

## The Kingswood Legionnaires' Newsletter

### New 2018/19 Season Club Rule To Be Enforced!

Are YOU aware of the new club rule? It's **NO MOANING**. That means no moaning about the venues, no moaning about the weather, no moaning about other members, no moaning about losing fish, no moaning about long walks, no moaning about bad draws, no moaning about 6 hour matches on lakes, no moaning about small payouts, no moaning about not winning the football card, no moaning about dogs in your swim, no moaning about muddy banks and no moaning about Brian Lloyd's draw cockups. So, when you get a bad draw, with a long walk at Barton Farm and it's cold and wet and mud is sticking to your trolley tyres and you miss the only bite you get all day and end up blanking and scoring no points on a peg that should have been a flyer... no moaning please.

### Clive Wiggles His Way Into The Spotlight 11<sup>th</sup> March

The river at Barton Farm, Bradford-on-Avon, was the venue for the final match of the season and it was a grueller. A pathetically low 8-man turn-out lined the river bank and spread out over about half a mile. The river looked more like a streaming Mocaccino (chocolate flavoured coffee), especially as it had a steady flow of white foam riding on the surface. Add a little snow water and a pinch of rock salt and you have a recipe for a disastrous day. The best peg on the river was drawn by the only Airsprung member who was laughing all the way to the... well the bank. He ended up with a few pounds of roach and relieved us all of our hard-earned cash. The rest of us struggled for bites. Canny Clive Purshouse however, managed to latch onto a slimy wriggler and played it



to a complete standstill, which proved to be a very valuable catch. Clive finally weighed in all of 10 ounces to walk away with a victorious smile and a trophy for his efforts. The only other occurrence

worthy of note was that Steve Jefferies and Leigh Wakefield both caught a 5oz roach apiece and therefore tie for the roach cup.

### Ian Sings The Sabre Swan Song? 8<sup>th</sup> April

Sabre lake refused to give up any of its prized carp during our latest visit, which saw just 6 anglers in attendance. A wet and muddy sight greeted us on a day that was cold and miserable with continuous drizzle to contend with. Before the draw, the bailiff arrived and asked us not to keep any carp over 7lb in keepnets... if only. So as the day panned out it was those anglers drawn on the reed bed swims who saw most of the action. Ian Swanborough and Johnny Mack were both drawn at the top end of the lake next to the rushes and both caught reasonable size perch with plenty of smaller fish. Alan Maggs and Bob Hole drew the bottom end of the lake and both also had reeds to fish to. Ian however, emerged triumphant with a total of 5-3-8, with John close behind for second place with 4-15-8.



## Final Individual Aggregate Positions

Where did you finish up in the league?

B.Knight	47
A.Maggs	46
B.Hole	42
A.Dennis	37
M.James	33
B.Croom	32
I.Swanborough	32
L.Wakefield	30
C.Purshouse	28
S.Jefferies	28
K.Murch	28
P.Pitt	22
J.Treasure	22
N.Vigus	14
B.Lloyd	13
J.Mack	10
I.Brice	10
R.Lloyd	6

Thank you to Alan Maggs for letting me win this year. It was very close at the top as you can see.

## Pairs Aggregate (Pairs Challenge Cup)

M.James & K.Murch	28.01.8
B.Knight & I.Swanborough	27.12.8
A.Dennis & S.Jefferies	16.07.0
C.Purshouse & A.Maggs	14.13.8
B.Lloyd & B.Hole	10.13.8
I.Brice & P.Pitt	08.12.8
B.Croom & J.Treasure	05.01.0

Well done to Mark James and Kev Murch who win the Pairs Challenge Cup by a margin of just 5oz. Mark also takes the Heaviest fish trophy for a bream of 5-14-8.

Well done to Bob Hole for winning the knock-out trophy. Steve Jefferies and Leigh Wakefield jointly win the roach cup. All trophies will be awarded at the AGM as usual.

## AGM June 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

The AGM will be held on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> at the ex RBL Club, Kingswood. The proceedings will start at 8pm with the usual monthly meeting followed by the AGM and trophy award ceremony. Please make every effort to attend. Tabs will be on sale.

Also, this is your opportunity to get your views across by means of a written proposal (Emails accepted). All AGM proposals must be received by the secretary no later than Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

## Club Clothing...

I'm in the process of putting an order together for new club clothing. We were not particularly happy with the quality of the embroidery last time, so I have been painstakingly searching for a new supplier. I have now found one in Bristol who I will personally visit to ensure they get the embroidered badge right in terms of colour and quality. Prices, as always depend on the size of the order but here are some provisional prices for you to consider: Let me know if you want anything, if you haven't already.

Hoodies (Fleece lined)	£21.00
Polo Shirts	£12.00
T-Shirts	£9.00
Baseball Caps	£8.50

There may be some slight variation in the final price depending on quantity and total value of the final order. All garments will be in Bottle Green.

## Next Match.....

Our next match will be held at Farleigh Wood lake, Farleigh Hungerford. We are only expecting 8-10 anglers and it's anyone's guess how the lake will fish as the weather temperature has been up and down by more than 13 degrees in just the last 2 weeks.

Our first river match will be on the river Avon at the Crane, Keynsham, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Swim clearing volunteers are required prior to this match, so if you can help please get in touch with Brian on **07831 311 582**. Anyone who is unable to attend the AGM can buy their tab at this first match of the new season... and thereafter.

## The joke's on us...

There was a young fellow named Fisher  
Who was fishing for a fish in a fissure,  
Then a carp with a grin  
Pulled the fisherman in...

Now they're fishing the fissure for Fisher  
(*Limerick courtesy of Brian Lloyd*)

Here's wishing everyone a productively fruitful and extremely happy new river fishing season.

**All for now river warriors. ☺**