



## *Kingswood Legionnaires*

### **Best Dressed Anglers On The Bank?**

Hi Everyone and welcome to the K&H RBL AC Newsletter for May. Well, finally our new smart shirts, hoodies and baseball caps have arrived. The embroidered RBL logo is quite striking and the combination of gold embroidery on the range of bottle green garments is enough to put the fear of god into the ugliest of opposition. Well, we may be dressed to kill but will we catch any more fish? Time will tell but at least we'll look good whether we win or lose. Now I know most of you will be happy to wear your new clothing but please also remember you will be wearing the RBL logo on your chest. Remember what it stands for and be proud to represent the RBL, especially when we are involved in inter-club matches or any high profile events like the Poppy Appeal matches. **"We shall fight them on the beaches!"**

### Match Results

#### River Frome, Woolverton, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Stepping back in time to last Christmas, and if you can remember this one, it was Johnny Thompson who pulled out all the stops to grab the top place with 4lb-9.5oz of mostly redfins. His mini haul included a half specimen of 12oz and was recorded as the heaviest roach. He also collected the top prize from the Xmas Fayre and so had a jolly nice crimbo. Just missing out on the top place festive frolic was Rich "Hippy" Whitmarsh, who delivered a hard earned total of 2lb-11oz for second place. Now, did the Mill forget about our booking? I think so, as the staff fleetingly scurried around in desperation, trying to find some suitable seasonal nosh for us, which finally manifested itself in the form of buffet sausages and French fries. Is it time for a change?

#### River Avon, Swineford, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012

With the New Year hangover still thumping in our heads it was time to revisit "Pig River" for a roll in the slippery sludge. The river level had just receded leaving a coating of thick silt, which stuck to our boots like sh\*t to a blanket. Nice one! It's just as well that only 8 anglers turned out, as trying to find some safe pegs was a nightmare. Only 5 anglers bothered to weigh in and only a 2lb-1.5oz catch by me, myself was enough to take the little kitty. A 1lb-1oz offering from Johnny Thompson was just enough to earn him a couple of pints of real ale and a mouldy old pasty.

#### River Frome, Woolverton inter-club, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Alcove AC brought a few big knobs with them for this one, having been battered senseless in a few previous rounds. Their top gun was Andy Gard who found 14lb of chub, which was enough to beat the whole Legion team on its own. Our best performance was staged by Rich Whitmarsh who sweet-talked a couple of lubby chub into his net for 4lb-12.5oz, followed by me, who after praying for 4 hours to Poseidon, the god of rivers and the sea, granted me a single chub of 2lb dead. No other Legion angler either saw a single fish, witnessed a dipping float or had their rod, or anything else pulled all day. Things can only get better! Halellujah!

#### River Avon, Crane, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012

It was the last river match of the season and the Bristol Avon looked in perfect form. I was drawn on the hottest peg on the river complete with radiator but unfortunately it had no thermostat! Johnny Thompson drew the sun-deck and it all looked like it was set to be a very memorable day. Well it was, but for all the wrong reasons. Everyone who drew in the lane and at the back of the Marina might well have been fishing in the Gobi desert, as all the fish seemed to be happy holidaying above the cattle grid. Top hooker on the day was "new kid on the block" Les "don't call me chub-head" Williams with 7lb-2oz of... fish!

#### Acorn Fisheries, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012. What Skulduggery?

All was not as it appeared to be or as we were led to believe. The expected big catches of carp didn't materialise, the weather was cold and bitter, and some blatant lying and deceit was in evidence. You know who you are (JT).

#### **Other News... Other News... Other News... Other News**

- How did you fare in the points aggregate this year? Here's the top 5 places: 1<sup>st</sup> B.Knight 107 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> B.Hole 84 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> J.Thompson 65 points, 4<sup>th</sup> R.Whitmarsh 58 points and 5<sup>th</sup> M.Stowford 56 points.
- Heaviest roach trophy will go to J.Thompson. Heaviest fish trophy will go to both B.Croom and C.Purshouse for bream of 6lb-7oz. If you want to know where you finished up or who has won what, just let me or Brian know.
- Please note: Due to the bank holiday and HRH's bash, this year's AGM and the June monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm**. Any proposals must be sent to the secretary at least 24 hours before that date.
- If any members require further items of club clothing please let me know and I'll place another order in August.

All for now!