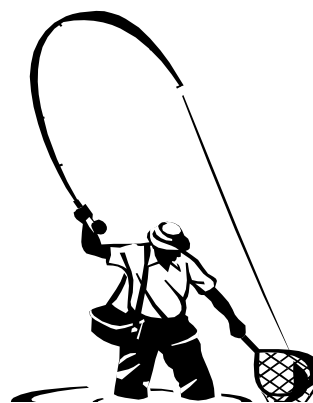


Kingswood Legionnaires

Newsletter

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A very happy New Year to all club members. Hope everyone had a good Christmas without too many hangovers, rows or mishaps. This year I've made a New Year's resolution, which I fully intend to keep. I've given up smoking! As I write this newsletter, I'm wearing my trusty nicotine patch and chewing on some nicotine replacement gum...yuk! The real test though will come when I'm sat on the bank. Cold, wet, fishless and fagless. It makes me feel stressed and irritable just thinking about it. If anyone else is ready to give up the weed, you should consider joining my newly formed support group called N.A.F.S.H.A.G. National Association For Smoker's Health Action Group. ☺

Match Results

Xmas Match - Crane

We all knew this was going to be a hard match and we were spot on. 21 'diehards' turned out for the annual Christmas match held on the Crane, led by last year's winner, Bill Croom. Bill's 3-3-0 chub catch was enough to lay claim to the seasonal cheer by way of a hamper and pools payout. Steve Cooke secured second position with 1-15-0. Many thanks to Maggie Lloyd and Karina for rustling up a marvelous buffet.

Forthcoming Match Events

February 10th is the date for the interclub match with our arch rivals Alcove AC. As usual this will be on the river at Barton Farm and the draw will be in the railway car park at 8.30 sharp.

The Legion National Pairs Open will be held on March 10th. This ever-popular event will, as in previous years, be split between the canal and river at Barton Farm. Breakfasts will be available at the Three Horse Shoes from 7.00 am along with the rolling draw. Booking forms will be available from Brian shortly. In the meantime choose your partners.

League Positions

The top 10 Individual aggregate positions to date are as follows:

1st S.Cooke - 135 points. 2nd G.Takle - 122 points. Joint 3rd B.Lloyd & N.Farler - 115 points. 5th R.Watts - 112 points. 6th B.Knight - 106 points. 7th R.Hole - 99 points. 8th T.Rostron - 92 points. 9th A.Iles - 91 points and 10th B.Croom - 86 points. For all other individual positions see Rich Watts.

Top 7 Pairs aggregate positions to date are as follows:

1st R.Hole & G.Takle - 18-4-8. 2nd S.Cooke & N.Farler - 17-10-8. 3rd A.Iles & T.Rostron - 14-15-0. 4th B.Knight & T.Bethel - 10-9-8. 5th J.Davies & M.Summerhayes - 7-14-0. 6th A.Gardiner & B.Lloyd - 7-12-0. 7th M.Teakle & T.Brown - 7-8-8.

Other news

Many thanks to all who bought club calendars (except Ken Weeks who didn't) I'm sure you'll find them invaluable throughout the year. There are still a few more available for those who didn't make the Christmas match. Contact Brian Lloyd now!

Those anglers who bought raffle tickets at the last interclub match with Airsprung AA might be interested to know that we had a couple of winners. Steve Cooke won a portable TV and Neil Farler and Mark Summerhayes picked up wine and chocolates.

The man dominating the news this month is surely Steve Cooke. Steve had a memorable day out on the Kelston Anglers stretch of the Avon recently, landing 27 chub to 4lb. His total weight for the session was an impressive 62lb. His new rod however wasn't up to the punishment and gave in against a hefty fish. He called in on the venue again the following week to take another fine net of 37lb consisting of 11 chub. Well done Steve.

Not sure if this report has a shred of truth, but apparently Rich Watts won the Golden Valley New Year Cup held at upper Swineford. Allegedly, he caught 2 chub for 2-8-0 but one also got away, so maybe it really did happen. Can anyone confirm this? Well done Rich.

Ireland 2000 videos have now been distributed to those members who participated. Should anyone else want a copy, please see Brian for details.

Does anyone have any spare space in their garage for a few tools and things? I recently moved into a flat as my house is on the market and need to store some bits and pieces for a couple of months. If anyone can help, please let me know, I'd be very grateful.

All for now

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