



The Kingswood Legionnaires' Newsletter

There Will Be Tiers At Christmas!

Hi everyone and welcome to the 2020, Covid Christmas edition of your favourite newsletter. With Coronavirus wreaking havoc all around the country, this Christmas was always going to end in tiers. And I expect a few of the other tears might have been shed for the loss of our traditional festive frolics out at Farleigh Wood and the Red Lion. Never mind. The vaccine has arrived and by the time the new season starts in 2021, coronavirus will be nothing more than a distant memory, albeit a nightmarish one. It has been a very strange year for all of us and I don't know about you but I've kinda got used to seeing the missus in a mask and I think I like it, along with a bit of social distancing, it hasn't been all bad. So every cloud... Anyway, enjoy your newsletter and I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas. See you all on the bank in January. ☺

Last Gasp Perch Saves The Day For Killy Willy On A Well Hammered River Avon At Staverton

Our second Staverton match of the new season was held on Sunday, July 13th and attracted 14 very happy club anglers. The river had previously been fished every Wednesday and there had been a match the day before we arrived. On top of that there was another match booked in on the same Sunday as our match. Hmmm... I wonder why this stretch is so popular. So it was always going to be a bit of a struggle to get bites as the day proved. I spent most of the first hour biteless and then decided to change from pole tactics to a straight lead with single maggot on a 20 hook. Over the next 3 hours I picked up a few tiny roach, gudgeon and perch but knew it would never be enough to win or even frame. In the last hour I decided to try for one of the larger resident perch or chub, so I changed to a 14 hook with a half lob worm attached. That brought an instant bite from a small perch of around 3 ounces. Then with about 20 minutes left, the tip went right round and I was playing a nice perch about a pound and a half. I don't think I've ever spent so long in carefully playing a fish but I needed to be sure I wasn't going to lose this bad boy. Come the weigh-in, that perch did me proud and boosted my weight to a whopping 2-4-0 and my first win of the season, much to the dismay of Alan Maggs who finished in second place with 2-2-0. My pairs Challenge partner, Kev Murch, finished third with 2-1-0. Everyone caught fish but it was damn hard work.

Wyatt Earp Arrests Some Dang Big Perch For Loitering In His Swim On The T&B Canal

It's always nice to get away and fish somewhere different and the Taunton & Bridgwater canal made a welcome change for this match on Sunday 27th September. The controlling club went right out of their way to ensure we had a good day by first pegging the stretch for us and then arranging to limit the boat traffic. The canal is well known for its head of quality tench but a bright sunny sky and crystal clear water put paid to any hopes of latching into one of the red-eyed, green skinned fighting machines. That didn't matter to Paul Wyatt who was drawn on unfancied peg 1, situated near the bridge, and who managed to temp some big perch on worm for a nice winning net totalling 8-14-0. In second place was Jason Pitman on peg 7 who also fished worm and again found some large willing perch in his swim. Third place went to Tony Humphries who whipped out a 6-7-0 mixed bag to collect a section win. Ian Swanborough's 4-4-0 was enough to secure the other section win. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day, despite no tench, so we have booked the canal again for next season.

Quality Roach At The Crane Sets Jason On A Path To Glory And Victory

Sunday, October 11th saw us on the crane stretch of the river Avon at Keynsham, for the W. Milton Cup and interclub match with Alcove AC. A total of 15 anglers

put in an appearance on a river that was fining down after recent heavy rains. As usual everyone fancied the higher numbers but on this occasion they didn't live up to the expectations of big bream and chub. Jason was drawn on peg 8, just over the first style, and had a fair amount of slack water right in front of him. Roach seemed to be shoaled up there and some nice specimens were included in Jason's winning 9-8-0 net. On peg 12, Ian Swanborough was up to his old tricks, hauling out a mainly roach bag for 8-10-0 and second place. A section win went to Adrian for his 4-4-0, and myself for a 6-0-0 net of prime redfins.

Adrian Finds The Back Of The Net At Barton Farm Interclub Match



Seasoned pro, Adrian Dennis, put in a fine performance at the Barton Farm interclub contest with Golden Valley AC on Sunday, 25th October. Drawn on peg 3, Adrian attacked his swim with worm, which put him among the resident stripeys. His weight of 5-12-0 proved more than enough to lead the field, ahead of second placed Glynn Sage who deposited 5-7-0 on the scales from the other end of the section. Alan Maggs got amongst the cash by taking third place with 4-11-0. Section wins went to Paul Wyatt and Shay Gillman of Golden Valley.

Annual Prize Presentation Slumps To New Lows

Once heralded as the event of the season, with 100 or more guests, live music and a fabulous buffet, this year the annual presentation was reduced to an informal handout in a Bradford-on-Avon car park. As the AGM fell victim to the coronavirus, the trophy presentation had to be rearranged to ensure everyone received their just rewards for their efforts and so this was the only option we had left to us. Here are the happy winners including new club champion Ian Swanborough.



Travelling partners and winners Ian and Adrian



Glynn and Paul with their bubbly spoils.



<<< Jason with big smile and his bubble wrap.

Well done to all the trophy winners, some of which were multiple trophy winners. Many thanks go to everyone for supporting our matches. Also, a big thank you to Paul and Jason for all their efforts in pegging the venues, and thanks to Glynn for arranging to collect the trophies. Well done to Brian for handing them to the right people. ☺

2021 Club Calendars

The calendar boys are here again. I hope you enjoy the calendars. There's not many action shots to see I'm afraid as I was scratching around for new images. The cost of the calendars is £4 this year, which will be added to the fees for the next match. If you want to pay separately then give me a call sometime.



I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a fabulous Covid-free, net-bulging, fish-fest New Year.

All for now river warriors! Stay safe!

