

The Kingswood Legionnaires' Newsletter

We're Gonna Need Bigger Venues Cos We're Getting Bigger

Is it that we're a bunch of happy-go-lucky misfits? Perhaps it's because we're all extremely good anglers and everyone wants to be like us? Or, could it be that we're just a very nice angling club that likes to fish on rivers? Well whatever it is, it seems to be working because membership has swollen steadily over the past two seasons. On our recent match at Christian Malford we had 15 members turn out, and it could have been as many as 17. The last time I remember this many erect bods standing to attention in the middle of a muddy field was around 16 years ago. It's great to see our little river fishing club thriving in these uncertain times, even if many of the new recruits have been loitering around the angling scene for decades. **All are welcome!**

Latecomer Grabs The Wonga At Whitehouse

Our annual inter-club competition against Alcove AC was held at Whitehouse Farm on August 7th and with 16 anglers in total, it was a good turn out by both sides. A little misunderstanding over the draw time was responsible for Leigh & Paul being a bit late but we all got off together after the match was put back by 15 minutes to compensate. Six hours is great when you're catching but it can be a little tedious if you're not... thankfully I had targeted silvers so kept quite busy all day. I could see many carp being hooked especially on the left-hand bank so a good weight was obviously going to come from one of those pegs. With both lakes in action nobody would be quite sure who had won until everyone had weighed in. The eventual winner came from



George's Lake and it was none other than our very own Paul Pitt who, thanks to some big carp came up trumps with a whopping 33-7-0. Included in Paul's bumper bag were 2 carp, *(Bob landing a carp)*

one weighing 12lb and the other one a beast of 15lb-5oz. Many other anglers hooked and lost big carp throughout the match. Second was Alcove's Ace Steve Dawson with 25lb-11oz, third was Alcove's Glyn Sage with 22lb-11oz and I took the top silvers prize with 10lb-6oz. The team weights were very close with Alcove just edging into the lead with a total of 85lb-1oz to the Legion's 82lb-2oz. (We were very unlucky... ask Adrian Dennis why?)

Baggin' Billy Has It Off At Avalon

Oops he did it again! Although Billy Croom seems to struggle on rivers he more than makes up for his little inadequacies on lakes. He proved it again on our annual 'Away Day' match to Avalon Fisheries, on August 14th, by totally obliterating the competition. The veteran matchman wasted no time in getting amongst the resident carp taking no prisoners on his way to a decisive win. His 66lb-10oz haul doubled that of the long-legged 'carp hole dipper' Leigh Wakefield who put 33lb-2oz on the scales. Leigh's impromptu swim during the match was to retrieve the majority of his pole and not an ill-fated attempt to commit



suicide, although at the time I think many had hoped it was. Disaster of the day was my own attempt to win the silvers pool, only to be pipped by a mere 2oz courtesy of Bob Hole. Thanks a lot Bob! Everyone enjoyed themselves... well except Clive Purshouse, who struggled all day and so didn't trouble the scalesman. Sh*t happens Clive.

Bleak Bashing At Barton Farm

Our club match at Barton Farm, Bradford-on-Avon, on Sunday September 11th turned out to be a battle of the small fish. Most anglers wanted to pluck one of the high numbers from the draw bag and be in with a chance of landing a slab or two but the bream had other ideas. Instead, the best weights came from the lower numbers and consisted of small fish, mainly roach, chublets and bleak. I was drawn next to Leigh 'Longshanks'



Wakefield and I knew I had it all to do but then I didn't figure on Ian Brice getting in amongst the action. As the moment of truth arrived it turned out that Leigh just managed to scrape home by a fish scale or two with his 6lb-3oz of mainly roach to Ian Brice's net of 6lb-

2oz, leaving me scrambling for the titbits with 5lb-13oz for third. Most of the other pegs produced 3lb or less, making it a hard day for those unlucky pluckers. A big thank you to Leigh and Paul for pegging out. *(Picture: Bill Knight letting it all hang out)*

The Knight Is Avenged At Christian Malford

Vengeance is indeed sweet especially when it's against one of your closest friendly rivals. The battleground was to be at Christian Malford on September 25th and with 17 pegs on offer, someone was in for a long trek. As luck would have it, it turned out to be me. Drawn on end peg 17, and once again I had Leigh for company on the next peg (this boy just loves to follow me around) and I sensed a real 'serious' competition was about to unfold. Leigh opted to fish the pole and I decided on a Crow Quill Avon approach. I lost a decent fish right from the off and although I caught steadily all day I still managed to lose a few due to my lazy 'swing 'em in' landing style. No matter... as the final

whistle was blown I was sure I had done enough to silence the fiendish Facebook selfie poster. I tipped out my catch of roach and chublets into the weigh net and the scales pulled round to 6lb-4oz, setting the beam for the rest of the section. Leigh's catch fell way short of the mark at just 4lb-5oz, which left me with a smug ear-to-ear grin on my face. Don't you just love it when a plan comes together? However, any thoughts of taking the entire spoils were soon expelled when news spread that my Pairs Challenge partner, Ian Swanborough, had bagged a roach bonanza from one of the early pegs. His 9lb-11oz net proved a worthy winner and I was more than happy to take the bridesmaid position. Leigh and Johnny the Mack covered their costs by taking section wins. Everyone weighed in except Rod Lloyd who obviously needs a lot more practice ☺ *(Picture: Tommy Ruffe enjoyed the day)*



Who's Where & What's What?

We're almost halfway through the individual aggregate league and Pairs Challenge and there's everything to fish for. Here's how it looks so far...

| Individuals | | Pairs | |
|---------------|----|--------------------------|---------|
| B.Lloyd | 7 | S.Jefferies & I.Brice | 08.02.5 |
| B.Knight | 20 | C.Purshouse & B.Croom | 10.12.0 |
| B.Hole | 25 | A.Dennis & A. Maggs | 13.14.0 |
| B.Croom | 12 | L.Wakefield & P.Pitt | 13.13.0 |
| C.Purshouse | 16 | B.Lloyd & B.Hole | 10.15.0 |
| J.Mack | 0 | B.Knight & I.Swanborough | 11.05.0 |
| E.Davis | 2 | | |
| A.Maggs | 18 | | |
| P.Pitt | 18 | | |
| S.Jefferies | 1 | | |
| L.Wakefield | 28 | | |
| I.Swanborough | 17 | | |
| I.Brice | 18 | | |
| A.Dennis | 16 | | |
| J.Treasure | 3 | | |

Looking Ahead... Forthcoming matches include... **Oct 9th** Crane, Keynsham. **Oct 23rd** Riverside Drive, Chippenham. **Nov 6th** Alcove Poppy, Whitehouse Farm. **Nov 13th** RBL Poppy Appeal, All Waters. **Nov 20th** Kelston. **WANT TO FISH? PHONE!**

New Member: Welcome to the club Roger Warlock.

That's all for now river warriors!