

*Kingswood Legionnaires******NEWS FLASH*****

Don't forget to get your entries in for the final Legion National Pairs Open on March 12th. This event will be limited to 40 pairs and there are very few places left. Although this competition looks set to be a sell-out, it will also be the very last event of its kind to be organised by the K&H branch of the RBL. As the club moves ever forward, leaving in its wake a trail of major and very popular events, it is perhaps time to reflect on the club's history and embrace the inevitable challenges and new directions, to which we are destined. But first, I'm sure you will all echo my noises of gratitude to our secretary, Brian Lloyd, for his enthusiastic hard work and commitment he has endured and invested in our club, over the past two and a half decades. Some of you may think that because Brian is retreating into a world of pleasurable retirement, the club will also fade into the twilight zone. Not so. We have always found ways to enthuse and keep our members actively involved, and that pioneering attitude, which has kept this club alive and kicking all these years hasn't changed. Although attendances at club events may well be on the decline, as indeed they are for most angling clubs, the combined enthusiasm for Inter-club matches seems to be gaining in popularity. This certainly proved to be the case at our last inter-club match held at Bradford-on-Avon, which attracted a total of thirty six anglers. Inter-club matches take much less organising and the responsibilities are generally shared amongst the competing clubs. So are Inter-club events the way forward? It certainly looks that way, but it's no surprise to us. We've been instrumental in arranging these for years. And who knows where this could lead in the future. On top of that we have yet to get down to some serious fishing on the river Frome at Woolverton. ☺

Match Results**Christmas Match Swineford**

Seems so long ago since we froze our woolly socks off on this annual festive jaunt. But just to remind you, the match was won by Bob Hole, who with a couple of nice chub, notched up 6-8-0 to take the pools and hamper home to Kingswood. Glen Welsh, who bitterly complained about the state of his swim, took second position with 3-2-0 of mainly small roach. Everyone else was glad to get to the pub for sausage and chips and a welcome beer.

Christian Malford Upstream

This match will probably be best remembered for the accumulation of mud on boots and trolleys as we struggled across the sticky, cattle-trodden field. Unexpected winner of this event was Steve Cooke with an amazing 9-12-0 of quality roach taken in the latter half of the match on bread and caster. Runner-up was again Glen Welsh with 4-11-0 of pole-caught redfins.

**Inter-Club and Final Aggregate Match
Bradford-on-Avon**

With only 4 points separating the top 4 Legion

individuals, there was much to fish for on this final aggregate and knock-out match of the current season. Bob Hole's opponent in the knock-out event, Steve Cooke, failed to show, which by default saw the title go directly to Bob. It was definitely Bob's day, as his weight of 2-11-0 was more than enough to beat his nearest rivals in the individual aggregate, securing yet another piece of plastic silverware and of course the coveted club tie. To round off a successful season, Bob also, with pairs partner Clive Pursehouse, won the pairs Challenge Trophy. A season to remember eh?

The team results of this inter-club competition are as follows: 1st Airsprung A.C – 22-14-0, 2nd Alcove A.C – 17-1-8 and 3rd K&H RBL A.C 12-10-8.

Top 4 Individual aggregate places: 1st Bob Hole – 46 points, 2nd Antony Hole – 45 points, 3rd Bill Kumpik – 42 points and 4th Bill Croom – 40 points. All other placings to be confirmed and announced later.

It just remains for me to wish everyone competing in the Pairs National the very best of luck and let's hope for a good day all round.