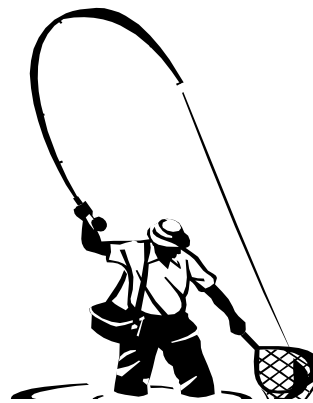


Kingswood Legionnaires

Newsletter

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Hi everyone and a belated happy New Year to one and all. Seem like an age since you last had a newsletter? Yes it's been a while but I've been so busy lately, working on my web sites, I tend to lose track of time. Alas! The news. In the January edition of *Country Sports*, the *Campaign for Angling* section reported that the RSPCA's newly appointed chief executive, Jackie Ballard is out to 'get us'. In a recent article, published in *The Daily Telegraph*, she said, "I don't like coarse fishing. Fishing for food is probably acceptable, but it's cruel to stick a hook in a fish's jaw and then fling it back." So it's ok to catch a bream or roach and have it with chips, but **not** apparently, to catch one then put it back alive? Ms Ballard knows naff all about angling and even less about anglers. Perhaps the society's patron should have a quiet word with her. If that fails then 'off with her head' I say.

Match Results

W Milton Cup - Candy's

I have nightmares about this venue. Last time we were at Candy's I fell in up to my neck. I was drenched to the skin with icy water and still fished the match. It was the last round of the knockout and all I had to do was beat Ted Brown. We both blanked and Ted won on the toss of a coin. If Alan Maggs had fallen in he would have been up to his neck in fish. Pegged by the bridge, he returned 7-0-0 of red fins for top place. Mark Summerhayes also had an early peg producing 6-0-0 for 2nd. I scraped into 3rd with 3-6-0.

Interclub – Airsprung AA

I missed this one so can only report the weights. Airsprung won with a total 16-2-0 and we lost with 14-1-0. Our top man on the day was Glen Welsh with 3-5-0 for 2nd overall.

Xmas Match – Swineford

It was cold, it was wet and it was grim. The river was clear and pushing and everyone struggled for bites. (I could type this report with my eyes shut!) Gary 'another crap peg' Takle managed to find a few small chub for a total weight of 4-4-0, winning the prized hamper and loads of lolly. My last gasp chub weighed in at 2-6-0 for second place, coming to the net in the last 10 minutes. Was I a happy man!

Club Match – Limpley Stoke

A very cold and frosty morning and a very clear river set the doom bells ringing from the start. Never mind, the two mile walk to our pegs was a treat. Just the ticket for shedding those extra pounds we put on over Christmas. The fish decided to congregate in the first few pegs, (they must have had inside information) making it an easy day for those on pegs 1-4. Top rod was Mark Summerhayes with 4-10-0 closely followed by Ted Brown in second spot with 4-4-0. For me, another last minute chub helped save face. The prestigious fluffy fish went to Alan Maggs.

Individual Aggregate Positions

These are the positions following the results of our Christmas match. 1st M. Summerhayes – 95 points, 2nd G. Takle – 94 points, 3rd B. Knight – 78 points, 4th G. Welsh – 74 points, joint 5th R. Watts & B. Croom both 72 points. 7th B. Lloyd – 70 points, 8th S. Cooke 68 points, 9th E. Brown.

Pairs Aggregate

These are the pairs aggregate positions following the results of our Christmas match. 1st M. Summerhayes & G. Welsh – 23-3-8, 2nd B. Croom & E. Brown – 17-9-0, 3rd B. Knight & J. Davies – 13-15-0, 4th R. Watts & B. Lloyd – 13-10-8.

Other News

☺ **Zander Alert!** The Amalgamation has confirmed that zander caught from the Bristol Avon should be 'dispatched' and not returned to the river. Zander are vicious killers!

☺ There are still a few club calendars left so if you haven't got one, get one now from Brian. Time is running out! A bargain at £1.50 but only while stocks last.

☺ Our insurance policy has now been renewed and covers all our members during club contests, home and away. Plus, member to member cover (?). You are not covered by this policy if you are fishing as an individual on an away venue.

☺ The Royal British Legion National Pairs Open will be upon us next month, so get yourself a partner, club together your £15 entrance fee and book your place. Contact Brian before the end of February please. Tel: 0117 9676030

☺ Where are they now? We've noticed that quite a few of our usual 'die-hard' rod benders have been missing from matches lately. Not going to mention any names here but where are you?

☺ On the same theme, all members are welcome to attend our monthly club meetings. They are held at the K & H branch on the first Monday of the month and usually start at around 8.30pm. Come along and have your say!

☺ This year, our presentation evening will be at the Whitehall Rugby Club. This has been booked together with a top class disco. The date for your diary is June 7th.

☺ Anyone with a computer? Get cut price software (including fishing), printer inks and much, much more. Go to www.asaps.co.uk

☺ Our best wishes to Bill Croom, who on doctor's orders has to take things a little easier. No more all night clubbing!