



Kennick Fly Fishers Association April Newsletter 2010



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Bill Wootton of Teigngrace with a fine Opening Day bag.



Opening Day action just off the dam.

Cut Price Tickets for KFFA Members

Hon Treasurer Mike Phillips supplies reduced priced tickets.

Full Member - £18

Reduced / Concession & Evening - £15

Catch & Release - £15.50

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Kennick Fly Fishers Association are proud to have Orvis sponsoring the Top Rod in 2010.

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Chairman's Blog

The Club continues to flourish with membership likely to reach 200 by the end of the year. If you haven't sent in your subs please do so before your membership lapses.

As we begin the season I would like to look back on our excellent winter programme. Fly tying was well supported with more than 20 members taking part and up to 15 attending on any one night. The first Charles Jardine visit in November was excellent with nearly 50 attending as was the Simon Kidd talk at the AGM. It was a shame that only 20 turned out for the second Jardine event. Sadly the small attendance makes it unlikely that Charles will return to speak to us again next year.

The season at Kennick started if not with a bang, at least with a crowd. Some 60 anglers attended on opening day, the largest number seen at Kennick for many years. According to the returns 443 fish were caught over the first weekend with 51 full bags and 8 fish over 3lbs. The largest fish was 4lbs 8oz caught by Chris Bolt, a club member. The quality of the fish is excellent and I am assured that there is better to come in a couple of months. The boat pontoon will be delivered to Kennick next week, which should make life easier for some of us old wrinklies, and there will be electricity in the lodge shortly.

Peter Brazell, a club member for many years died recently after a short period in hospital. Peter had been unwell for some time and fished very little during the last couple of years. I have expressed the clubs's sympathy to his wife Joyce. Joyce has kindly donated Peter's fishing tackle to the KFFA.

I have been asked to sell a Hardy Silex 2 Reel circa 1920 in its original box. If anyone is interested please phone me for a photo or look on the website.

That's enough from me - it is time to go fishing; see you at one of the future events.

Bill Hande - Chairman

FISHING CALENDAR - 2010

March 27th KENNICK OPENING DAY

*April 11th KENNICK BANK 10-1700

April 11th SIBLYBACK TROUTMASTER FISH OFF

April 17th WIMBLEBALL TROUTMASTER FISH OFF

April 18th KENNICK TROUTMASTER FISH OFF

*April 25th KENNICK VRANCH HOUSE BANK 10-1700

*May 16th WIMBLEBALL BOAT 10-1800

MAY 20/21/22 - DEVON COUNTY SHOW

May 30th KENNICK PENINSULA CLASSIC - 10-1800

*June 13th KENNICK BANK/RETURN BURRATOR 10-1800

June TBA SNOWBEE BANK SIBLYBACK 12 - 1900

*July 11th CLATWORTHY BOAT 10-1800

July 25th - TRIP TO GAME FAIR - RAGLEY HALL - WARKS

August 1st KENNICK INSTRUCTION DAY + BBQ 10-1600

August 1st KENNICK EVENING 1800-2200

August 14th/15th CHEW VALLEY AWAY DAY 10-1800

*August 29th WIMBLEBALL BOAT 10-1800

September 5th WIMBLEBALL PAIRS 10-1800

September 12th VRANCH HOUSE SEMI BELLBROOK 10-1600

September 18th VRANCH HOUSE SEMI TREEMEADOW 10-1600

September 19th VRANCH HOUSE SEMI TAVISTOCK 10-1600

September 26th VRANCH HOUSE HEAVIEST BAG FINAL TEMPLE

October 3rd VRANCH HOUSE FUNDRAISER'S FINAL TEMPLE

*October 17th KENNICK BANK 10-1600

October 31st - TRIP TO FLY TYING FAIR - STOKE

November 28th KENNICK BANK + XMAS MEAL 10-1500

KENNICK TOP ROD EVENTS PREFIXED WITH *

ALL CLUB BANK EVENTS ARE FLOATING LINE ONLY

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY - HAVE A GO DAYS

June 5th

June 25th

July 3rd

July 16th

August 21st

Sept 10th

Location - Kennick Reservoir

1000-1230 or 1330-1600

These are 2.5hrs sessions for beginners to have a go at Fly Fishing and the courses cover basic setup, equipment and casting.

Follow on courses will be available for those who want to learn more.

Bring hat, glasses and appropriate warm / waterproof clothing. Refreshments provided.

All equipment, tuition and refreshments are provided Free of charge.

Sessions must be booked in advance - contact Dianne Holland or Chris Carter on 01392 316032 or email chris.carter@environment-agency.gov.uk

Please state whether a morning or afternoon session is preferred.

Not suitable for under 13's

Kennick Club Members can get 10% discount at the following places

Orvis in Exeter

Fly Fishing Tackle in Cridton

Newton Tackle and Gun Centre in Newton Abbot

Please take your Membership Card with you.

The Fishing Events are listed above and have a range of activities for you, it would be great to see a few new faces this year. These days are friendly days, so don't be put off by the word Competition. We are all there to help, assist and make your day an enjoyable one.

There are 3 Boat events during the season, not been in a boat before but fancy giving it a try? come along and we will match you up with an experienced boat handler.

