



Kingswood Legionnaires

Welcome to the March edition of your newsletter. Another river fishing season over and as far as I can remember, it hasn't been all that special. However, we're only just beginning to experience the delights of the river Frome at Woolverton, so perhaps the coming season will prove to be more productive. Moving on...For the past 10 years, the last match of the season has been played out at Barton Farm, Bradford-on-Avon, where the river and adjacent canal have hosted the Legion National Pairs Open. This has always been one of my personal favourite competitions for many reasons, not least the convenience of having the river, canal, car park and pub all within close proximity. And I must admit I felt quite sad when Brian announced he was giving up organising this annual competition, but now, thanks to the efforts of the lads from the Tilehurst Legion, the event lives on...at least for the time being. If you haven't already booked your place, it's now far too late as all entries have been submitted. The draw will be from 8am but if you want a hearty breakfast before the all-in, then get there before 7.30am. And another thing. Bring some change for the car park meter as it will cost you £3.60 to park for the day, courtesy of Wiltshire County Council. (Robbing B****ards!) Good luck to all competitors...but especially the intrepid Kingswood Legionnaires.

Match Results

A. Shipp Rose Bowl - January 14th - K & A Canal

With only 9 anglers putting in an appearance, it was decided to have a walk off. (Wish I had walked right off, back to my van and driven back home). For some strange reason the fish were very unsettled and only fed spasmodically throughout the 5 gruelling hours. That together with countless boats, walkers, joggers, cyclists and intense sunshine made for an easily forgettable day. Top polester on the day was Billy Croom (pegged somewhere near Trowbridge I think) with 4-3-0 followed by Steve Cooke on the next peg with 2-6-0.

Feb 11th - Inter-club Alcove - Saltford Trees

Although the river was in flood, it all looked very fishable. But recent snow and obviously road salt had found its way into the waterway and consequently fish was right off the menu. Weights were very low and Bob 'The Bread' Price fishing under the Alcove banner needed only 3 quality roach for 1-14-0 to secure first place with Alcove's Steve Brown finishing runner-up with only 15.5oz. Our top rod on the day was Gary Takle with just 11 ounces. Needless to say there were many fluffy fish contenders.

Next Match

April 15th is the date of the next match, on which we'll be returning to the Kennet & Avon canal at Semington. If I remember, the fishing wasn't too bad but the semi-naked joggers were a bit of a put off ☺.

Final Aggregate positions

Where did you finish? Check out the final **individual** and **pairs** positions below:

1st. Bill Knight 46 points – 2nd. Bob Hole 43 points – 3rd. Alan Maggs 42 points – 4th. Brian Lloyd 29 points – 5th. Gary Takle 27 points – joint 6th. John Thompson & Antony Hole 26 points – 8th. Bill Croom 25 points – 9th. Clive Pursehouse 23 points – 10th. Chris Thompson 18 points – 11th. Steve Cooke 17 points – 12th. Mark Summerhayes 16 points – 13th. Glen Welsh 15 points – 14th. Ted Brown 11 points.

Pairs:

1st. Bob Hole & Clive Pursehouse 27lbs - 2.5oz. 2nd. Antony Hole & Glen Welsh 26lbs – 13oz. 3rd. Alan Maggs & Gary Takle 25lbs – 12oz. 4th. Brian Lloyd & Mark Summerhayes 20lbs – 12oz. 5th. Bill Knight & Ted Brown 17lbs – 1oz.

The knock-out was eventually won by Steve Cooke on a weight count back. (Bad luck Brian!)

Other news

It has been decided, purely for financial reasons, that we should become an 'associate' organisation of the Post Office Angling Club for the purpose of insurance cover. This will save both clubs a substantial sum on premiums. If you have questions about this matter, contact Brian for details.

Did I mention that Tony Rixon has a new book out. It's an amusing account of his experiences spanning more than 30 years and includes hot tips for catching carp from match lakes. Take a look at his website: www.tonyrixon.co.uk