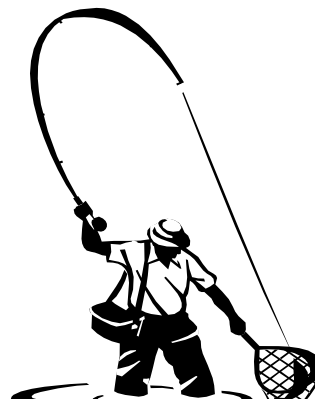


# Kingswood Legionnaires

## Newsletter

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Now you know I'm not one for harping on about anything in particular, but I have to say that the problems caused by one of our club members, during the weigh-in at last month's National Pairs Open, left us gobsmacked! It is surely, common knowledge to wet the weigh net and zero the scales **before** weighing the section and not half way along as this angler did. Worse still, he didn't come back to the pub afterwards and explain what had happened. Imagine our shock, when we heard the story from an outside competitor. If not for the mild-mannered Ray Newton, who possibly lost out on a placing and some cash, the whole affair could have turned into a fiasco, with everyone demanding that the contest be declared void. By the way, next year will be the final Pairs National organised by our club.

### Joke of the month

A chap comes home early from fishing one Sunday and finds his neighbour in bed with his wife. He shoots both of them, then turns the gun on himself. Later, in the local Legion club, they were all talking about how terrible the three deaths were, when a chap sitting at the bar looks up and says. "It could have been much worse" They said, "What could possibly be worse than that?" He replied, "Well, if it had been Friday it would have been me!"

### Legion v Alcove, Bradford-on-Avon

What a difficult water this can be. Most anglers struggled for bites on a rising and heavily coloured river. In conditions like this, you have a choice to either go for bream or snatch bleak off the top. Paul Mogg decided he would take a chance on the bream and it paid off. His 9-0-0 catch was more than enough to secure first place. The second Legion placing went to Glen Welsh with 3-15-0. What about those nice Alcove lads? They come to this venue every year and willingly give us their money. Their total team weight of 20-9-0 was comfortably overshadowed by our 26-1-0. The most interesting and unusual feature of the day was the antics displayed by a resident kingfisher. I thought I'd seen it all when he perched on my keepnet and eyeballed my catch of bleak, but he went a bit too far in taking Brian's fish right off the hook in mid-flight.

### National Pairs Open, Bradford-on-Avon

Apart from the aforementioned little mishap, a slow and clear river, an out of sorts canal and only 28 pairs, everything else went quite well. (Everything else being the breakfast and the beer). The river looked dead from the off and the 10 anglers that blanked were probably well p\*\*\*\*d off. I'm not sure of the top weight but it was only a couple of pounds. The canal anglers didn't fare much better. 5 blanks and a top weight of just 4lb something. Top duo was P.Denman & A.Chapman from Tilehurst Legion with a total of 54 points. Second, and regular framers, were P.Brundish & J.Moody from Blandford with 52 points. Our very own Kingswood lads, Bob Hole & Glen Welsh came in third with 47 points. Next year is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and sadly, will be the last National Pairs Open organised by our club.

### Forthcoming Events

Everyone should receive a match calendar with dates and venues for the coming season. Not on the list is, Westerleigh for August 7<sup>th</sup>. The top lake has been booked and there are only 15 pegs available, so get your name down now. Our away-day match will be held at Trinity Waters on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Woodland Lake has been booked and there are 31 pegs. The club will pick up the tab for peg fees, so there's no excuse for not turning out in force for this one.

### Winners!

Top individual angler this season is Mark Summerhayes, who amassed a total of 142 points. Well done matey! I was second with 141. Top pair in the aggregate competition is Mark Summerhayes & Glen Welsh with a total combined weight of 50-5-0. Well done lads. Nearest rivals were Alan Maggs & Clive Pursehouse with 48-2-0. Next, is a list of all the trophy winners for last season: A.Maggs, P.Mogg, M.Summerhayes, E.Brown, B.Kumpik, G.Takle, A.Hole, S.Cooke, C.Pursehouse, G.Welsh, B.Hole & B.Croom. As usual, trophies will be presented at our AGM. Please make every effort to attend and learn about the new point system we plan to introduce.

### Other News

Don't forget the Star & Garter match on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Westerleigh. See Ted for tickets

Frampton Legion once again boycotted the National Pairs Open, deciding to organise a club match on the same day.

In case you are unaware, the golden peg pot has been 'frozen'. There's £171 up for grabs for some lucky member. In future, you can opt-in to a winner take all pool instead.

Did you remember to renew your rod licence? Licences expired on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Please note the date for our next club meeting will be May 9<sup>th</sup>, as May 2<sup>nd</sup> is a bank holiday.

### All for Now

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