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The 22nd annual 'Poppy' match was without doubt a resounding success. 162 confirmed ticket sales were sufficient to ensure that this event was justifiably the most popular in the country on the day. Without the voluntary helpers and sponsors however, it would be a very different story, so a very BIG thank you to all who mucked in. Those members involved in swim clearing work deserve special recognition for their efforts and include Brian Lloyd, Alan Iles, Bob Hole, Ray Newton, Steve Cooke, Rich Watts, Mark Summerhayes, Tony Rostron, Phil Pittman and Ted Bethel. Also, thanks to Ted Brown and Maggie Lloyd for their persuasive raffle ticket touting tactics. (My arms are still aching). Finally, many thanks to Roy Garland for a brilliant illustrated report in the *Green'Un*.

Match Results

Churches, Bathford, October 14th.

Another swim clearing session was needed prior to this match, which saw Brian and Rich in action on our behalf once again.

The weather was perfect and the river looked like a dream. A bad dream as it turned out. Many anglers struggled for bites throughout the day including yours truly, but I did manage to coax 6 small chub to waggler and maggot in the first hour and a few ounces of roach to pole tactics in the last hour for a total 3-4-0. Andy Gardner lifted the runner-up position with a straight 2-0-0 of chub followed by Ray Newton with a 1-0-0 perch. Rich Watts' peg was crap and that's official. Just ask him what he caught!

Poppy Appeal Open, Kelston to Chequers

Those that fished will testify to the near perfect conditions although in my view the river was a little too clear. That didn't stop Tim Gay from beating a first class field with 21-12-0 of roach and dace from the end of Chequers straight. Tim fished caster and hemp to stick float to lift the trophy for a second time. Mike Ferguson took second place with 21-0-0 followed by ex Legionnaire Simon Gregory with 17-2-0. Our very own Bob Hole was in the money on 10th position and Mark Summerhayes lifted a section prize.

K&H RBL AC v Airsprung AA, Bradford-on-Avon, November 25th

The golf course stretch played host to this friendly interclub and I'm relieved to report that the result proved to be a resounding victory for the Kingswood Legionnaires.

We claimed the top three places with Neil Farler leading the pack on 2-9-0, myself with 2-2-0 for second and Mark Summerhayes finishing third on 1-15-0. A number of dry nets indicated another difficult day on the river.

Forthcoming Match Events

Christmas match, Crane, December 9th. No surprise for those reading this newsletter today. However, the presentation will be at the White Hart, Bitton and there will be no skittles this year. The buffet will be provided courtesy of Maggie Lloyd and transported to the pub by my very special friend Hilary. Don't forget, wives, girlfriends and lovers are all welcome including any resulting offspring.

Upstream, Christian Malford, January 13th.

Barton Farm, Bradford-on-Avon, February 10th.

Other News

Legion membership is due for renewal. If you haven't paid your subs there'll be a £1.00 surcharge and you won't be eligible to fish the Christmas match!!!!

New Year calendars are now available and will be on sale in the White Hart. As you know, these highly acclaimed prints make excellent gifts and are an absolute bargain at only £2.00 each. If you're not at the pub for the presentation and would like to own one of these superb publications, contact Brian Lloyd on 0117 9676030.

A Very Happy Christmas And New Year To All

See You Soon

