

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

Sunday 26th July 2020

R & D.A.A. Additional Match

(River Kennet: Upper Benyons "A" and Lower Benyons "Yellow" & "Blue" 16 Pegs)

Sixteen Anglers were booked in for this match with no pegs remaining in the draw bag. The match day weather was mainly overcast with some heavy rain showers at times and occasional sunny spells, cool and with a strong wind blowing. The River Kennet had a good colour and was flowing strongly due to heavy rain on the Saturday before the Match. The River had risen by at least six inches overnight making conditions difficult on the day of the Match. It was encouraging to see the number of small Barbel being caught on the day.

Total match weight on the day was 26lbs 1ozs 0drms, (at an average weight of 11lbs 10ozs per Angler), there were seven dry nets on the day

Many thanks to all those that turned out on the day and thanks also goes to Alan Hughes and Graham Hawkins for assisting me at the draw.

Overall Winners:

The Match was won by Rdaa chairman Graham Hawkins fishing for Prestcold AC. Fishing on the "high bank" on Lower Benyons "Yellow" section, Graham banked two Barbel of 5-12-0 & 4-14-0 and bits, during the course of the Match. Fishing stick float tactics and maggot feeder tactics for the Barbel, with four red maggots on the hook, over hemp, caster and maggot feed, to record a weight of 10-15-0.

Andy Chapman of TRBLAS was second overall. Also fishing on the "high bank" on Lower Benyons "Yellow" section, Andy banked three small Barbel to 0-12-0 along with bits during the course of the Match. Fishing stick float tactics, with single and double red maggot on the hook, over hemp, caster and maggot feed, to record a weight of 4-1-0.

Overall Money Winners:

1st	Graham Hawkins	Prestcold AC	10lbs	15ozs	0drms	Lower Benyons "Yellow"	Barbel + Bits.
2nd	Andy Chapman	TRBLAS	4lbs	1ozs	0drms	Lower Benyons "Yellow"	Barbel + Bits.

Section Money Winners:

"A" Section	Upper Benyons "A"	1st	Fred Jones	Courage	0lbs	5ozs	0drms
		2nd	John Jackson	Courage	0lbs	2ozs	0drms
"B" Section	Lower Benyons "Yellow" & "Blue"	1st	Rob Stephens	Yotac/21 Club	3lbs	4ozs	0drms
		2nd	John Monaighan	TRBLAS	2lbs	10ozs	0drms

Total Section Weights:

"A" Section	Upper Benyons "A"	0lbs	7ozs	0drms
"B" Section	Lower Benyons "Yellow" & "Blue"	25lbs	10ozs	0drms

A very big thank you goes to Andy Chapman, Fred Jones and Steve O'Keefe for reinstating the pegs on Upper and Lower Benyons suitable for Match Fishing. These venues had not been match fished for many years and required many hours of work to reinstate them. Thanks must also go to Piers Kernaghan for attending on the day to serve bacon rolls and tea and coffee at the Match Hut in the morning.

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