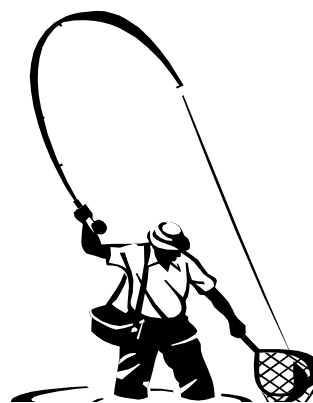


Kingswood Legionnaires

Newsletter

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Welcome legionnaires to the spring edition newsletter. It's fairly safe to say, we can now all look forward to warmer and longer days, balmy nights and some barmy pond fishing. It's that time of year to head on down to any stuffed carp lake for some real arm aching action. It can make a nice change catching fish all day and it kind of cheers you up, gets you high, lifts the spirits and generally makes the world seem a better place. Some even say it's better than sex (they really should get out more!). Make the most of it lads. It's just the fix you need to get you through the rest of the season...know what I'm saying? Ok, let's stop dreaming about the joys of spring and get serious. Here's the news...

Match Results

F.Britton Shield, Feb10th, Kennet & Avon canal

With the river running high and more rain forecast, this combined club and inter club match, with Alcove AC, was switched to the Kennet & Avon canal.

A difficult day saw most anglers struggling for a bite. Nothing unusual there! It was again down to in-form Steve Cooke to produce the goods. Using his new pole he managed to amass 2-8-0 for an easy win over nearest rivals Rich Hill and Bill Croom, who finished joint second with 13 oz each. The Alcove lads were yet again cast aside by the mighty Legionnaires, whose skill and persistence paid off handsomely. Heading home with tail between their legs (after experiencing a 'good seeing to'), the Lido nymphets paltry 5-0-8 was no match for the Legion's 6-2-0.

Legion National Pairs Open, March 10th, river Avon and Kennet & Avon canal, Barton Farm.

Another excellent turn out of Legion members from all over the country confirmed the popularity of this well established event. The river had fined down after the recent heavy rains but the fish were far from settled. Clear water and hungry pike ensured that the fishy residents didn't venture far from cover. Best weight from the river included a predator of around 3lb plus in a bag totaling 4-5-0 for Shirebrook, Notts angler Pete Nussey. Best weight on the canal was put together by Mike Davies of Tilehurst Legion with 6-6-0. Top pair on the day with 71 points was E.Hook and D.Meakin from Melksham. Kingswood's best effort came from Rich Hill and Ray Newton who finished in 7th place thanks to Ray's 2nd position on the canal.

Forthcoming Matches

Dates for your diary include: April 14th, when the annual Star & Garter charity open will be held at Silver Springs, Congresbury. This will be a good opportunity for you to practice for our next club match, which will be at the same venue the following Sunday. The Sedges will play host to

our May Trophy match on May 12th. The match lake is now well established and should produce some real action!!! This match is limited to 20 pegs, so book now!

Forthcoming Social Events

It's karaoke time again! Our presentation evening will as usual be held at the Kingswood & Hanham branch on May 10th. Attendance is mandatory, especially if you happen to be match secretary. Singing, dancing and generally having a good time is of course optional.

It's an important event for the club and it's only once a year that we ask you to invite your kids, wives, girlfriends, mistresses and as many friends as you can persuade to come along and support us. As ever, Brian will be babbling on and on but don't let that put you off, the buffet is first class and the entertainment, provided by 'Karaoke Nites', will be excellent. Tickets are £6.00 all in. Look forward to seeing you all and Rich Watts there from 7.30 pm.

Final League Positions

The final top 3 Individual aggregate positions this season are: 1st S.Cooke - 193 points. 2nd N.Farler - 161 points and 3rd R.Hole - 155 points. The Pairs Challenge Trophy goes to Steve Cooke and Neil Farler with a total weight of 32-15-0. Well done lads!

Other news

- The Poppy match received some coverage in the last Legion Journal...at last!
- Big John has reappeared on the scene and it would appear he survived the recent foot and mouth outbreak but only just. John has now found a proper job and will be out on the bank a lot more next season. Welcome back big guy.
- Congratulations to 'Yorkie' on the birth of his new baby. It's either a boy or a girl, I think.
- It saddens me to report the death of our old comrade, Len Bird. Len had been unwell for some time and will be sadly missed. A donation from the club has been sent to a charity of the family's choice.

All for now.