



### Another One Over And A New One Just Begun

Yes, another fishing season has come to an end and so now we'll do it all over again. Welcome to the September 2022 edition of your favourite newsletter! Who will come out on top of the individual aggregate this season? Who will be crowned 2022/3 Pairs Challenge Champions? Who will win the Knockout competition? Who is going to win the next lucky peg draw and pick up that elusive fiver? Yes, there's everything to fish for and more. Will anyone claim a new club record catch? Who is going to register the heaviest fish of the season? Will anyone claim a new club record fish species? Will anyone ever win the roach cup? You've got to be in it to win it so good luck to everyone, as we embark on a new and ~~excruciating~~ exciting series of piscatorial adventures. Let's get to it!

#### AGM Moments of 2022

The club AGM is a great annual back ~~stabbing~~ slapping event, marking the achievements of all those extraordinary individuals, who have given their all for the cause, and in return have been duly rewarded with a nice piece of shiny plastic. Seriously, it's a great get together with an abundance of angling related acknowledgements and recognitions, mostly deserved. It's also a very special occasion, on which we find out who our new club officers are going to be.

Here are some nice pics to remind you of how the evening unfolded...



Kev Murch collecting his well-deserved Ted Brown trophy.



Glynn Sage picking up his reward for staying awake long enough to catch a fish.



Jason Pitman... in the trophies again!



Jason and Adrian, a right pair of winners! These two angling icons managed to amass a terrific combined total weight of 53lb-3oz to take the Pairs Challenge Trophy. Well done guys!



John Treasure getting in on the act, winning the coveted Rose Bowl.



Ian Swanborough adding yet another trophy to his impressive collection.



Alan Maggs and Bob Hole had to fight it out for this one.



Bill Knight is all smug and smiles as he does it again.

### Leigh Pops Up To Win The First Match – Crane, 19<sup>th</sup> June

A total of 14 anglers turned up for the first of the early season river matches, with this one held on the Crane section. The ever elusive Leigh Wakefield mysteriously appeared from the morning mists to send a wake-up call to the rest of the field, in this frustratingly difficult contest. The Crane stretch looked tantalisingly inviting on the day but refused to give up many of its prized resident bream, opening the way for Leigh to steal the show with a 5-13-0 win. Hot on his heels was current Legion Superstar, Jason Pitman, who chased Leigh all the way, missing out by just one ounce to finish up with 5-12-0 for second place. Ian Brice wasn't too far away, finishing third with a 5-3-0 net. A very large bream was hooked and lost. 'nuff said.

### Swanny Finds Form On A Day Of Mass Distraction – Chequers, 10<sup>th</sup> July

It was all going on during this match. A scorching hot day brought out the boats, paddle boarders, swimmers, naked ladies, pic-nickers, dog walkers and just about every lunatic in the local vicinity. With 2 pubs just a stone's throw away, this is definitely NOT a venue for summer matches. The 'straight' was the place to be and Ian Swanborough was fortunate to draw a nice peg with a few resident bream in waiting. His total catch weighed 12-8-0 and was just enough to push renegade Leigh Wakefield into second place. Leigh finished up with 11-1-0, which included 2 bream. Paul Wyatt finished third with 9-9-0.

### Key Stamps His Authority On The New Memorial Match - Staverton, 11<sup>th</sup> September

This invitation match on the river at Staverton attracted 11 Legionnaires and 3 Golden Valley anglers. With the whole stretch available, pegs were well spaced, giving everyone an even chance of picking up a few good fish. However, as usual, quality fish were hard to find on the day. Kev Murch did manage to land a few half decent chub to take the spoils finishing up with a total of 6-2-0. Just 3 ounces behind with 5-15-0 was river Avon Ace, Jason Pitman who found some nice roach and chublets. This match, formerly known as the Frank Bryant Cup, will in future be known as the **QE2 Memorial Match**, in memory of her majesty the queen, former patron of the Royal British Legion. £2 will be deducted from the entrance fee of each contestant, which will be matched by the club and then forwarded to the RBL Poppy Appeal fund. Thank you!

### Points and Pairs Aggregate Update

With 3 matches now completed, here's how it looks on the leaderboards...

#### Individual Aggregate Top 5

Joint 1<sup>st</sup> – Alan Maggs & Jason Pitman – 28 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Leigh Wakefield – 25 points

4<sup>th</sup> – Ian Brice – 23 points

5<sup>th</sup> – Bill Knight – 21 points

#### Pairs Aggregate Positions

1<sup>st</sup> – Ian Swanborough & Ian Brice – 19-9-8

2<sup>nd</sup> – Bill Knight & Alan Maggs – 15-7-0

3<sup>rd</sup> – Clive Purshouse & Jason Pitman – 10-12-8

4<sup>th</sup> – Adrian Dennis & John Treasure – 6-4-0

5<sup>th</sup> – Glynn Sage & Tony Humphries – 3-4-0

### Knockout Competition.

The first round was held at Staverton and everyone who entered has gone through to the next round. A draw will be held at our next club meeting prior to the October match on the Crane.

### Have your say about forthcoming venues...

There appears to be a lack of interest in some of the venues we have previously selected, especially the April and May matches and in particular the AwayDay. If you would like to suggest any new venues that you think we should try then come along to the next meeting and have your say. **Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 8pm**

### Next Matches...

Our next match will be held on the Bridgwater & Taunton canal at Charlton on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Then it's back on the river at the Crane for the next points, pairs and knockout rounds. See you there.

**All for now River Warriors!**