

Only two catches out of 23

DORCHESTER and District Angling Society's last match of the season saw only two of the 23 competitors with fish to weigh in.

The winner with five perch weighing 2lb. 4oz. 2dr. was Gordon Smallwood, who collected the Britton Handicap Cup.

Terry Greenman's single fish weighing 1lb. 2oz. 13dr. put him in second place.

Cup and trophy winners for the season:

First Rover, John Smith; Second Rover, John Smith; Aldermaston Cup, John Smith; Rose Bowl, Pat Collins; Gaunt Cup, Michael Clarke; Chairman's Cup, Terry Greenman; Jeffery Trophy, Stan Strange.

Bastick Cup, Bob Pitt; Scuffel Cup, David Collins; President's Cup, Stan Strange; Handicap Cup, Gordon Smallwood; Roach Cup, David Collins.

Junior Roach Shield, David Collins; Junior Points Shield, David Collins; Dace Shield, Stan Strange; Grayling Shield, Maurice Read; Chub Shield, Stan Strange; Perch Shield, Terry Greenman; Points Cup, David Moxom.

Anglers caught out!

IN spite of ideal conditions, Dorchester and District Angling Society had a disappointing catch at their Christmas Match.

The match was fished at Wool with 23 members taking part, catching only 6½lb. most of the anglers who caught anything had to make do with a single dace, grayling or gudgeon.

To cap it all, heavy rain started falling halfway through the afternoon.

Results were: David Collins, 1lb. 6oz. 8 dram; David Moxom, 1lb. 5oz. 3 dram; Laurec Collins, 1lb. 3oz. 3 dram.

Points in the league so far: D. Moxom 102; T. Greenman 73; A. Rendall 69; T. Clarke 64.

The Society's next match is the President's Cup at Child Okeford on January 7, 1979.

Open day roach spree

DORCHESTER and district anglers' first roving match at Child Okeford on opening day produced some good quality roach over the 1lb mark.

Derek Pride took first place with 7lb 10oz of roach. Second was George Luck with 5lb of roach and one eel. George's luck was not in.

Fishing the weedy bridge peg with an eight metre pole, he lost some large fish plus about five good eels and a pike of about 6lb. Dave Moxom was third with 4lb 10oz.

Maurice Read and Paul Cady tied for fourth place with 3lb 15oz.

Paul weighed a roach of 1lb 15oz. The total weight was 45lb.

Next match is a pairs match at Breech Pond on 7th July.

One - ounce fish clinches trophy

A ONE-OUNCE dace caught by Dorchester team captain Alan Rendall clinched the Victor Kendall Memorial Trophy for his team in the second leg of their angling match against the Wareham club.

Dorchester led by 119 points to 90 after the first leg, but Wareham looked to have reversed the positions when they took first and second places in the second leg through P. Dominey and M. Wintle.

Then along came Rendall with his little dace to be the only other angler in the 20 taking part with anything to weigh in. He took third place in the match which was fished on the River Frome

below Wareham Bridge. Dorchester finished with a winning margin of 137 points to 129.

The Dorchester club's Bastick Cup match at Wool attracted 28 competitors and although conditions were poor with a low, weedy river and gale force winds, 18 members weighed in fish totalling 15lb. The winner was Bob Pitt, whose bag of 4lb. 13oz. included a dace of 10oz. In second place with 2lb. 5oz. 2dr. was Ken Seviour; Eric Smith's 2lb. 2oz. 6dr. put him in third position, and Pete Wem was fourth with 1lb. 1oz. 7dr.

Points league positions are now: 1. D. Moxom (69); 2. T. Greenman (61); 3. A. Rendall (46);

POLLUTION KILLS 1,000 STOUR FISH

WIDE-SCALE pollution of the River Stour in North Dorset which has killed 1,000 fish was today being investigated by the Wessex Water Authority.

The Authority have taken samples of the dead fish and say they will be taking legal action against farms believed to be responsible for the pollution.

A spokesman said: "The pollution is from silage effluent and farm slurry which has been allowed to run into the local water courses near the river.

"Heavy rain at the beginning of this week then washed the effluent into the river.

Worst hit sections of the river are at Marnhull, Child Okeford and Durweston and the Authority say they are taking immediate steps to mount a cleaning-up operation.

