



# Kingswood Legionnaires

## *WARNING!... WARNING!... WARNING!*

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### Match Results

**December 8th Woolverton** – Christmas seems so long ago now and as for many of the matches we had at Woolverton, this one is best forgotten. Actually as it turned out it will probably go down in Woolverton history as one of the most memorable matches ever fished for Mr Confused Dotcom or Brian “Tommy Ruffe” Lloyd, as he is better known to his angling buddies. Brian drew peg 14 just before the weir and it wasn’t long before he was into some decent chub, which fell to bread... I think. Anyway it turned out to be a red letter day for Brian as he won very convincingly. All other Legion contenders had to settle for mere ounces. His closest Legion rival on that memorable day was Johnny Mack with just 13 ounces. The day was rounded off nicely with some tasty grub, which was served up at the “Mill”, before we all sloped off into the night to spend another cozy Christmas within the bosom of our nearest and dearest. It was, sadly, also the very last match that we will probably ever fish at Woolverton.

**January 12th Farleigh Wood** – It was a cold, wet, miserable day in the middle of winter and the fish just did not want to play catch me if you can. I drew well on peg 4 and fancied a few carp close in, as I’d seen them come out of this swim in previous matches. However, it was not to be. With only 2 points between myself and Johnny Mack for the top individual aggregate position, Johnny’s early carp catch propelled him into an early lead. All I could do was whimper and whine as I desperately tried, in vain, to tempt anything other than a solitary skimmer from my “red hot” peg. With about an hour to go I pulled out a big worm and waited desperately for a suck. Alas, it was not to be and so I conceded that all was lost, as far as this match was concerned. Johnny took the spoils with his 7lb-5.8oz catch

leaving the rest of us in his wake. Deservedly, Bobby Hole’s persistence paid off and he finished second with 3lb-9oz of wag and mag caught skimmers over loose fed groundbait.

**February 9th Whitehouse Farm** – For some reason this event is not very popular with the regular troops and so it was down to myself, Brian, Bill Croom and Les Williams to represent the club in this annual inter-club match. It also qualified as a points match and so it was my big chance to gain some much needed nectar points in the race for the top. Well, before the attack, myself and Bill Croom, who is my partner in the pairs aggregate hatched a cunning plan. I would fish for carp and he would go for the silvers. Between us we hoped to gain a few vital pounds in the Pairs Challenge and close the gap between us and the pair riding high in the top spot. Sometimes the best laid plans are a complete waste of time as it proved on this particular day. My carping session produced one tiny perch of just half an ounce, whilst Billy’s silvers session returned 32lb-5oz of prime carp up to 8lb. That was enough to line Bill’s pockets with some welcome wonga and more than enough to bash our nearest pairs rivals into oblivion. I love it when a plan comes together ☺

**March 9th Barton Farm** – Officially the last match of the season saw us at Barton Farm, Bradford-on-Avon. Better get used to this venue chaps as it will be home for a long time to come, which isn’t a bad thing as the fishing can be... at times... well... er okay. No really! Well the day was okay, except for a little drizzle. The river looked spot on with a nice bit of colour and a steady flow so what could possibly go wrong? Okay so the fish didn’t get the message and failed to put in much of an appearance. Shit happens! I was 6 points adrift of Johnny Mack so his winning 3lb-3oz was easily enough to push me right out of the title race and into the murky shadows with my mediocre 2lb-12oz mixed bag for second. Congratulations once again John.

### **Forthcoming Events**

Most of you will be reading this newsletter on the banks of Farleigh Wood lake, which is obviously the next event. Results will be published in the next newsletter and NO... I'm not making any predictions about today so don't ask me Eddy. The first match of the season sees us on the river Avon at the Crane, Keynsham on June 22nd. This is a Post Office club match also and accordingly will be run by them. Tabs will be on sale for those who didn't purchase at the AGM.

### **Annual General Meeting**

This year's AGM will be held at the usual venue, the RBL Club, Kingswood and the AGM meeting will start at 8.30pm. However, as always we also have our monthly meeting beforehand, so this will start at **8pm**. Please try to attend both meetings if you can. If you want to make any proposals to the AGM then write them down and send to Brian in advance. Remember, if you make a proposal you must also attend the meeting otherwise your proposal will not be proposed.

