with 53lbs 12ozs 8drms and Excelsior are fourth with 34lbs 10ozs 8drms. Reading Fishing Club continued to disappoint in fifth with 19lbs 1oz 8drms followed by Prestcold 10lbs 15ozs, King Heron 7lbs 4ozs, Pangbourne & Whitchurch with 7lbs 3ozs and finally Newtown with 1lb 15ozs 8drms.

See next page for Individual tables.

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE WEIGHT TROPHY

Phil Allen	Reading Civil Service	29	13	8
Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	25	9	8
Alan Hughes	YOTAC/21 Club	21	10	8
Gordon McGee	Reading Civil Service	19	14	0
Tony Tibble	TRBLAS	15	15	0
Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	14	12	0
Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	14	6	8
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	13	3	8
Richard Rosinski	Reading Fishing Club	12	11	8
Steve O'Keefe	TRBLAS	12	6	0
Duncan Bales	YOTAC/21 Club	12	4	0
Justin Mabere	Individual	12	4	0
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	11	10	4
George Callaghan	YOTAC/21 Club	10	7	0
John Monaighan	TRBLAS	10	0	0
Dave Clarke	Excelsior	9	1	0
Peter Godfrey	TRBLAS	7	8	8
Geoff Eley	Prestcold	7	8	0
Tony Franklin	King Heron	7	4	0
Paul Leek	Pang & Whitchurch	7	3	0

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE PTS TROPHY

Phil Allen	Reading Civil Service	40 Pts
Martin Hutchins	Excelsior	38 Pts
Tony Tibble	TRBLAS	38 Pts
Alan Hughes	YOTAC/21 Club	32 Pts
Steve O'Keefe	TRBLAS	30 Pts
Richard Rosinski	Reading Fishing Club	28 Pts
Mick Donohoe	YOTAC/21 Club	26 Pts
Fred Jones	TRBLAS	26 Pts
Gordon McGee	Reading Civil Service	24 Pts
Rob Stephens	YOTAC/21 Club	24 Pts
Justin Mabere	Individual	20 Pts
Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	18 Pts
Spencer Couzens	TRBLAS	18 Pts
Geoff Eley	Prestcold	18 Pts
Tony Franklin	King Heron	18 Pts
Peter Godfrey	TRBLAS	18 Pts
Graham Hawkins	Prestcold	18 Pts
John Monaighan	TRBLAS	18 Pts
Duncan Bales	YOTAC/21 Club	16 Pts
George Callaghan	YOTAC/21 Club	16 Pts

Once again it will be good to see old and new anglers at the next RDAA matches. On Saturday 30 December is the RDAA Open Match at Froxfield. Always a good match to get fresh air after the festivities (book in direct with Mike Sheasby), and the next regular points match is on Sunday 7 January 2024 also on the canal at Froxfield, book through your affiliated club or Mike Sheasby. Merry Christmas from the EC.