

Angling 1966.

SECOND WIN FOR DORCHESTER CLUB CHAIRMAN

SECOND eliminator in Dorchester and District Angling Society's search for a representative to fish in Southern Television's Champion of Champions' competition resulted in a second win for club chairman Ted Flatters

Fishing against the other two contenders—Geoff Humphries and Stan Strange—in warm weather at Childe Okeford he weighed in the heaviest of three small catches.

There was a better result to the first of the club's Rover matches held at Childe Okeford.

KEPT FISH INTERESTED

Heaviest catch was recorded by Derek Pride, who bagged just over 5lb. of roach and dace from a stretch of water near the Mill Pond. Using maggot as bait and very fine tackle he kept the fish interested with occasional handfuls of maggots.

Second in the competition was Ken Barsby with 2lb. 7oz. and third was Barry Strange with 1lb. 10oz.

Altogether 26 members fished the competition and the total weight of fish caught was 20lb. 3oz.

COULD BECOME A REWARDING SPOT

Milton Abbey lake has been providing some good catches lately, including one or two carp and good bags of roach. Two perch over the one pound mark also fell to club member Eric Bird. With a further weed clearance operation planned on July 9 the lake could become a rewarding spot.

DORCHESTER ANGLERS BEAT WAREHAM

DORCHESTER and District Angling Society scored only their second win in the ten matches fished against the Wareham Angling Club over the past four years when they met at Holme Bridge, East Stoke.

The Dorchester club weighed in a total of 18lb. 4oz. of fish, mainly roach and dace, compared with Wareham's 14lb. 11oz. 8dr.

Top individual weight went to Dorchester's D. Pride with 6lb. 6oz. and his junior clubmate N. Ryan was second in the individual placings with 3lb. 8oz.

Third and fourth places went to M. Bains and A. Peters, of Wareham, with 3lb. 2oz. and 2lb. 10oz. 8dr. respectively.

Twenty anglers took part in the match and 17 weighed in fish despite adverse conditions with the water low and clear.

Upstream anglers take the honours

COMPETITORS pegged above Wool Bridge took the honours when the Dorchester and District Angling Society held its Jeffrey Trophy match on the River Frome at Wool.

The first four places went to anglers lucky enough to draw the swims above the Bridge while members pegged downstream had great difficulty in finding fish in the low, clear river.

Winner of the trophy was Mr. N. Ryan with a catch of 6lb. 12oz. 1dr., which included a roach of 12oz. 9dr. Second was Mr. E. Sherwood with 5lb. 5oz. 2dr., Mr. G. Smallwood was third with 4lb. 14oz. 3dr., and fourth was Mr. K. Seviour with 2lb. 7oz. 8dr., including a 12oz. 11dr. roach.

GOOD DACE

Just over half of the 22 members competing weighed in fish and the total weight caught was 25lb. 15oz. 7dr. The catch consisted mainly of grayling with two good dace being landed by D. Pride (8oz. 2dr.) and A. Thomas (7oz. 13dr.).

Leading positions in the club's points league are: 1. D. Moody (47); 2. D. Pride (41); 3. N. Ryan (39); 4. E. Sherwood (39); 5. B. Strange (38).

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RIVER IN POOR CONDITION FOR COMPETITION FISHING

DORCHESTER and District Angling Society's first match of the season found the river at Childe Okeford in poor condition for competition and the 19 anglers weighed in only 20lb. 4oz. of fish.

A chub of 2lb. 2oz. 8dr. proved a valuable catch for John Hill, making up most of his total weight of 2lb. 9oz. 12dr., which won him the match.

Second place went to Derek Pride, with a total of 2lb. 8oz. 10dr., which included a 13oz. 1dr. perch and Stan Strange was third with 1lb. 11oz. 1dr.

Other best specimens landed were a 14oz. 8dr. perch which fell to Roy Sibley and a 11oz. 7dr. roach caught by match secretary Eric Sherwood.

The club's next competition is for the Ladies' Rose Bowl at Milton Abbas on July 19. The junior Gaunt Cup match will be fished at the same time.

First match 'jackpot' for Sam Bebbington

YEOVIL angler Sam Bebbington, manager of a sports shop in the Somerset town, really hit the jackpot when he fished his first match with the Dorchester and District Angling Society since joining the club.

Drawing the first peg above Wool Bridge on the club's stretch of the River Frome, he found himself with a swim full of dace and landed 18lb. 3oz. 8dr. of them to win the Scuffel Cup and first prize in the Christmas Fare competition.