### **Where did you finish up?**

After all your efforts, pain and humiliation, where did you finish in the individual and pairs aggregate tables for season 2013-14? Find out here... if you dare.

### **Individual Aggregate (Club Champion)**

1<sup>st</sup> – John McMahon 52 points. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bill Knight 47 points. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Alan Maggs 38 points. 4<sup>th</sup> – Bob Hole 32 points. 5<sup>th</sup> – Clive Purshouse 27 points. 6<sup>th</sup> – Ed Davis 24 points. 7<sup>th</sup> – Bill Croom 23 points. 8<sup>th</sup> John Thompson 22 points. 9<sup>th</sup> – Brian Lloyd 18 points. 10<sup>th</sup> – Les Williams 11 points.

### **Pairs Aggregate (Challenge Trophy)**

1<sup>st</sup> – B.Knight & B.Croom 51lb-2oz. 2<sup>nd</sup> - J.McMahon & A.Maggs 30lb-4.5oz. 3<sup>rd</sup> – B.Hole & B.Lloyd 20lb-13.5oz. 4<sup>th</sup> – J.Thompson & L.Wakefield 20lb-8.5oz. 5<sup>th</sup> – C.Purshouse & E.Davis 11lb-6.5oz.

### **Trophy Winners**

A.Maggs – F.Isaacs Cup. J.McMahon & A.Maggs – Pairs. B.Knight – F.Bryant Cup. J.McMahon – W.Milton Cup. B.Lloyd – Xmas Shield. J.McMahon – A.Shipp Rose Bowl. B.Croom – F.Britten Shield. B.Knight – E.Brown Trophy. J.McMahon - Individual Aggregate Winner. B.Croom – Heaviest Fish (carp 8lb). B.Knight & B.Croom – Pairs Challenge Trophy. The May Trophy winner will be decided today (May 11<sup>th</sup>) Any bets?

### **Woolverton Revisited**

Despite all the obstacles and poor fishing that the river Frome at Woolverton offered us, it will still hold fond memories. Not least because it allowed us to generate some much-needed revenue, especially from the inter-club matches. Yes it never gave up its secrets lightly, but it did hold some secrets never the less. For example the big perch that showed up on occasion. The carp that Lee Wakefield landed and the one I didn't. The tench that put in an appearance for Julian Pinkett and the big chub, which we so often saw from the Pack Horse Bridge. Then there was the swim-clearing work that we carried out, now all in vain and

the Christmas meals we had in the Mill pub afterwards. Woolverton was the first and probably the last of our chances to ever gain exclusive access to fishing rights and so for that reason alone I'm a little bit sad that it's now gone ☹️ A new era now begins...



**Brian & Bob busy "swim clearing" at Woolverton**

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

**Calendar Boys?** Have you seen the film Calendar Girls? Well, you ain't seen nuffink yet! If you happen to spot Bill Croom creeping up on you or taking a crafty peek at you whilst you're in some compromising position, don't worry. He hasn't turned into a peeping perv. He just wants to shoot you... with his camera. And why? Well because he is now the official club calendar photographer and will snapping you all for next year's special 2015 calendar. You'll have a full page to yourself but no full frontals lads... please spare us.

### **Chris Thompson**

Having enquired with both John and Graham Thompson regarding the health status of Chris Thompson, I'm advised he is making a steady recovery at home. Now I know you'll be reading this Chris, so we all wish you well. When are you coming back to do some fishing? We miss you!

### **Old Jokes Home...**

A couple went shopping but after a while the husband was nowhere to be seen. The wife became upset and called him on her mobile phone. "Where the hell are you" she enquired tearfully. In a quiet voice he replied, "Do you remember that jewellers we went into about 5 years ago where you fell in love with that beautiful diamond necklace that we couldn't afford, and I promised you that I would get it for you one day?" The wife got choked up, started to cry and sobbed... "Yes, I do remember that shop." He then replied, "Well, I'm in the pub next door."

### **For Sale (One Careful Owner)**

Now that I've upgraded to a battery powered trolley, I have a manual one for sale if anyone's interested. £10 and it's yours! **All For Now!**