

Kingswood Legionnaires

Kingswood Legionnaires' Chairman Opens a Can of Worms Over B&W Federation Subs



Yes I hold my hand up! I did indeed challenge the questionable 'Old School' financial insider dealings of that great angling institution, The Bristol & West Federation of Anglers. Well, I had to. And If I hadn't, someone else would have. And why did I do it? Simply because we, as individual members of the K&H RBL are paying around £10 per head for the privilege of fishing the B&W waters. When you compare this to just 60p per head for individuals of some other clubs, with much larger memberships, you can see there is a "slight discrepancy". In fact we are paying almost 1700% more for using exactly the same facility. It's unfair and it's unjust and the ONLY reason it has not been addressed sooner is because the 'Old School' don't like change. They would rather let "sleeping dogs" lie. Well, it must change and it is going to change. If all individual members of clubs associated with the B&W paid just £1 each, there would be no financial loss to the B&W and a much fairer system would be in place. This is the favoured option, but it is up to the member clubs to embrace it, accept it, endorse it and get on with it. **May common sense prevail!**

Match Results

Xmas Match – Kennett & Avon Canal – December 9th

This match should have been fished at Woolverton but due to floods had to be rearranged at the last minute. Only 7 anglers turned up for this annual Yuletide treat, which was seen off at the The Millhouse pub along with fine ales and lashings of festive grub. Top polester on the day was myself with just 3lb of very small roach and even smaller gudgeon. Gary Takle picked up the second prize with a similar bag weighing 2lb-6oz.

Kennett & Avon Canal – January 13th

Once again the weather forced a change of venue, which was a shame because this match should have been held at Lacock. So off we went to the same place as the previous month for pretty much the same story. I finished first with just 2lb-14oz of small roach and gudgeon followed by John Thompson who had a straight 2lb for second place. Yawn!!!

Inter-club with Alcove - Crane – February 10th

At last we were able to get back on the river after months of flooding. And little did we know that there would be a few surprises in store. The weather was fine, dry and sunny and the river was still running off, so it was a little pacy and had a good colour. The Alcove boys sounded confident as they had beat us in at least the last 3 meetings, but today it was not to be. Drawn in the Donkey field was Alan Maggs, who set out his stall for bream and they duly obliged. Alan quietly forged ahead of the pack, bagging bream to 5lb in an amazing match winning haul of 41lb-4oz. Easily beating the whole Alcove team on his own. In second place was myself with a mere 14lb-2oz of bream.

Legion Pairs National Open – March 9th

Noticeably the number of entrants was down on previous years, which sadly, is a sign of the times. All credit to the lads of the Tilehurst legion who again organised the event, even amidst much previous uncertainty about the availability of the venue. The 16 pairs who put in an appearance were jovial enough, and even those that sat down to eat their almost liquid breakfast didn't complain. However, the fishing as usual was very inconsistent with bream showing on the river and some canal swims failing to produce a bite. The K&H RBL fielded 3 teams, but all were unplaced. Tilehurst were triumphant in taking first and second placings followed by Pawlett Legion who finished third on their first appearance.

Where did you finish?

Individual aggregate positions for the 2007/8 season.

1st B.Knight -51 points, 2nd A.Maggs - 50 points, 3rd R.Hole - 43 points, 4th B.Lloyd - 41 points, 5th J.Thompson - 35 points, 6th G.Takle 31 points, 7th C.Thompson - 30 points, 8th C.Purshouse – 23 points, 9th C.Denny 21 points, 10th A.Hole - 14 points, 11th E.Davis 8 points.

Pairs aggregate positions for the season 2007/8

1st A.Maggs & G.Takle – 61-3-0, 2nd B.Lloyd & B.Knight – 36-12-0, 3rd R.Hole & A.Hole – 30-9-8, 4th C.Denny & J.Thompson – 28-4-0, 5th C.Purshouse & C.Thompson – 14-0-0

Other News

*Amend you match calendar! The July match will be held at Lacock Abbey Fields and not Hunters lake.

*Don't forget to renew your rod licence.

*Check out the new Carps AC website – www.carpsac.co.uk