

Kingswood Legionnaires

Christmas Edition

Welcome to the K&H RBL Angling Club newsletter. It seems like only yesterday that I was handing out Christmas newsletters... where does the time go? Well another year is drawing to a close and another new decade is waiting to begin but let's take it one year at a time. 2009 will be remembered for many things... poor fishing, nice summer, poor fishing, the recession, poor fishing, and so far a wet winter. Yes we haven't had any memorable catches but there is still time.

There's one thing I will personally remember about this year and that is the passing of our old match secretary Rich Watts. Rich was the last match secretary of this club and we've been muddling along ever since.

He will never be forgotten because the club champion's tie once belonged to him. It will now be known as the Rich Watts tie. If you don't know the story behind this tie ask me and I'll enlighten you.

Match Results

September 13th – Woolverton

This club match was pitifully attended and the results were even more pitiful. Only 7 anglers attended and it was easily won by John Thompson with 1lb of bits. Darren Dix was second with 6oz. Enough said!



October 11th – Crane

The river looked deceptively good but the results reflected the real difficulties we all faced. Bites were hard to find and only a few small fish were willing to put in an appearance. Winner on the day was again the in-form John Thompson with 4lb-12oz of roach and bits. The bridesmaid position was awarded to Bob Hole for his total weight of 3lb-7oz and in third place was Alan "The Long Walker" Maggs with 2lb-8oz.

October 25th – Woolverton

This was an inter-club match with Golden Valley who usually do very well on our stretch of river. But today they were to be undone. Their total team weight of 6lb was no match for the superior Legionnaires on what was another difficult day. Our team weight totalled an impressive 20lb, which had the opposing team scurrying for their cars and a hasty retreat home.



November 1st – Whitehouse Farm

This was the Alcove Poppy Match and about 14 anglers turned up. And guess what? The fishing was not very good! It was won by Bob "The Bread" Price who had 3 decent carp. But there was a real shock for many anglers and gasps of disbelief when it emerged that Brian Lloyd won his section with a kamikaze carp

of 7lb. A day to savour for Brian then. ☺ Well done mate!

November 8th – Poppy Appeal Open

I think I was the only legionnaire to represent our club at this annual fund raising event, and this time I was the lucky one. At least I had some good luck and some bad luck. I drew the high bank at Swineford and had a few good chub, lost 2 very good chub and a pike of about 7 or 8lb. I finished up with 9lb-12oz for fifth place. The winner had 21lb of bream from famous peg 54 at Newbridge.



November 22nd – Woolverton

This was an invitation match, which next year will probably become part of the points accumulation system along with the March match. The river was up and coloured after heavy rain and it was always going to be a struggle to locate any feeding fish. The winning peg turned out to be the weir, which as we all know is very unpredictable. Golden Valley's Bob Purnell needed only 3lb-2oz, which included a bream, to walk away with the spoils. John "Mack" was delighted to be able to top up his beer kitty with his proceeds received for a second placing, which consisted of mainly roach from the prolific "manhole" swim. Third prize went to Alan Maggs, who having drew the last peg and the longest walk, decided to contemplate his predicament before giving in to his doubts and setting off into oblivion. His decision turned out to be the right one and was worth a few quid as he managed to haul out 1lb-7oz of bits.

Other News

- ▶ Congratulations to Darren Dix on his engagement ☺
- ▶ Charlie Denny is still awaiting his gall bladder operation so we wish him a speedy recovery ☺
- ▶ Happy Christmas to everyone and I hope to see you all in the New Year ☺

