



## *Kingswood Legionnaires*

### **All Gone Missing!!!**

What is the purpose of our AGM? To submit proposals for changes to the way we run our club. To examine our finances relating to income and expenditure. To elect officers and to award trophies to members who have won matches throughout the season. It's the most important meeting of the year! Why then do so many of you fail to grace us with your presence? Why can't you send your apologies if you're unable to attend? Why is it members are quick to voice their opinions on the bank but can't be bothered to attend club meetings? This is your club so why don't you support it? Only 5 members, including myself, Brian, Bob, Ted and Clive turned up for the AGM and we were almost outnumbered by 4 new recruits! Why? Oh why? Oh why? Come on guys, the AGM is only once a year and club meetings are only once a month. Try to make an effort. A club meeting only lasts about 2 hours and the beer is cheap.

### **Match Results**

#### **May Trophy, Kennett & Avon Canal, Semington**

A very warm and sunny day brought out the towpath walkers and joggers, (some raising the temperature still further), but the fish decided to stay firmly in the shade. So Stevie Cooke offered ice-cold pena coladas at 12 metres to tempt a handful of small basking bream for a total of 9-14-0. Ted Brown kept busy (and quiet) for most of the day snatching a variety of small fish for second place with 4-10-0.

#### **Star & Garter, Westerleigh**

A total of 27 anglers turned out for this annual fund-raiser, fished on both lakes. Top weight was 35-0-0. Our own Antony Hole secured the bridesmaid position (?) with a bag of mainly carp for 32-0-0.

#### **F.Isaacs Cup, River Frome, Woolverton**

Our very first official legion club match on this much cherished venue proved to be a little disappointing. Was it the weather or just another typical Legion performance? Whatever it was it was down to the 'Hole-in-the-Wall' gang to show us the way. Bob coming up trumps with just 4-2-8 for first position. Gang member Antony just clawed his way into second spot with 3-15-0 thanks to a chub of 3lb. It's early days and things can only get better, can't they?

#### **Pairs, Pawlett Ponds, Pawlett**

For those that didn't attend the AGM, a proposal was put forward, in which it was agreed that partners drawn for this pairs match would remain as a pair for the duration of the season. (If only marriage was as simple). This is to simplify matters regarding the pairs aggregate for the Challenge Trophy. (Looks like I'm single already!) It was another very warm and

humid day with thunder echoing in the distance. Carp were the obvious quarry, but on many occasions the blanket of small rudd reduced baits to shredded miniscule offerings, to which any self-respecting carp would unsurprisingly ignore. That's not to say that carp were not hooked. They were! Many of them! But most were lost to the reed beds which they fondly inhabit.

However, there's no stopping the Hole-in-the Wall' gang as they charge on relentlessly through the match calendar, taking no prisoners and cleaning up at the pools payouts. This time it was Antony who walked away with the spoils with his 15-8-0 of mainly carp, followed closely by Bob's 14-8-0, which included a specimen of 12lb. Although Glen didn't weigh-in, Antony and Glen are now ahead in the pairs aggregate by a half ounce. Bob and Clive have it all to do.

### **Next Match**

August 6<sup>th</sup>, Whitehouse Farm. Draw 8.30. By all accounts the carp are going crazy!!!

### **Other News**

I'm not one who is usually stuck for words, but in this case I just can't find any suitable, which conveys our true sorrow at Bill Croom's tragic loss. Our thoughts are with you Bill.

Welcome New Members. It's always nice to see new faces in the club. So welcome then to Mr Smart, Chris and John Thompson, Terry Sullivan and Mark Singleton.

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Remember I had my keepnet dragged into the K&A canal by a narrow boat during the Pairs National? Well at last compensation has been forthcoming. Persistence really does pay.