



The Kingswood Legionnaires' Newsletter

The Knight Falls On His Sword At Farleigh Wood

When things go wrong in fishing I'm always the first to admit it and boy did they go wrong for me on our Christmas match at Farleigh. Drawn on peg 6, which is not a particularly noted peg, I did expect to catch a few pounds of decent size skimmers at least but after 2 hours without a single bite, I was beginning to wonder whether someone had put a Christmas curse on me. Over the next few hours I only managed a few tiny roach until the last few minutes, when I hooked and lost a carp, which just about summed up my day. Happy New Year everyone ☺

Leigh Leaves The Rest Of The Field In His Wake at Farleigh...

The Christmas match at Farleigh Wood was well supported as usual with 16 anglers in attendance. The banks were excessively boggy after weeks of heavy rain, which meant most of us had a muddy trek to our peg. Before the all-in Bob Hole hooked into a carp on a bare hook while testing his float spotting pattern. He said he had put it straight back though... hmmm. Leigh Wakefield drew the end peg on the right-hand bank and was into carp right from the off. To his right, Jason was latching onto fish close in too. Everyone else was finding it tough to get bites. It certainly wasn't as productive as the previous Xmas match, which might have been because a match was held on the lake the day before. But I'm not making any lame excuses. On the final whistle, the moment of truth revealed that Leigh was the outright winner with a nice net totaling 51-6-0 and Jason filled the runner-up spot with 31-9-0. Kev Murch also staked a claim to a slice of the pools action with 15-6-0 for third place.

It was then back to the Red Lion pub at Woolverton for a jolly knees up and some lovely grub together with some seasonal banter and a welcome glass of ale. Oh! And some silly hat wearing was in evidence too. Everyone picked up a worthy prize and all willingly bought a New Year K&H RBL AC calendar. Still a few left by the way if anyone wants another one at half price or for a small donation.



2019 Festive winner Leigh Wakefield



Second place Jason Pitman (looking quite normal)



Kev Murch accepts his prize with both hands



Muppet of the match



Bunch of posers



The three wise men

Dream Peg Throws Up 4 Bream And A Convincing Win For Paul On The Crane – January 12th 2020

Paul Wyatt drew the favoured swim in the Ash Tip Field on the Crane section and landed 4 bream for a total weight of 15-09-0. The first match winner of 2020 had bream to 5-04-0 (heaviest fish contender), and easily crushed the opposition, which was led by Jason Pitman with just 2-09-0 for second place. A Total of 15 anglers fished the very out of sorts river.

Who's Where, What's What And How Are You Farin' In The League Tables So Far?

Top 6 Individuals

Pairs

I.Swanborough	68	J.Pitman & B.Lloyd	38.02.5
J.Pitman	56	A.Dennis & P.Wyatt	36.05.5
L.Wakefield	50	I.Brice & I.Swanborough	23.14.5
P.Wyatt	48	A.Maggs & C.Purshouse	17.02.0
A.Dennis	47	B.Knight & T.Humphries	16.04.0
A.Maggs	46	G.Sage & J.Treasure	13.10.0

Breaking News!!!

If you turned up at Monkton Park, Chippenham on Sunday February 9th, you might have wondered where everyone was. So, unless Brian forgot to call you, the match was cancelled due to storm Ciara, and primarily for safety reasons.

Next match – Barton Farm, March 8th

The next match will be the final match of the season for points and pairs and to be fair, it looks like the individual aggregate winner has already staked his claim. However, there's all to play for in the pairs aggregate with less than 2lb between the top 2 pairs.

Other news!

Anyone else looking forward to our matches at Lands End Fisheries in April and Witham Friary in August?

Tommy Ruffe (AKA Brian Lloyd) scoops top wedge at Frome Vale Christmas match. Worth a mention I thought. **All for now river warriors** 😊