

The Kingswood Legionnaires' Newsletter

The All New Singing & Dancing K&H RBL Website With Bells & Whistles!

Since I first learned how to design websites more than 25 years ago, I always thought that one day I should build one for the Legion Fishing Club. However, for one reason or another I never got round to it. Then just a few weeks ago I decided to put all club newsletters online, so everyone could look back at past editions and reminisce during those long tedious days and nights when they had nothing better to do. So, one thing led to another and before I realised, I had ended up building a complete website. It might not be live when this newsletter goes out but it will be within the next 2-3 weeks. For those of you who have Internet access and can understand how to find a website online, here is the web address: kingswoodangling.co.uk – Everyone else will just have to use their imagination. Enjoy!



Unexpected Item in the Bagging Area!

Our May match held on Farleigh Wood Lake started out as a relatively quiet affair with everyone concentrating hard on catching carp and skimmers. With the sun shining and the birds singing happily in the trees, it was turning out to be a very pleasant and enjoyable day. Then something totally unexpected happened... With an almighty splash, Alan Maggs had decided to go carp surfing. Was this some kind of cunning plan directed at putting everyone off their stroke? Or, did the heat get to him and he just couldn't resist jumping on the back of the next carp that cruised on by. Perhaps he had intended to end it all having learned that Bristol Rovers had signed yet another second-rate defender. Whatever the reason, it was certainly a dramatic affair with several anglers involved in dragging him back onto dry land. Fortunately mouth to mouth resuscitation wasn't required. Despite his antics, Alan did manage put one carp on the scales. However, top dipper on the day was Glyn Sage with a total weight of 21-11-0 of mainly carp, followed closely by Leigh "Lucky Longshanks" Wakefield. Top silvers went to new kid on the block, Tony Humphries, who whipped out 15-7-0 of skimmers and roach. Everyone caught fish but weights were lower than expected due to carp spawning, or at least thinking about it. You know how it is when you've got things on your mind. Anyway, we're back at Farleigh in December for our festive treat. Bet everyone stays firmly anchored to the bank on that one ☺

AGM June 2019 The Annual General Meeting got under way as usual on Monday 3rd June at the Kingswood Social Club. Attendance was down on the previous year but spirits were up as we debated the concept of doing away with trophies because it was getting too difficult to choose them from a catalogue... or something like that. Anyway, the motion was defeated and normal service was duly resumed, much to the delight of this year's trophy winners. All officers were re-elected 'en bloc' and once again nobody was willing to step forward and take on the responsibilities of match secretary. So it's pretty much as you were for another season. On the subject of matches, we have decided that the entrance fee for day ticket lakes will now be £15. That's to cover the cost of the day ticket, which in many cases is now £6-£8. The only exception is the Away Day match in August, for which the club will continue to cover the cost of the day tickets. The Christmas match will be £20 all in, so get saving those precious pennies now!

Ecstatic Trophy Winners at the 2019 AGM / Annual Prize Giving Event



End Pegs Fail To Deliver The Goods...

The first match of the new river fishing season got underway on the Crane section at Keynsham on June 16th, with some low weights recorded from what are usually match winning pegs. Peg numbers 14, 15 and 16 are highly favoured, producing winning weights in the last 3 matches on this venue but not this time around. Only one bream, weighing in at 4-4-0, was caught and that one fell to the slick rod tactics of Glyn Sage, who finished joint first with Leigh Wakefield on 5-10-0 apiece. Ian Swanborough stepped up to the rostrum to collect third prize. Ian Brice staked an early claim for the heaviest roach title with a fish of 6.5oz.

Next match...

Our next points match is at Barton Farm, Bradford-on-Avon. This is the first of the pairs match series and the draw for pairings will take place on the bank. Remember, you will be stuck with your partner for the rest of the season. Who will you get lumbered with?

Forthcoming events...

The Kingswood Legionnaires take on Alcove AC at Whitehouse Farm on August 4th. This inter-club event has been well attended over recent years and some good weights are expected. Last year we had 50lb plus weights from Margaret's Lake with many double figure bags of quality silvers including skimmers, goldfish, tench and F1s. If you want to fish this one then let Brian or me know, so we have some idea how many to expect. The draw will be at 8 am, fish 9 am till 3 pm.

Even more forthcoming events...

August 18th is the date for our annual Away Day jaunt and this year we will be revisiting South Cerney. Thankfully, not the dismal lake we fished last year. We will be on Walter's Lake this time, which is almost opposite the turning for where we were last time. There is a quality café on site for breakfasts and DO bring at least 3 keepnets. I kid you not!!! Please let me know asap if you are going to fish this one because I need to know the numbers. **All for now river warriors ☺**