

# A Star Is Born?

Hi Everyone and welcome to the May 2013 Newsletter. I can't believe this is the first newsletter I've written this year. Where has all the time gone? Anyway have I got news for you! You've heard that old cliché about dark horses right? Well, we have one in our midst. No not Irish Mist Tommy Ruffe, horse mist, I mean dark mist oh never mind. What I'm trying to say is we have a new star in the club who goes by the name of Johnny "The Hatchet" Mack. He knocked us all for six this season and sneaked in some damn fine performances, and his fishing was pretty damn good as well. Seriously, it's refreshing to see a little upstart, I mean nice young chap take the top aggregate honours for once, so congratulations John, well done and enjoy ogling your trophies and club tie.

### Match Results

#### Farliegh Wood - 9th December 2012

This was switched to Farliegh Wood as the river was in the fields at Woolverton. However it didn't fish particularly well as so much cold water had been falling for weeks. It was Hippy who stepped up to the rostrum after putting together an 11lb-12.5oz mixed bag. He worked hard for it though and was baiting liberally, his baiting pattern was absolutely crucial, not too much and not too little. So I think we can safely say that Hippy is definitely a Master Baiter. In second place and not quite the Master Baiter he should be was Johnny Thompson with a catch of 7lb-15.5oz. The meal back at the Mill was first class and rounded off a fairly enjoyable day.

#### River Avon, Crane - 13th January 2013

A Happy New Year was not on the cards as eight hardy souls struggled to make an impression on a very sullen and very swollen river Avon. In fact I can't remember when it was so bad, or maybe I just don't want to. Anyway this was certainly one to forget. After 5 gruelling hours little Johnny Thompson put one in the back of the net for a comfortable home win with just 10oz from the cattle grid peg. I didn't have a bite... Enough said!

#### Woolverton (PO Interclub) - 10<sup>th</sup> February

Just when you thought it couldn't get any worse... it did! If the previous Crane match was bad then this one was depressingly diabolical. After an hour the river starting rising like a blocked lavatory and the colour was just what you might expect to see... in a blocked lavatory. So if you didn't catch in the first hour you were never going to catch after that. Our top striker on the day was Bobby Hole with just 9oz. The two Johnnies each had a half ounce. The Post Office won again... but who cares  $\circledast$ 

#### River Avon, Crane – 10th March

After experiencing 2 blank sessions in a row I wasn't really looking forward to this one but I did care about who was going to win. And you know what they say, Who Cares Wins... and I did! The river looked in a more forgiving mood than last time and so I offered up a single white maggot on a size 20, from my peg behind the Marina, and it was gladly accepted by a little roach. Then I just rinsed and repeated the process to finish up with 4lb-4oz of the little blighters. Johnny "The Hatchet" Mack regained his form and took the bridesmaid position, which also saw him tie on points with Bobby Hole. Unsteady Eddie Davis was third with 3lb-1oz and included a chub in his catch. He might have caught a few more but decided to wander off to the Lockkeeper for a few pints of cider. You naughty, naughty boy!

#### Clivies Lake, Frome – 14<sup>th</sup> April

Have you ever seen one of those garden gnomes with a fishing rod? Well, there were 7 of them on this tiny lake, and Hippy the Gnome won.

## Farleigh Wood – 12<sup>th</sup> May

I'm getting to like this lake. This one was won by Les "Skimmer Head" Williams with a nice net full of skimmers totalling 24lb, plus a 2lb carp. I was second with 11 carp for almost 20lb on the corn. **Other News:** 

\*\*\* Don't forget the AGM is on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. Get your proposals in, have a few beers and collect your silverware. Lots to discuss.

\*\*\* Woolverton swim-clearing session coming up. Brian will notify you. Please try to be available. \*\*\* Farewell to Charlie Denny. A true gentleman. All for now!

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