His fine catch—the highest recorded in a Dorchester club match for a number of years—was nearly half the total caught by the 28 members who took part in the match.

Among the fish caught were two good roach, one of 1lb. 15oz. 3dr. by Derek Pride, and another of 1lb. 4oz. 12dr. by John Crackle. The two best dace, each weighing 10oz. 12dr., fell to Mr. Bebbington and Fred Murray.

The first four placings in the match were: 1. S. Bebbington (18lb. 3oz. 8dr.); 2. F. Murray (3lb. 12oz. 8dr.); 3. D. Pride (2lb. 13oz. 2dr.); 4. P. Murray (1lb. 10oz. 11dr.).

Prizewinners in the Christmas competition were: 1. S. Bebbington,

sherry; 2. F. Murray, groceries; 3. D. Pride, chicken; 4. P. Murray, vacuum flask; 5. D. Moxom, Guinness; 6. J. Crackle, chocolates; 7. J. Hill, mints; 8. N. Ryan, wine; 9. G. Gilbert, Anglers Mail diary; 10. E. Sherwood, cocktail biscuits.

Points league to date: D. Pride 78; F. Murray 74; S. Strange 65; J. Hill 62; E. Sherwood 62; D. Moxom 60; G. Smallwood 56; R. Sibley 55; N. Ryan 49.

Dorchester Angling Society

Aug. 1940.

'Home' win for first time in five years

JUST 1 ounce 9 drams separated the two teams when Dorchester and District Angling Society were hosts to a team from the Wareham Club in a match fished on the River Stour at Childe Okeford.

Dorchester weighed in 15lb. 9oz. 3dr. compared with Wareham's 15lb. 7oz. 8dr. to win for the first time in five years on their own water.

With the water very low, weedy and coloured, all the anglers did well to catch fish, with one or two good chub and perch among the bags of small roach and gudgeon.

Individual weights were: C. Anderson (Wareham), 2lb. 12oz. 7dr.; D. Barnes (Wareham), 2lb. 3dr.; K. Sevier (Dorchester), 2lb. 12oz. 8dr.; D. Young (Dorchester), 2lb. 3oz. 7dr.

The Dorchester club's second year match at Childe Okeford resulted in a win for P. Murray with a total weight of 2lb. 12oz. 12dr. Young was R. Christopher and D. Barnes, third

was S. Strange, with 1lb. 14oz. 2dr., and fourth place went to E. Sherwood with 1lb. 10oz. 3dr.

Maggot bait lured a pike of 4lb for Mr. Derek Pride, but unfortunately for him these fish do not count in club matches.

The position in the club's points league is: 1, S. Strange (36); 2, D. Pride (33); 3, E. Sherwood (32); 4, R. Sibley (31); 5, J. Hill (30).

10.12.40. Anglers have chilly day

FOLLOWING one postponement because of flooding, members of Dorchester and District Angling Society made a second attempt to hold their Bastick Cup match on the River Stour at Blandford St. Mary.

But by the end of the day most of the 25 anglers who competed must have wished they hadn't bothered.

In conditions that were far from ideal—the river was very high, fast and coloured, and a chilly breeze blew for most of the day—very few sizeable fish were caught.

Club chairman Gavin Gilbert had top weight with a mere 1lb. 6oz. 3dr. and was the only angler to top the 1lb. mark. Second was Derek Pride with 11oz. 12dr. John Hill was third was 9oz. 8dr., and Reg Welch fourth with 6oz. 11dr. The total weight caught was only 4lb. 4oz. 8dr.

Catches were mainly of small roach, dace and gudgeon.

Positions in the Points League are: S. Strange, 65; D. Pride, 60; F. Murray, 55; E. Sherwood, 51; G. Smallwood, 49; J. Hill, 48; R. Sibley, 45; D. Moxom, 44. ing. from S. Straw

Oct 25, 1940

Derek lands giant pike —but it doesn't count!

DEREK PRIDE, of Dorchester, landed the biggest fish—a pike of over 10lb.—when members of the town's Angling Society were entertained to a 10-a-side match by the Wareham club at Holme Bridge.

But pike don't count in matches and Derek's feat of landing the fish on a tiny No. 16 hook and 3lb. breaking strain line was to no avail. Wareham weighed in a total of 20lb. 9oz. to beat the Dorchester team by 6lb. 3oz. 8dr.

