

Wantage and Grove Aggregate Trophy - 2019/20



Matches 9 & 10

The last two matches of 2019 were both home matches, match 9 on 3 November should have been held on Swift Ditch but this was not suitable for pegging so the match was moved to Grove Pond. The last match of the aggregate trophy on 17 November was scheduled for Grove Pond anyway.

Match 9

Grove pond (moved from Swift Ditch), 3 November

Another match moved from Swift Ditch at fairly short notice, but a respectable 14 anglers found their way to the pond for the penultimate battle of the season.

Tony Brooker took top honours with 15lb 4oz from the shallower end of the pond on peg 21. **Jim Routledge** continued his fine season with a creditable second place from the deep water ay peg 9, bringing 11lb 6oz to the scales. This nip-and-tuck of points between Jim and Tony kept the tension of the aggregate trophy going all the way to the last match. Third place went to **Ray Rolfe** with 6lb 11oz from peg 13, just 2 ounces ahead of **Danny Dance**.

Match 10

Grove pond, 17 November

As the day of the last aggregate match of the year dawned Jim Routledge was in the lead, but with the possibility of being caught by Tony Brooker. In order for this to happen Tony needed to win and Jim to get fewer than 18 points.

To add a little edge to the match, lady-luck saw Jim and Tony draw next to each other on pegs 19 and 18 respectively.

However, true to form, **Jim Routledge** put in a sterling performance, winning with 18lb 4oz, **Tony Brooker** managed third place with 12lb 1oz.

They were separated on the day by **Phil Mansbridge**, who came second on peg 7 with 12lb 8oz.

The Aggregate trophy

The overall winner was **Jim Routledge** who has been at or near the top of the leader board from day one. As part of his **167 points** he took 3 wins and 4 second places. Congratulations to Jim.

Second place was **Tony Brooker**, who with **161 points** was not far behind, Tony managed 1 win, two second places and 2 thirds in his attempt at the title this year.

Third was **Steve Ferris** with **140 points**.

2020

So, time to clear away the detritus of 2019 and clean the tackle ready for 2020. Keep an eye out on this website for the match calendar which will probably be published in April.

Lastly – if anyone fancies turning their hand to writing a commentary (even if just for one match) please use the contact page to let me know.

Tight lines - Peter