

The Kingswood Legionnaires' Newsletter

Chairman is Severely Reprimanded at Monthly Club Meeting

Long term serving officer and fiercely loyal and faithful Kingswood Legionnaire Chairman, Bill Knight (aka Killy Willy), was openly and ferociously savaged by the club's secretary at the September monthly club meeting. The secretary's verbal onslaught, which was witnessed by at least 4 other shocked members, left the chairman feeling humiliated, embarrassed, traumatised and emotionally broken for at least 3 minutes afterwards. Apparently the Chairman had committed the heinous crime of not informing the Evening Post's Angling columnist, Roy Garland, of the June match result, in which the winner, Mr John Treasure caught in excess of 28lbs of bream on the Crane at Keynsham. In the Chairman's defense, he stated 'overwork' as being the main underlying factor, which had accounted for his temporary memory loss. He then humbly asked for forgiveness and that all other previous lapses in concentration to be taken into consideration. In support of the Chairman's case, it was brought to the secretary's attention that the Chairman's current responsibilities included chairing the monthly meetings together with being acting Match Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Calendar Editor, Clothing Organiser, Assistant Photographer and generally an all-round nice guy. The Chairman also works full-time in his own business. It is now understood the club is seeking a volunteer to take on the titanic responsibility of Press Secretary. Anyone with the slightest iota of interest should contact the secretary.

Killy Willy Skims Off A Birthday Win At Farleigh

Our usual May Trophy match was held at Farleigh Wood lake on May 13th (my birthday) but sadly only 7 anglers turned out for this one. Ed Davies was late as usual and ended up on peg 1, arguably the best peg on the lake. I was drawn on peg 4, which I have never done very well from. However, tell-tale bubbles indicated skimmers were actively feeding and so I targeted them throughout the match using dead maggot, worm and soft pellet. I caught steadily all day and included a 3lb-11oz carp in my winning net of 17lb-15oz. Paul Pitt was drawn on the next peg and fished courageously, losing a late carp, which would have put him in contention. He finished in second place with 15lb-15oz. Best fish of the day was a carp of 7lb-14oz caught by Brian 'Tommy Ruffe' Lloyd.

AGM Brings Smiles And A Little Disappointment

The AGM was a bitter-sweet affair for last season's club champion, Bill Knight, as he collected the Individual Aggregate Winner's trophy. Bill managed to scramble to the top of the pile with just one point clear of his nearest rival Alan Maggs, only to receive a broken trophy and left the meeting without receiving the ceremonial club champion's coveted necktie. The tie, which has a long and colourful past, was not present at the prize giving

ceremony because the previous winner (you know who you are) didn't return it in time. Sadly, this has never happened before in the club's long history. Bob Hole won the knockout competition thanks to a kamikaze bullhead and Clive Purshouse won a match at Barton Farm thanks to a small eel who had lost the will to live. Mark James picked up a couple of trophies for his wins including the Pair's Trophy, together with 'out of sorts' member Kev Murch. The fresh face on this year's winner's podium belongs to Steve Jefferies, who has been celebrating ever since. Well done to all the winners.



Above: Bill Knight with President Bill Croom.

Below: Kev Murch (with a shell-shocked Steve Jefferies in the background). Below next, Bob Hole with knockout trophy. Below Bob is Steve Jefferies and finally, Clive Purshouse with his just rewards.



Above: Mark James (not looking particularly happy with his wonderful prizes)

Bronze Treasure Discovered In Ash Tip Field

Our first match of the new river fishing season was held on the Crane at Keynsham on Sunday June 17th with 14 anglers in attendance (including Scott from Scotland) I had pegged this stretch on the previous Saturday and noticed bream rolling in the Ash Tip Field pegs, so this was surely the place to be on the day. Sure enough John Treasure latched onto them straight from the off, on end peg 15 for an easy and convincing win. John brought 28-03-8 to the scales, followed by Paul Pitt on the next peg with 20-02-0. Clive Purshouse was drawn next to Paul and managed 3rd place with 8-12-0 including a bream of 4lb-11oz. Mark James registered a roach 8.5oz

Anglers Get A Roasting At Barton Farm

The second match of the season saw us frying in the relentless heat at Barton Farm, Bradford-on-Avon with temperatures nudging 30°. The river was well down but most anglers still had around 10 feet depth of water in front of them. It seems the fish were suffering from sunstroke too as many of the recorded weights were very disappointing. Fortunately, it only needed 5lb-12oz of redfins to win, which was lucky for me, and 5lb-3oz for second, which was lucky for Adrian Dennis, who was also my pairs partner. So a lucky day for both of us ☺

Kingswood RBL Leave Alcove AC In Their Wake

The annual interclub meeting between us and Alcove AC was attended by 16 anglers with an even team spread of 8 a side. As usual, everyone wanted to draw on prolific Margaret's Lake between pegs 6 & 9 opposite the island. Paul Pitt and myself were fortunate enough to draw pegs 8 and 9 respectively and led the Legion charge to victory. Paul caught early carp and chub on a variety of methods whilst I dragged a 20lb-11oz beast to the net half way through, after losing 2 fish of similar size. The rest of the team produced very good backing weights, which helped us to secure victory over our rivals with a total weight of 135lb-10oz to Alcove's 122lb-12oz. Top 2 Legionnaires were winner Bill Knight with 30lb-7oz and 2nd, Paul Pitt with 29lb-11oz. (Macca was explosive!)

Away Day – South Cerney's Gillman's Lake is booked and waiting for some action on Sunday 19th August.

Club Clothing – If you ordered new clothing, it's now ready. Come and get booted and suited.

Welcome new member: Glynn Sage. **All for now river warriors!**