



Newsletter in the Box

Hello to all KAA club members and welcome to our Autumn 2017 'newsletter in the box', as we said in the last newsletter these will be put in the boxes and made available on the web in an effort to ensure all members get a chance to understand what is going on with the club and what your committee is doing. Hopefully this will avoid the 'rumour mill' that has a habit of both giving the wrong info and sometimes getting out of control!!

Be assured this is your, (the members) newsletter, so if there is anything you would like included get the info to me or any committee member and we'll do our best to include it in the next issue.

We are trying to make these newsletters regular and are aware it's been sometime since the last but we are all very busy and sadly things sometimes get a bit left behind!

So onto our latest news. As members will no doubt be aware we have had some major issues with fish dying at Taylor's which, with the EA's help, was identified as poor water quality. This was probably due to blanket weed 'suffocating' the lake bottom and reducing plant life photosynthesis, which in turn led to a very low saturated oxygen level. We have now purchased a kit to enable us to keep a close eye on water quality in the future, which will hopefully allow us to take action prior to any future problems. As far as Taylor's is concerned the water quality is improving and we intend to apply Siltex which should continue to improve things. The lake will not open for a while longer, but we will keep the membership informed. In the meantime we have increased stocking levels on the other lakes to compensate.

We also had a low level of water at CMR mostly due to Bristol water abstracting water to ensure rivers etc. did not go low. This is always an issue in the summer months but, as CMR is primarily a reservoir for just this purpose, it is out of our control. However we will get a refund of the rental for the period we were unable to fish there.

The recent competition held at Broadoak was well attended (for our competitions!) with 10 members spending a pleasant three hours or so in friendly competition, this one was won by Colin Marrs so well done to him and all the others who fished. It would be nice if we got a few more members to show up for next year's competitions. Dates will be announced shortly for all of next year's events including taster days, which have also been well attended, although more members and friends would be very welcome - remember it's your club and if we fail to get support we will have to stop doing the events.

A point about security - it has been noted that gates are being left open and padlocks are not being locked when they are shut, remember that the reason we have gates is to avoid unauthorized entry (poachers etc.), so it's incumbent on members to close and lock gates.

Another important point is for members to ensure they use the correct membership number when signing in. A number of members have been using their old numbers. The one you should use is on your current membership tab so please ensure you use the current one, and please print your name on the signing in form. This is important for us to maintain accurate records, and for Health and safety (sorry!) purposes.

The AGM will be held on November the 29th (Wednesday) at the usual venue of the South Bristol Sports Club starting at 1930. This is your opportunity to influence what happens in your club, and have the opportunity to stand for membership of the committee if you so wish. More importantly the 2018 membership fees will be agreed. We have two or three options to put to members so it is important to attend if you want to have your say.

During the AGM, as usual, trophies will be awarded, so if you have a trophy please ensure it is returned to Keith Caddick by the end of October 2017.

Our brilliant bank clearing team have been doing some sterling work during the year around all our venues. This is an unsung bunch of local heroes and without them we would be having to pay for this work. The dates of bank clearing sessions are published on the website and will also be on Facebook. I will also ensure a hard copy goes into the returns box so there really will be no excuse for not knowing when the sessions take place. Please consider helping if you don't already, they really are a splendid bunch and all assistance will be welcome.

Just for information for those who don't know there will a fishing show held at the Exhibition centre in UWE on the 28th and 29th October, the web site is www.europeansportfishingshow.com . It is worth a look as there will be some big names attending, including Charles Jardine and Henry Gilbey tickets are £10 or £15 for both days.

For those members with access to the internet we now have some superb videos of our waters, there are links on our website. They can also be found on You Tube, and our Facebook page. Just search for Knowle Angling, hopefully these will encourage people who don't know about our club to consider joining.

Malcolm Fisher will be instructing fly tying at Stanton Drew Village hall over the winter time. The sessions start on Thursday November 2nd at 1930. Beginners are most welcome. If you need further details contact Mike Lavender.

Finally, we are investigating whether it would be appropriate to obtain Polo shirts, T shirts and sweatshirts with the club logo. If we can get a competitive price, would members want something like this? Let your committee members or Bailiffs know so we can decide whether to proceed.

So that's our latest news. Please contact any of the committee if you need info about anything the club is doing. It is your club and we want to be open and honest about all our activities, clearly sometimes there maybe things we can't discuss in detail because they may be confidential, but we want our members to know what is going on and have a say in the

decisions that are made. We are always available to members on the waters, and sometimes don't get much fishing done ourselves!

Tight Lines!

Best regards

Ron Hardie on behalf of KAA committee