Top individual weight was caught by Dorchester's R. Sibley with 6lb. 8oz. J. Crackel, of Wareham, was second with 5lb. 15oz., and P. Chinery, also of Wareham, was third with 3lb. 12oz. Fourth place in the individual ratings went to E. Sherwood, of Dorchester, with 3lb. 10oz.

High winds made conditions difficult for the anglers and there were few good bags. Dace was the most common fish caught and there was one or two good grayling and roach.

9.1.42. 13oz. catch wins trophy

RECENT rain made the River Stour at Child Okeford fast and coloured when 25 members of Dorchester and District Angling Society competed in the Chairman's Cup match and catches were low.

The match gave John Crackle his first club trophy win with a total weight of 13oz. 11dr. Second with 11oz. 2dr. was R. Sibley, third with 10oz. 3dr. was N. Ryan and E. Smith was fourth with 9oz. 15dr.

Few sizeable fish were caught, but only two anglers failed to weigh in something.

As a result of the match, Derek Pride won the club's Points Cup for the second year in succession. Runner-up was R. Christopher and

10 Jan, 1941

Eric hooks another award

DORCHESTER Angling Society match secretary, Mr. Eric Sherwood, recently given the B.E.M. in the New Year's Honours list, added another award to his collection when he landed top weight in the Society's Chairman's Cup match.

All but two of the 22 anglers competing in the match at Childe Okeford weighed in fish, but Mr. Sherwood's catch of 3lb. 7oz. 13dr. topped the lot.

Second place went to Mr. G. Ellison (3lb. 1oz.), with Mr. A. Ford (2lb. 6oz. 10dr.) third, and junior member S. Smith (2lb.) fourth.

The match was the last to count in the Points Cup, and although he did not figure in the leading weights, Mr. D. Pride's catch was enough to land him the trophy—the first he has won during his 12 years' membership of the club.

Runner-up for the Points Cup with 82 points—ten less than the winner—was Mr. Sherwood, with Mr. F. Murray (79pts.) in third place and Mr. S. Strange (72pts.) in fourth.

JUNIOR WINNER

N. Ryan won the Junior Points Shield with 61pts. and P. Murray was runner-up with 40pts. Third and fourth positions went to S. Smith (24pts.) and D. Moody (23pts.).

The Society's next contest is for the Britton Handicap Cup, and will be fished at Blandford St. Mary on January 24.

Leading contenders for the Society's specimen fish awards are: Roach, D. Pride (1lb. 15oz. 3dr.); dace, F. Murray and S. Bebbington (10oz. 12dr.); chub, J. Hill (2lb. 2oz. 8dr.); perch, R. Sibley (14oz. 8dr.).

Lean time for river anglers

THE 27 members of Dorchester and District Angling Society who competed in the Bastick Cup match at Wool had a lean time with a total catch of less than 6lb.

But one happy angler was Mr. Joe Mercer, whose catch, consisting mainly of dace, tipped the scales at 2lb. 14oz., to win him his first trophy since joining the club.

A few grayling were also caught but conditions were not good with the clear river near bank level and running fast.

Result: 1, Joe Mercer; 2, Eric Sherwood (10oz. 5dr.); 3, Maurice Read (10oz. 2dr.); 4, Adrian Clarke (8oz. 9dr.).

Points League to date: Fred Murray (66); Dave Moxom (66); Terry Greenman (57); Andrew Jackson (56).

The society's next match is for the Scuffell Cup at Wool on December 4.

Young wins Scuffell Cup

THE Dorchester and District Angling Society recently held their Christmas match at Wool for the Scuffell Cup.

The river was high and coloured because of overnight rain. Twenty-seven members fished, and between them landed nearly 8lb. of fish.

Although only a few fish were caught, several were of good weight. A roach over 2lb. was caught by Des Young, which not only won him the cup, but also takes him to front place for the roach cup.

Two other roach over the 1lb. mark were caught by Eddie Stevens and Tony Ford. David Moxom's fourth place takes him to first place in the points cup.

Results: 1, Des Young 2lb. 1oz. 3dr.; 2, Tony Ford 1lb. 11oz. 6dr.; 3, Eddie Stevens 1lb. 1oz. 5dr.; 4, David Moxom 1lb. 0oz. 8dr.

