

The Kingswood Legionnaires' Newsletter

It's Getting Hot Up Here... Gonna Take Off All My Clothes

Well perhaps not all my clothes (I'll keep my socks on), what I mean is... it's getting very hot at the top of the Pairs Challenge Trophy aggregate. In fact it hasn't been this close since the pairs aggregate came into being some 30 odd years ago. To see what I'm talking about cast a glimpse over the league table further on in this newsletter. So what else has been happening? Oh yeah! In case you hadn't noticed, the weather has been playing havoc with our river fishing just lately, with matches being switched to lakes and a river match being cancelled altogether. Well we know we can't do anything about the weather, but maybe if we came out of the EU it might brighten up a bit... yeah... no? Okay, well let's pray for good weather on our very last match of the river fishing season, which will be held at Bradford-on-Avon. Are you all here yet?

Match Results

Last Year's Match Muppet Man Turns The Tables

The river at Stowford Meadows was carrying a little flood water for our annual Xmas match held on Dec. 13th, but nothing to really trouble us, and to be fair all the swims really did look the part. As it turned out, it must have been the wrong part. It just doesn't make sense when the river looks so good and yet the fishing can be so bad, but I'm sure there's a very logical explanation for it... isn't there? Moving on...

Last year's muppet of the match, PO guest invitee Ian Swanborough, drew a plum peg and pulled out a plum weight to romp home well ahead of the field. His 6lb plus net of roach saw him over the line, and into the top prizes, pushing Clive Purshouse into that old bridesmaid position. Clive's respectable 4-9-8 was well over 2lb clear of his nearest rivals, who one by one were left to fight for the scraps. Talking of scraps...

The after match 'sausage & chips' meal was the business, and with the whole top floor of the The Mill to ourselves, we were spoilt. The service was faultless and the new landlady did us... proud.

Well, traditions start in peculiar ways in our club, and the crowning of the muppet of the match is now firmly taking hold. So may I present to you the awardee of the 2015, Xmas muppet of the match, which is... **Steve Jefferies!**



The jolly Xmas feast in full swing with said muppet wearing the relevant headgear.

Bagging Billy Bags The Carp At Farleigh

Due to flooding on the river Avon at Keynsham, the January 10th Crane match was hastily switched to the lake at Farleigh Hungerford. It turned out to be a messy and muddy affair with slipping and sliding in the grey clay making simple walking a bit of a hazardous affair.

The coffee coloured lake was not going to give up any of its inhabitants easily, and there were some shockingly low weights. However, there were also a few surprises including Steve Jefferies who landed 2 carp from right under his feet for 71lb-8oz, taking third position. Paul Pitt was a deserved second but only just, with 71lb-9.5oz. The fancied peg one, drawn for the second time by Eddy Davis failed to produce the expected goods, which left Bill Croom to clean up with a bag of carp taken off the island from peg 2.

Bill's net comprised of several small carp taken on maggot feeder, and weighed in with a colossal 23lb-4oz to easily beat the rest of the field. (He also took a tumble in the mud)



The Dark Knight Rescues A Place At Whitehouse Farm

Riverside Drive, Chippenham was the intended venue for the February 7th match but again the weather had a say in the eventual location. Alcove AA's Margaret's Lake at Whitehouse Farm became the reserve venue, just because this match was supposed to be an interclub event. Another mud bath was to be had here, and with so much slipping and sliding going on, the day began like an episode from Strictly Come Dancing. 6 – 8 – 5- 9. It was a slow day with the occasional cold shower to keep us awake and fish were hard to find...

Not so for renegade postman Kevin Murch, who was guesting for the Legion. Kev managed to tempt a couple of carp away from Bill Croom's neighbouring swim to finish with over 22lb and a comfortable win. I chose to fish the maggot feeder all day and targeted a sheltered spot to within a foot of the island on shallow peg 3, to catch a steady stream of small chub and rescue the day.

My 13lb-2.5oz net of silvers was good enough for second spot with Clive Purshouse, my next door neighbour and pair's partner, taking the minor berth with 5lb-14oz.

Too Close To Call For Individual Aggregate

It's always a close thing at this time of year and this season is no different. With just one match remaining there are 3 anglers in contention. Below is a full rundown of all the positions.

B.Knight	49
L.Wakefield	45
B.Croom	41
P.Pitt	39
C.Purshouse	37
A.Maggs	33
B.Lloyd	23
B.Hole	22
E.Davis	20
I.Brice	19
S.Jefferies	13
J.Mack	8

Bill Croom is the most improved angler of the 2015/16 season, followed closely by Clive.

3 Pairs Fight For The Pairs Challenge Trophy

As mentioned at the beginning of this newsletter, the Pairs Challenge Trophy aggregate has never been so close. See for yourself...

B.Croom & B.Lloyd	50.04.0
C.Purshouse & B.Knight	50.02.8
I.Wakefield & P.Pitt	49.13.0
B.Hole & A.Maggs	18.08.0

Next Match

The final river match of the season is the on/off/on at Barton Farm. Good luck everyone!

Lucky Peggars

I want to say a big thank you to the Chippenham Chuckle Brothers for their help with the pegging this season. Yes! You've got the job!

John Thompson continues to slowly improve and says hi to everyone.

All for now river warriors!