

Kingswood RBL AC Gets A Christmas Slap In The Face From Cold, Callous Farleigh Wood Fishery Owners

Well it wasn't the first time fishery owners at Farleigh had double booked us but it will be the last time. I am of course referring to our Christmas match, booked a year in advance but totally ruined because someone forgot to write the booking in their diary. Fortunately for Bath Spartans, their booking for the same date WAS written down and they ended up having the lake, while we had to cancel our match and eagerly anticipated Christmas meal. After a somewhat heated argument between ourselves and the Hillbilly fishery owners, it was determined that we HAD made a booking but the fault was with them for not recording it. Their offer of a free drink and free fishing fell on deaf ears as we despondently packed away our kit and made other arrangements in order to save at least some of the day. 6 or 7 anglers made it over to Bitterwell Lake for a friendly "knock-up", whilst others called in on nearby Clivies Lake. The rest went home. It was a day to remember for all the wrong reasons.

Poppy Match Roundup... Whitehouse Farm, November 7th & River Avon, November 14th

The annual Alcove Poppy match was well attended with 23 anglers putting in an appearance. I drew peg 17 on Margaret's lake, a peg I have won several matches from previously but it wasn't to be on this particular day. My total of 4lb of silvers got nowhere. As usual you needed a big carp to be able to make any kind of impact on the result. Top rod was Charles Holmes with a total 20-5-8, which included a carp of 14-13-8. Second place went to the "carp queen" Julie Taylor with 18-10-0 including a carp of 14-7-0. Swinger, John Treasure, was in the wonga coming third with a total of 14-14-0, including a carp of 9-15-0. The event raised £155 for the RBL charity.

The RBL centenary Poppy Appeal match (Bill Milton Memorial) held on the river Avon from Chequers to Newbridge was once again well attended with 80 anglers making the effort, including myself, Paul Wyatt and Jason Pitman. Brian came along for the beer and usual raffle prizes. There were some crazy weights recorded at the end of the match including a staggering 181-04-0 of quality bream from the Trees section, winning the match convincingly. The same section also threw up a few more big weights to take second and third positions with 98-04-0 and 78-04-0 respectively. Some fine specimen chub were caught along the Crane section with a huge 7lb plus chub and one over 4lb. The match raised around £3000!

Swanny Swings His Way To Victory At Monkton Park, Chippenham, November 28th

Only 7 anglers braved this one, which turned out to be a bit of a grueller. The weather was pleasant enough for most of the day but with the river running cold and

Clear it was always going to be difficult. Of the 7 who fished, 3 didn't weigh in, including myself and Paul, and one had only 7oz. It was a tightly fought battle for second place with Alan Maggs weighing 1-12-0 (2nd) and Jason weighing 1-11-0. However, outright winner was the man in the woollen, Kazakstani Milkmaid hat, Ian Swanborough with a very respectable 5-1-0 of prime roach caught from peg 6, on the waggler up in the water. The car parking below the shopping centre was just the ticket with easy access to the river via the path and footbridge.



It's A Win For Glynn At Our Belated Christmas Match, Bitterwell Lake, January 9th

After some frantic phone calls and emails, we were finally able to book our Christmas match, which saw us revisiting Bitterwell Lake at Coalpit Heath. Paul, the fishery manager, allowed us to hold our match, which attracted a field of 14 club members. It was, as expected, a very tough day aided by a cold easterly wind together with crystal clear, cold water. While most of us were hanging on to our long poles in the windy conditions, Mr "Onions" was taking a nap in his easy chair, and in full sun, while trying to keep one eye on his feeder rod. Well, his dynamic tactics worked because Glynn's 2 bites resulted in 2 fish including a nice carp for a total weight of 10-03-0 and first place. Jason, who was also basking in the sunshine, put in a valiant effort to finish second with 5-12-0. Meanwhile Paul and myself had to settle for section wins, each

having 2-4-0 apiece. Well, even if you only caught an ounce you still went away with a good prize afterwards as Bob Hole will gladly testify. Bob collected a bottle of premium brandy for his efforts! Then it was back to the Folly after the match for some lovely Sunday roast and a beer to finish off the day. Hope everyone enjoyed it. The pictures would certainly suggest so...



Stylish winner on the day, Glynn, collecting his booty and young heart-throb Jason, looking very cool.



Corston's finest fisherman Paul and Keynsham Kev.



Left: Paul and Ian "Merlin the Magician" Brice, chilling with Kev, JT and Bob after a hard day on the bank. Below is...

Adrian with Pandora's box and Tony on the bottle.



A nice bottle for the captain and some brownie points for Ian and "the wizard".



Bob proudly displaying the "Muppet of the match" hat and Ian giving Adrian a friendly hand under the table.

JT's Quick-Fire Chub Bashing Session Stuns The Opposition Into Surrender On the Crane, Jan 23rd

This match date had to be quickly rearranged to accommodate the late Christmas match and wow... was this a painful session! Of the 13 anglers that fished this one, 8 did not weigh in, which just about sums up the day. The only real action was experienced by John Treasure in the first hour with a flurry of small chub for 4-3-0 and an easy victory. Second was Kev with a single chub of 2-0-0 and third was Ian "The Wizard" Brice with 1-11-0. Jason picked up a section win with one 9oz chub, while I managed to carefully play and land a whopping 1oz roach to win my section. ☺

What's happening and where are you?

With only 2 points matches left in the series, it's getting very hot at the top ☺

1. Bill Knight - 89 points,
2. Jason Pitman - 70.5 points,
3. Paul Wyatt - 62.5 points,
4. Kev Murch - 62 points,
5. John Treasure - 57 points.
6. Alan Maggs - 54.5 points,
7. Ian Swanborough - 52 points.

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1. Paul Wyatt & Ian Swanborough - 48-1-0
2. Jason Pitman & Adrian Dennis - 44-10-0
3. Kev Murch & Bill Knight - 41-6-0
4. Ian Brice & John Treasure - 22-14-0

Forthcoming events and other news...

The next match is at Monkton Park on February 13th and then Staverton on March 13th.

All for now river warriors!