

*Kingswood Legionnaires***Operation 'Peg Leg' A Resounding Success**

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2010 season. I'd like to report that this season has got off to a bang but unfortunately it has been more like a damp squib. Anyway at least we managed to do some important pre-season work at Woolverton. I'm talking about the re-pegging. As many of you are aware the Post Office club's permanent pegging was totally useless for our matches, so we took it upon ourselves to re-peg the whole length, with the exception of one or two pegs, which will be put in after some further work has been carried out. This re-pegging operation will save a lot of time in having to peg every match on the morning, and it has also opened up a number of new swims, which should prove interesting. We left the original PO peg numbers on the trees in case they wanted to carry on using them, although I'm sure they won't, much to the dismay of one or two certain characters. There are now 35 permanent pegs. Many thanks to the working party for all their efforts and to Bill Croom for supplying the plaques

Match Results**Woolverton – 20th June**

Now here's a funny thing... I just read the match report for the first match of last season and surprise! Surprise! It's uncannily similar. Anyway here goes... 7 Legion members took part (last year it was 10). The weather was very warm and overcast (as last year). Winner on the day was Mick Stowford with 3-5-0 (last year it was won with 3-6-0). However, the one big difference this year was that Brian 'Tommy Ruffe' Lloyd framed with 2-14-0, consisting mainly of a chub of 2-7-0. Brian was drawn on the much fancied Pack Horse bridge swim and probably should have done much better ☺ He quite happily bought me a Guinness afterwards so he's not such a bad chap.

Laycock Abbey Fields – 18th July

Hmmm... déjà vu? We were at this venue last year when 9 anglers turned up, this year it was 10. Last year it was won with 7-12-0 of small fish and this year it was won with 8-0-0 of small fish. I think the weather was about the same too. Is our fishing becoming too predictable? It was also the first round of the Pairs Trophy Challenge Series and the results of that are shown opposite. Today's match was won by Mick Stowford, who is proving to be a little devil in disguise on the rivers, making it two wins out of two. Second place was secured by Alan Maggs with a mixed bag of bits for a total of 6-4-0. Top pair on the day was Mick Stowford and John Mack with a combined 12-11-0.

Whitehouse Farm – 1st August

Although not a Legion club match a few of us like to fish this Alcove AC invitation match, and some of us are Alcove members anyway, so it's a chance to rub shoulders with our comrades. This was a 6 hour match and the pegging was split

between both George's and Margaret's lakes. Alcove AC have introduced a peculiar new and unwritten rule about fishing to the island on Margaret's lake. You can only fish to the island from designated swims, which peed me off because this was going to be my first line of attack, only to be told by Ian Chapple that I wasn't drawn on an "island chuck" swim??? Well, the fishing on Margaret's wasn't too bad returning four 20lb plus catches, although George's lake saw many anglers struggling. Team weights were as expected with Alcove emerging a clear winner with 97-2-0 to our 54-2-0. Top weight and the main spoils went to Ian Chapple with 25-6-0 and second was Andy Gard with 23-4-0. We will be avenged!

► **Our Next Match** is at Woolverton on September 12th and we also have an interclub match with Airsprung AC at Swineford on September 26th.

► Individual aggregate Positions to Date

1st Mick Stowford-20 points. 2nd Bill Knight-14 points. 3rd Brian Lloyd-12 points. 4th Bob Hole-11 points. 5th Bill Croom -10 points. Joint 6th Alan Maggs-9 points. 7th John Mack-8 points. 8th Clive Purshouse-7 points. Everyone else has a lot of work to do but it's still very early days!

► Pairs Challenge Trophy Series – Round 1

1st pair John Mack & Mick Stowford - 12-11-0
 2nd pair Alan Maggs & Bill Croom - 8-3-0
 3rd pair Bob Hole & John Thompson – 6-15-8
 4th pair Bill Knight & Brian Lloyd – 5-10-0
 5th pair Ed Davies & Clive Purshouse – 3-8-0. Early days!

Other News

► Gary Takle, one of our long-standing members has officially given up fishing... bad times. However, our club have bought up all his fishing tackle and it's now for sale to our members at silly prices... good times ☺ For more information about what is available contact Brian for details.