Specimen fish: Roach — Des Young 2lb. 1oz. 3dr.; Perch — Tony Ford 1lb. 4oz. 11dr.; Grayling — Harold Gill 1lb. 6oz. 4dr.; Dace — Andrew Jackson 9oz.; Chub — Derek Pride 14oz. 13dr.

Points league to date: David Moxom 83, Andrew Jackson 71; Fred Murray 66, Terry Greenman 57.

The next match is for the President's Cup, on Sunday, January 8, at Child Okeford.

Stour is in need of more fish stocks

THE effect of last July's pollution on the River Stour at Child Okeford and the need for restocking was felt by members of Dorchester and District Angling Society who competed in their President's Cup match.

Although the river was in prime condition and the mild, dull day with no wind was ideal, the 26 anglers caught only 12lb. of fish.

"Such a poor weight with only a few gudgeon and roach among the fish caught shows how badly the river fared from the pollution," said match secretary Mr. Eric Sherwood.

Mr. Sherwood landed two chub, the best weighing 2lb. 12oz. 6dr., for a total weight of 3lb. 13oz. 6dr., which proved good enough to win the trophy.

Junior Paul Smith, 1lb. 14oz. 4dr., was second, Ken Seviour, with 1lb. 8oz., was third, and Joe Mercer was fourth with 1lb. 2oz. 2dr.

Perch featured in most catches with a few chub and dace.

Although Dave Moxom had a blank day, the 83 points he had from previous matches was enough to ward off the challenge from Andrew Jackson and win him the Senior Points Cup. The Junior Points Shield was won by David Collins.

Pollution effects still evident

THE effect of last year's pollution of the River Stour at Child Okeford was again felt by members of Dorchester and District Angling Society who competed in their last competition of the season for the Britton Handicap Cup.

Cold weather kept the entry down to 16 members and only one fish was caught — a 1lb. 4oz. chub landed by Ken Seviour.

Not one gudgeon or minnow was caught and the complete lack of small fish — something which has never happened before in a club match — was one result of the pollution.

The club's complete list of trophy winners for the 1977-78 season is: First Rover match — Derek Pride; Second Rover match — Colin Goddard; Aldermaston Cup — Derek Pride; Gaunt Cup — David Collins; Ladies Rosebowl — Pat Williams; Chairman's Cup — Tony Ford; Jeffery Trophy — Fred Murray; Scuffell Cup — Des Young; Bastick Cup — Joe Mercer; President's Cup — Eric Sherwood; Handicap Cup — Ken Seviour; Points Cup — David Moxom; Junior Points Shield — David Collins.

Trophies for specimen fish caught during matches will go to: Des Young (Roach Cup); Harold Gill (Grayling Shield); Andrew Jackson (Dace Shield); Tony Ford (Perch Shield); and Eric Sherwood (Chub Shield).

Senior Points Cup final positions: 1, D. Moxom (83); 2, A. Jackson (81); 3, E. Sherwood (71); 4, T. Greenman (69).

Junior Points Shield: 1, D. Collins (60); 2, P. Smith (32); 3, C. Goddard (28).

Specimen fish to date: Harold Gill (grayling), 1lb. 6oz. 4dr.; Andrew Jackson (dace), 9oz.; Des Young (roach), 2lb. 1oz. 3dr.; Eric Sherwood (chub), 2lb. 12oz. 6dr.; Tony Ford (perch), 1lb. 4oz. 11dr.

The Society's next match is for the Britton Handicap Cup at Child Okeford on February 12.

Angling match at Child Okeford

THE Dorchester and District Angling Society first Rover match was held at Child Okeford and 32 members entered.

They weighed in more than 31lb., good size roach, perch and dace were taken along all stretches of the river. The river was running high, slightly coloured and the weather was cold.

1st Derek Pride 4lb. 0oz. 6dr.; 2nd Fred Murray 2lb. 15oz. 4dr.; 3rd Dave Moxom 2lb. 9oz. 2dr.

Best Roach 12oz. 12dr. — Alan Rendall; best Chub 14oz. 14dr.—Derek Pride; best Perch 12oz. 7dr.—Fred Murray.

Next match — Ladies' Rose Bowl — July 4 — draw 1.15 p.m. Sunday, fishing 2—5 p.m.

Pat has best catch

THE Dorchester and District Angling Society's Ladies Rose Bowl competition was fished at Child Okeford. Nine entered for the match, and all weighed in fish.

Nearly eight pounds were caught, the best fish being a perch of 12oz. 9dr., landed by Pat Williams in her winning weight of 1-10-6.

