



Kingswood Legionnaires

Special Christmas Edition



Welcome to the K&H RBL Angling Club newsletter. You have almost certainly realised by now that the club newsletters have become as rare as Brian Lloyd buying me a pint of Guinness. It's not that I have lost interest in writing your favourite publication... it's just a work thing. I seem to get busier every year and this one has been the busiest ever.

Now you're probably all feeling a bit worn out and depressed, what with Christmas shopping and the foul weather, so to cheer you all up, here's a double helping newsletter with lots of festive graphics to get you in the mood for the big occasion.

Match Results

June 22nd – Woolverton

The first match of the season was, as you might expect, a little disappointing. The river looked the part but the fish were just not going to play by the book and for many it was a real struggle to tempt bites. Antony Hole however managed to work his charm and coaxed 8lb-9oz of chublets and redfins to take the top spot. That dark horse John Thompson, of the Thompson clan, sneaked into second place with a mixed bag weighing 7lb-2oz. After the top two it was downhill for everyone else, with just 2lb being an average return. It is now obvious that the fish switch off after 2 or 3 hours.

July 13th – Christian Malford

Most club members decided they would rather be somewhere else as only 5 bothered to put in an appearance at this match. And, at the end of 5 uneventful hours the rest of us wished that we had been somewhere else too. It was a warm day and the river had a nice colour, so what was the problem? Beats me! Only 6lb-14oz of bits was needed to lift the title for this one, which I was happy to claim. And, yet again John Thompson made a lunge for the pot but slipped into second position with his 6lb-6oz net of "ronnies". The hot and fancied peg was on the outfall, but only produced a few pounds of small maggot mashing tiddlers.



September 14th - Woolverton

It was back to the Frome again and the same old story. (Hey give me a break! I'm trying to make it as interesting as I can, but I can only report the facts). This time that canny Johnny Thompson did his homework and put together a well laid plan. And it paid off. His 6lb-2oz catch of chub and roach was enough to take the spoils and the F.Bryant Cup. In second position was another Thompson clansman, (they're taking over the club!), this time new member Graham who brought 4lb-13oz to the scales. With happy smiling faces, it was celebration time at The Yeoman.



October 12th - Crane

A few of the Post Office lads joined us for this jaunt making a total of 12 anglers in all. The Crane is a funny old place. Sometimes it can fish really well, with weights over 40lbs (Alan Maggs, 2007), and at other times it can be total cr*p. Well it was the latter on this occasion and I needed only 5lb of small roach and skimmers to take first place and the purse. I drew the deep peg upstream of the beech and spent the first 3 hours on the Crow-quill Avon before switching to a groundbait feeder. Three good skimmers on the feeder with red and bronze maggots did the trick. In second place was the Post Office AC's Steve "Mr Crabtree" Brown with 2lb-11oz. Del Harvey finished third with 2lb-1oz, followed by steady Eddy Davis with 1lb-14oz.





Forthcoming Events

Christmas Match

For those of you who are reading this newsletter in The Mill, the match will already be over. As I write this I don't know whether the match is going to be on the river or switched to the canal. Heavy rainfall during Friday night and Saturday morning has caused major flooding in the area, so look out for the full report in the next newsletter.

Next match, January 11th – Swineford. Then it's back to Woolverton again for the February match on the 15th. The Legion National Pairs Open will be held on March 8th but the venue has yet to be confirmed. If you want to know the dates and venues for all of 2009, then buy yourself a **club calendar**.



Individual Aggregate

Just to bring everyone up to date with what's happening and who is where...

In first position with 35 points is John Thompson, second is Bill Knight with 34 points, in third place is Bob Hole with 21 points (should have made sure holidays didn't clash with match dates). There's a tie for fourth in the list with both Antony Hole and Eddy Davis on 18 points. Brial Lloyd lies in sixth place with 17 points and there's another tie in seventh place with both Chris and Graham Thompson on 12 points each. Alan Maggs hasn't fared well this season with just 10 points, but finishes well ahead of Charlie Denny who has 5 points.

There are no pairs aggregate results this season as there wasn't enough of us to make the contest worthwhile. Hopefully we can resurrect the Pairs Challenge next year.



Other News

Some anglers have been absent from matches this season due to sheer wear and tear. First Clive Purshouse with his

knee and now John Thompson for the same reason. Clive is on the mend and will hopefully be rejoining the ranks in the New Year. John may take a little longer as he has only recently had his op, so see you soon John.

Chris Thompson had a nasty accident a few months ago and at one point looked like a road kill victim. Turns out he just had an argument with a brick wall. Silly boy.



A big congratulations this year went to Antony Hole on the birth of his first child. He is currently on active nanny duties but we might see him on the bank later in the new year.

Our club will be £50 better off next year due to a change in the way the Bristol & West Federation subs are worked out. A Much fairer system was proposed and is now in place.



Some Christmas Cheer

♦ Paul Trollope, the manager of Bristol Rovers football club was woken up by a call from Trinity Road police station. "I'm afraid the club has been broken into sir." Horrified, the manager asked, "Did they get the cups?" "No sir," replied the policeman, "they didn't go into the kitchen."

♦ What's the difference between Bristol City football club and a triangle? A triangle's got three points.

♦ The Irish parachutist realised that he was in trouble when his snorkel wouldn't open.

♦ A fish staggers into a bar. "What can I get you?" asks the landlord. "Water..."

♦ A Mexican, an Irishman, an African, a kilted Scotsman, a priest, two lesbians, a rabbi and a nun walk into a bar. The landlord looks up and says, "What the hell is this? Some kind of a joke?"

♦ Happy Christmas everyone and hope to see you all in the New Year.