● About 200 dead fish including pike, have been found dead floating in the River Stour near Haywards Bridge, Shillingstone.

Recent flooding reducing the oxygen content of the river, has been blamed by the Wessex Water Board for their deaths.

Fine day for fishing

DORCHESTER and District Angling Society had 25 members fish the second of their Rover matches this season. They caught nearly 27lb. of fish.

With the river at Child Okeford at a good level, perch and dace made up most of the catch. The anglers were also pleased to see roach and gudgeon being caught as these fish have become quite rare since the river was polluted in July last year.

John Smith repeated the performance he gave in the first Rover match to win the second match with 4lb. 14oz. 15 drams and the Aldermaston Cup for the highest aggregate weight in the two contests. His total weight for the two was 8lb.

David Moxom was second in both matches with a total weight of 6½lb. His weight for the second match was 3lb. 12oz. 8 drams. Third place was taken by Mike Park with 2lb. 14oz. 5 drams.

John Smith now tops the club's league with 40 points while David Moxom runs him a close second with 38. Derek Pride and Terry Greenman are tied third with 32 points each.

Dorchester angling

DORCHESTER Angling Society's Gaunt Cup match for juniors at Child Okeford was won by Michael Clarke with a total catch of 1lb. 5oz. 14dr.

His chub of over 1lb. made up more than half of the total weighed in by the seven competitors.

David Collins was second in the match with 6oz. 11dr., Paul Rolls was third with 14dr. and Andrew Hawkins was fourth with 10dr.

Catches were a little better when the Dorchester youngsters fished a match against a team of Wareham juniors, also at Child Okeford.

Wareham won the match by two points and had the highest individual catch of 4lb. 13oz. by C. Burgess, which included a 2lb. 7oz. chub.

Dorchester's top weight was retorded by Paul Smith with 3lb. 8oz. 8dr.

In a Seniors' match on the same day Dorchester's team gained revenge by beating Wareham Seniors by 119 points to 90.

Wareham's P. Wintle had the highest individual catch of 3lb. 9oz. 14dr., and Dave Moxom's 3lb. 6oz. 3dr. was Dorchester's best.

Poor day for river anglers

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 in their opening match of the season.

The 32 competitors weighed in only 26lb. of fish.

Only one or two chub, gudgeon and roach were caught and most of the weight was made up from perch.

Best fish caught were a 10oz. perch landed by Alan Rendal and an 8oz. dace by John Smith.

Winner of the match, with 2lb. 15oz. 10dr., was John Smith. David Moxom was second with 2½lb. 13oz. 8dr.

Maurice Read was third with 2lb. 12oz. 11dr. and fourth was Terry Greenman with 1lb. 14oz.

WIN FOR TERRY GREENMAN

DORCHESTER Angling Society's Chairman's Cup match at Child Okeford was won by Terry Greenman with a total weight of 2lb. 1oz. 12dr.

Best fish of the day—a perch of 11oz. was caught by junior Trevor Stroud and the total weight of just over 18lb. was slightly below average for the 23 members who fished the competition.

Results: 1, T. Greenman; 2, Bert Butler and Lauree Collins (1lb. 15oz. 8dr.); 4, R Long (1lb. 11oz. 11dr.).

Stan's catch tops stone

DESPITE a fresh wind, 32 members of Dorchester and District Angling Society managed to land 53lb. of fish in their Jeffrey Trophy contest on the River Frome at Wool.

The shield went to Stan Strange who had the top weight of 14lb. 7oz., including a 10oz. 5 dram dace.

Junior member Michael Smith weighed in

a grayling of 1lb. 5oz., narrowly beaten by Maurice Read's 1lb. 5oz. 12 dram grayling, which helped him gain second place with 10lb. 6oz. of fish. Third place was taken by the club's match secretary, Eric Sherwood with 4lb. 13oz. 8 dram.

A large number of gudgeon were taken during the match, though there were surprisingly few roach. Junior member Trevor Stroud had a nice 8oz. 10 dram dace during the day.

The position in the club's points league at the moment is: Dave Moxom, 69; Terry Greenman, 61; Alan Randall, 46; Maurice Read, 42.

The best specimen to date are: Grayling, Maurice Read; Dace, Stan Strange; Roach, Trevor Stroud.