

Kingswood Legionnaires

Newsletter

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Presentation Evening right on song

Our annual presentation and social evening was a resounding success again this year, despite the absence of some prominent members. Those who genuinely couldn't make it, due to illness or holidays, can be forgiven. Those who deliberately stayed away for any other reasons, deserve to be court marshalled and shot! Then hung, drawn and quartered!

As far as I'm aware, (or can remember) everyone enjoyed the evening and so it's Karaoke again next year. It was very nice to see that the silverware was well spread this year. Don't you just get fed up seeing the same old people winning everything year after year?!! A big thank you to all who attended, especially Rich Hill and his 'rent-a-mob'. Thanks also to Maggie Lloyd, who helped with the preparation and Royston Garland for taking the messy mug shots. (I think we've got your address right this time, Roy)

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on 4th June and all existing officers were re-elected, (no surprise there). After the usual rhetoric and backslapping came the proposals and at long last, we managed to remove the rule that made us Bristol's most exclusive fishing club. It's now no longer a requirement, to hold an Amalgamation tab, in order to participate in our competitions. Which simply means, our annual membership fees have been reduced by £25. Proposed by Bill Croom and seconded by yours truly.

It was sad to hear that Charlie Coombes and Len Bird are unlikely to be joining us on the banks due to ill health. They are still loyal Legionnaires and will always be remembered for their courage and determination in the 'field'. But most of all, for their much-missed sense of humour. (Rapidly becoming an essential Legionnaire characteristic)

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for supporting the newsletter and recognising its mission and real value. Also for granting me a mandate to print what the hell I like!

Match Results

The May trophy was sensationally scooped by Ted Brown, whose sneaky inside line tactics landed him 3 magnificent bream for a convincing win. Lemington Lakes played host to our annual away match and was quite well supported. Ted's 17-5-0 overall catch finished well clear of Mike Teakle's 7-12-0, which secured the 'bridesmaid' position. (For a full explanation of this position, see me)

Westerleigh Lakes - 13th May

'Never known it s'bad' was the catch phrase that just about summed up this pretty crap, 6 hour Chinese torture test. The monotonous lack of action was just unbearable. However, Bob Hole managed to raise a grimace, as he plucked 5-1-0 of very naive 'carplings' from the dire depths to secure top spot. Unlikely lad, Rich Watts surprised the squad by taking 4-4-0 and second place. I think Roy Garland would have paid just about anyone to catch a photo worthy fish that day. Thank goodness for zoom lenses!

Forthcoming Match

The re-scheduled Legion Pairs Open is Go on Sunday 1st July at Barton Farm. The draw as usual will be from 7 am in the Three Horse Shoes. Breakfasts are available and recommended. The canal repair work has now been completed and the prospects are excellent. But beware! Expect zillions of walkers, bikers and boaters at this time of year, especially if the weather is fine. The river looks an absolute 'dream' but will likely see plenty of action from the local rowing club. However, I predict that this match will produce some of our best weights to date. How do I know? I just do, okay?

Other News

Chris Anderson made a decision to join Alcove AC and promptly bagged a 20lb carp, on single maggot with 2lb line, on his debut visit to the Lido! On the same day, club mate Mike Teakle landed 36lb of tench! AMAZING!!

The Golden Valley match, held at Swineford on Saturday 16th June, was won by Eddie Perkins. His 36lb net of bream included a specimen of **9lb 2oz**. Rich Watts' 6lb 2oz bream helped him secure third place.

Melvin Holbrook, one of the West Country's most well respected gentlemen of match angling has died. He'll be sadly missed by everyone that knew him. All for now.