Jill Rendall and Muriel Strange each had some good-sized fish, and Sally Stewart, the youngest contestant, caught five species — perch, dace, gudgeon, roach and chubb.

Results: 1, Pat Williams, 1-10-6; 2, Muriel Strange, 1-7-0; 3, Jill Rendall, 1-6-12; 4, Sally Stewart, 1-0-4.

Next match: 2nd Rover—Child Okeford, July 17.

The river of dead fish

FOR Dorchester Angling Club match secretary Mr. Eric Sherwood, July 17 was the saddest day in his angling life.

Mr. Sherwood turned up for the club's second rover match on the River Stour at Child Okeford and was greeted by a sight which every angling enthusiast dreads — hundreds of floating fish killed by pollution.

"There were hundreds of roach and perch well over the 1lb. mark, chub over three pounds and pike well over the double figure mark, lying belly upwards," said Mr. Sherwood.

"The reason why only the larger fish were seen was obvious when one saw the state of the footbridge across the river. It was covered with bird droppings.

"This was clearly used as a perch for gulls and other birds who devoured the hundreds of smaller fish as they came to the surface to die."

Dorchester club treasurer, Mr. Derek Pride, had been fishing at Child Okeford two days earlier when he saw the first of the dead fish, and reported it to the Wessex Water Board.

As a result of the pollution the match, usually one of the most productive in the Society's programme with an average total catch of about 40 for 30 anglers, saw 32 members weigh in

sizeable standard.

Result: 1, Colin Godard (11oz. 1dr.); 2, Terry Greenman (10oz. 11dr.); 3, Stan Strange (10oz. 5dr.); 4, John Smith (8oz. 3dr.).

The next match is the Gaunt Cup for Juniors at Child Okeford on August 7.

Perch return to dirty waters

POLLUTION meant that when Dorchester and District Angling Society fished at Child Okeford in July, 30 anglers caught only 4½lb. of fish; but 29 members taking part in their latest match there hooked 30lb.

The difference is that the water became polluted just days before their match on July 17. Their Chairman's Cup match was the first fished there since then.

Match secretary Mr. E. S. Sherwood said: "On the surface it would appear that the river has recovered somewhat, but most of the fish of any weight were perch."

Perch are not particularly fussy about where they live. Mr. Sherwood noticed that fish that like very clean water were still absent—chubb and few gudgeon were caught.

The best fish from the five and a half hour cup match was a perch weighing 1lb. 4oz. 11 dram, caught by Mr. Tony Ford. It may be good enough to win the club's shield for the species.

Mr. Ford also won the match with a weight of 5lb. 10oz. 3 dram, second was D. Moxom with 2-4-2, third Andrew Jackson with 2-2-3.

Good start to angling season

THE FIRST of Dorchester Angling Society's three matches on the River Frome at Wool provided a good start to the season with a total catch of over 38lb.

The match, for the Jeffery Trophy, also produced some good specimen fish. Among them were a grayling of 1lb. 6oz. 4dr. for Harold Gill, a 1lb. 6oz. 8dr. roach for Bert Butler and a 9oz. dace for Andrew Jackson. All three fish put their captors in line for the Society's specimen fish trophies.

Winner of the match, which attracted 36 competitors, was Fred Murray, who achieved a long ambition to collect the trophy with his catch of 4lb. 11oz. 10dr. He also took the lead in the Society's Points Cup competition.

Many of the normally good swims at Wool

were too weedy to peg and the match secretary Eric Sherwood had difficulty finding enough places. As had so often been the case in past years the best weights were caught on the stretch above Wool Manor Bridge.

Result: 1, Fred Murray; 2, Mike Park (4lb. 1dr.); 3, John Smith (3lb. 14oz. 8dr.); 4, Ron Burton (3lb. 9oz. 15dr.). Points Cup positions: 1, Fred Murray (60); 2, Andrew Jackson (56); 3, David Moxom (51); 4, John Smith (44).

FISHING MATCH CALLED OFF

MEMBERS of Dorchester and District Angling Society abandoned a fishing match on the River Frome at Wool at the weekend for the first time in memory.

Freezing winds which whipped up nine inch waves on the river made it almost impossible for the 27 competing anglers to keep their lines in the water.

To add insult to injury, no one caught a single fish in the first hour of the match. So, after river bank consultations everyone decided the best course was to pack up and go home.

Now the match for the Society's Scuffell Cup will be held on Sunday.