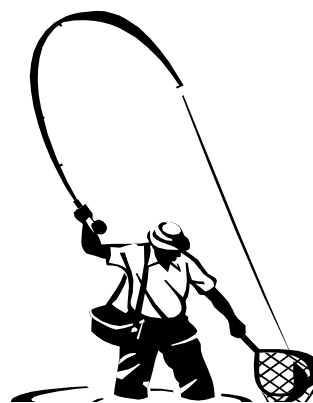


Kingswood Legionnaires

Newsletter

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To be or not to be, that is the question! I'm talking about our annual presentation social evening. Do you want it to continue in its present format or do you want a complete change? Do you care whether we have a social event or not? Should we just present trophies at our AGM? It's YOUR decision but whatever you want, please let us know. At our last committee meeting it was suggested we change the venue to the Whitehall Rugby Club and the day to a Saturday, probably towards the end of May. We would also have a disco to suit all and a buffet would be prepared in-house. The club has free and easy parking and there is no restriction on open hours, so you could drink all night long. Sounds good to me but it's your decision that matters. You must let Brian know your thoughts ASAP! Whatever is finally decided MUST have your support, otherwise this will be the **last** social evening we organise. It's your call!

Match Results

Pairs - Pawlett Ponds

Pawlett played host to our annual pairs match, which was won convincingly by that dynamic duo, Gary Takle and Neil Farler with 14-4-0. Nigel Kruk staked a claim for the heaviest roach trophy with a 1-0-0 specimen, whilst Gary's 8-3-0 mirror carp is now the heaviest fish of the season, so far.

Letton Court - River Wye

WYE oh WYE oh WYE? A lovely picturesque venue but a frustratingly difficult section summed up the overall mood of anglers on the day. Whilst trout were in abundance, the expected chub and barbel were as scarce as worthwhile raffle prizes. However, a 'confused' barbel did manage to find the bait of Bob Hole and tipped the scales at 8-5-0, a new club record. Bob's total haul of 8-9-0 put him well clear of my 2-0-0 and Ted Brown's 1-8-0 third placing. The minibus came in very handy, with and without wing mirror.

Interclub - Alcove Lido

A star is born, in the name of Ray Newton. While everyone was struggling to amass a few ounces, Ray promptly hooked and landed a massive 23-4-0 mirror carp to save the day for the Legion, snatch a new club record fish, walk away with all the spoils and was photographed for the 'Green'un' by the irrepressible Roy Garland. Ray is now regarded as an essential Legionnaire squad member on this venue, having made it 3 wins in a row! Trust you treated Joan to a romantic evening out? My contribution was to put together a total of 6-6-0 of tench for a joint third position. Final team results were, Alcove 26-6-0 - Legion 38-4-0. Well done all for turning up and sticking it out.

Next Match - 8th September

Our next meeting will be on the river at Swineford where we'll no doubt we'll be showing Clevedon the way home again - won't we?

Pairs Aggregate to date

After two qualifying matches, the pairs aggregate stands as follows:

1st M Summerhayes & G Welsh - 14-8-0. 2nd B Croom & E Brown - 14-0-8. 3rd B Knight & J Davies - 6-7-0 and 4th R Watts & B Lloyd - 5-13-8. Way to go yet lads!

Individual Aggregate to date

1st G Takle - 49 points. 2nd E Brown - 45 points. 3rd J Davies - 40 points. 4th M Summerhayes - 39 points. 5th G Welsh & B Croom - 38 points. 7th R Watts - 37 points. Early days!

Social Affairs

Coach Outing - Beale Country Park, Reading

In case you've been out of town or a guest at Her Majesty's pleasure recently, you'll know that August 17th is the date of our annual coach outing. This year we're paying a visit to Beale Park in Reading. A lovely park in a beautiful setting, well worth visiting just for the scenery alone. Guests can spend a day in the park and visit the animal sanctuary or just enjoy a pleasant walk around the park and along the banks of the river Thames. Otherwise, shopping at the 'Oracle'.

The lake varies in shape and depth and holds carp, tench, bream, perch, roach and hybrids. It's most suited to pole and waggler fishing as there appears to be a thick bed of weed carpeting the bottom. Depth varies from swim to swim and averages around 6 feet. We found maggot to be most productive, catching small fish almost continually throughout the day. We recommend that you bring a trolley and will try to load as many on the coach as possible, although 6-8 would suffice. Some of the 'better looking' swims are farthest from the drop off point. All in all, I think this will be a very enjoyable day for everyone. (He says, with usual optimism) As usual the pick up point will be at the 'StationMaster' Car Park, 8 am prompt! We'll be calling into the Tilehurst Legion for a pint and a meal afterwards.

Other News

* Congratulations to Brian and Ted on the capture of their first barbel. Brian's weighed in at 9-4-0 and Ted's weighed 10-2-0. Excellent specimens for the virgin legionnaires.

* Brian and me will be making our annual pilgrimage to Ireland on September 11th, a date that will go down in history, for all the wrong reasons! Wish us luck!

* Anyone wanting to support farmers and landowners (but not fox and stag hunting toffs please!) can join in a demo to be held in London on September 22nd. Call Brian for further details.

All for Now