

Kingswood Legionnaires

Hello you tellers of fishy tales and drinkers of dark brown ales. I can't believe that it's been almost 5 months since I last penned, or rather keyed the club newsletter. My only feeble excuse is that I've been engrossed in my work and didn't realise how fast time was passing me by, which is a bit scary. Okay! Enough of my ramblings. So without further ado, here's all the news, you've been so desperately waiting for..... albeit mostly a history of match results.

Match Results**F.Isaacs Cup-June 17th – Wolverton (Inter-club v P.O)**

It seems so long ago since we fished our first river match of the season and if I recall, the river was up and coloured a little. This was an inter-club contest with the Post Office A.C, and as expected there was a good turn out. However, the fishing was pretty diabolical and weights were much lower than expected. The much surprised winner on the day was club secretary Brian with a small net-full of chub and roach. His 6-1-0 total was enough to see off the unashamed ambitions of Alan Maggs, who presented the scalesman with 5-4-0 to secure the runner-up position. Top 'rodder' of the day with a weight of 20-2-0 was Postman 'Julian Pinkett' Pat, who drew fancied peg 11. Amazingly the Legion won the event on points, and although we're not arguing with the P.O. lad's results, we're still trying to figure out how we did it.

Pairs Trophy-July 1st – Pawlett Ponds

10 desperados attended this Somerset showdown, all hoping to team up with one of the fastest rodmen in the club. Everyone waited in nail-biting anticipation as name after name was drawn and paired, in what was to become an inseparable partnership for the rest of the season. And although no one talked openly about their relief or disappointment, their faces said it all. After 6 gruelling hours under the midday sun, and with rods blazing, the clouds of white smoke began to clear and inevitably, the 'Hole in the Wall' gang emerged as top rod-slingers. Antony and Bob galloped away into the sunset, laughing as they left behind a total of 18-13-0 of terrified victims in their wake. That old hand Charlie 'Big Gun' Denny had teamed up with dirty outlaw Johnny Thompson, and together they relentlessly shot at all-comers to ensure they got a close second placing with their 16lb dead. The showdown will be held at the OK Corral (Crane)

Whitehouse Farm-August 5th – Inter-club with Alcove

It was another one of those humiliating defeats at the hands of a bunch of puddling pond lovers. Six good men turned up to represent the Legionnaires quest, and although two did put up a marked resistance, the rest fell silently in their pegs. Alcove's match secretary, Ian Chapple led the charge with a well-rounded 30lb bag of carp. Our 2 heroes were Antony Hole with

15-4-0 and Clive Purshouse with 10-1-0. The team results are too shocking to be revealed here. Suffice to say... we lost.

F.Bryant Cup-Sep 9th – Wolverton (Inter-club v Airsprung)

Our cunning and well disguised plan to invite the wide-eyed Airsprung Anglers to Wolverton for a discreet mugging, badly backfired when we took an almighty hammering in this inter-club event. The river looked the part and the Legion felt confident that previous experience would prevail and produce a good return, but we were sadly mistaken. With an uncanny twist of fate, the 'Bedspring Boys' drew all the favoured pegs and left us holding all the lower hands. The inevitable result was total annihilation. Their total weight of 64-13-0 made our 12-1-0 look like the results of a schoolboy jam-jar outing. Their top gun toppled 20-3-0 into the weigh net, followed by a 15-7-0. Our best effort came from Bob Hole, who captured 3-12-0 of roach and chublets, closely shadowed by Charlie with 3-4-0.

W.Milton Cup-October 14th – Crane, Keynsham

Clear water, bright sunshine and marauding pike turned this into a difficult day's fishing for most of us. However, conditions didn't stop in-form Bob Hole from picking up yet another hefty purse with his mainly chub and bream catch totalling 5-2-0. John Thompson scooped second place with 3lb and Chris Thompson joined the party with 2-9-0.

Individual Aggregate Positions

1st Bob Hole -29 points. 2nd Alan Maggs - 27 points. Joint 3rd Bill Knight, Brian Lloyd, Chris Thompson and Gary Takle - 22 points. 7th Charlie Denny - 21 points. 8th John Thompson 18 points. 9th Antony Hole - 14 points. 10th Clive Purshouse - 12 points. 11th Ed Davis - 4 points.

Pairs Aggregate Positions

1st A.Hole & R.Hole - 27-11-0. 2nd C.Denny & J.Thompson - 21-12-0. 3rd A.Maggs & G.Takle - 15-5-0. 4th B.Lloyd & B.Knight - 15-3-8. 5th C.Purshouse & C.Thompson - 12-13-0

Other News

- The club formerly welcomes Ed Davis to the fold.
- Roy Garland has now retired as the Evening Post angling correspondent and we thank him for his past support.
- Don't forget to support the Poppy Appeal match on Nov 11th