We have a good success rate in the Snowbee Bank Event, Kennick have won this event twice in the last 4 years. We entered 4 teams of 4 last year and would like to make 5 this time. Everyone uses a floating line on the day and the reservoir is split into 2 sections and transport is laid on to get you to the other side.

We are also organising a weekend away to Blagdon and Chew in mid August. There will be a pub overnight option for those wishing to fish on both days or you can drive up for either day, it's up to you.

Trips to the Game Fair at Ragley Hall and Fly Tying Fair at Stoke are also on the Calendar.

If you have ideas that you would like the committee to explore, let Mike Boston know.

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DEVON RIVERS FORUM

Kennick Fly Fishers has a Board on the Devon Rivers Forum pages. Follow this link - <http://devonrivers.proboards85.com/index.cgi> and follow Log in procedures and you will be listed. It will be great to discuss Fishing, Events, caught a large fish etc and tell everyone about it. It will be a great tool for the Club to boost membership and let others know what we are doing.

Kennick Fly Fishers Association - Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held on Thursday February 25th 2010 at the Old Coaching House Chudleigh

1. The Chairman, Bill Hande welcomed our guests Simon and Matt Kidd, Chris Hall, Mark Baxendale and Kitt. He also welcomed club members and thanked them for turning out. (45 members)

2. Apologies - Apologies had been received by Darren Penfold, Janet Till, David Sleep and Bill Hynes.

3. Approval of 2009 Minutes - The Chairman asked if there were any comments or questions on the minutes of the previous AGM held on 26th February 2009 and distributed with the April 2009 Newsletter. As there were no questions it was proposed that they be accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Ken Milton, Seconded: Mike Boston, Unanimously approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising - None

5. Chairman's Report - This year we have decided to circulate reports prior to the AGM rather than waste good talking and drinking time going through them at the meeting. There will be time however for any questions before seeking the acceptance of the reports.

2009 has been another excellent year for the club; membership has now grown to 180. This also impacts positively on Kennick, helping to make it one of the busiest and most successful SWLT Fisheries. Fishing at Kennick was good for most of the year though challenging on occasions, as it should be. The Kennick record was broken in June with a 14lbs 11oz Rainbow. Another large Rainbow and a large Brown were stocked at the same time but despite having been seen on several occasions they have managed to evade capture. It will be interesting to see if they survive the winter.

The Lodge was officially opened in March and has proved to be a real asset, particularly on some of the wet miserable days that we had during the summer. It is a shame that we still do not have electricity. Negotiations with the local farmer to bring the electricity supply across his land have been protracted and the cost has increased alarmingly. We are now being forced to look at alternative options such as generating our own. The next phase in the 'Kennick Plan' is the installation of a boat dock and the improvement of disabled access. A refurbished 'Wheelyboat' has already been purchased. £6,000 has been raised from two funding Trusts; a further £6,000 has been applied for (we should know the result by the AGM). The KFFA has committed £1,000, which has already been raised, to this project. The plan involves a floating boat dock with a concrete slipway as well as good wheelchair access to the wheelyboat. Work will commence during the summer as soon as the reservoir is low enough.

We had a full programme of fishing events during the past year, including several visits to other waters. It is a little disappointing that so few members support some of these events. That can't be said however for the Social Evening at the Waterman's Arms: More than 40 members turned up for a very enjoyable evening, organised by Chris Sherwood. The Christmas Dinner was equally well attended. The EGM was also a huge success with over 50 in attendance. Charles Jardine is an excellent speaker and he has agreed to speak to us again on March 4th. The draw and auction held that evening covered our costs and added to our income for the year, which is just as well as the interest on our investment account, is less than 1%. Our winter fly tying programme, now at the Old Coaching House, Chudleigh, has been very popular with 12 to 14 members attending most evenings. Members like the change of venue and the opportunity to come along for a pint and a chat even if they do not wish to tie flies. I would like to thank all the members of the committee and their families for all the work they have put in to making last years programme such a success. We also had a good turnout for our bank clearing days. We hope to see you there this year.

Club members have acquitted themselves well during the last season. Chris Sherwood won the Peninsula Classic and Kennick teams came first, fourth, fifth and sixth in the Snowbee floating line competition at Siblyback. We did not do quite as well in the SW Boat event at Wimbleball but aim to do better this year. In the Vranth House Charity event, Darren Penfold & Paul Wicks came second in the Final at Temple and I came second in the Fundraiser's Final. The event this year raised £11,434 for the Vranth House School for children with physical disabilities, which you must agree, is a very worthy cause. The numbers taking part at Kennick have fallen off a little in recent years so why don't you make a resolution to take part in the coming season. You only need to raise £20 sponsorship to take part.

The club 'Top Rod' this year was Paul Wicks who was presented with an Orvis Western 3 Fly rod and the trophy for the biggest fish went to Eddie Carter.

The Environment Agency continued to run half-day introductory courses at Kennick; these are a good source of new members for the club.

Two of our junior members, who we sponsored during the year, Matthew Kidd and Tom Davies were selected for the England Junior Team that fished the World Junior Competition in the Czech Republic and were also in the England Team that won the Home Internationals in Wales. Matthew has been selected to captain the England Junior Team during the coming season. My congratulations to them both.

We have updated our constitution, a task that I wanted to address since I joined the committee. Our old constitution had become very out of date and no longer reflected the needs of the club. We also needed a robust constitution to enable us to apply for grant money for the boat dock. The new constitution, with occasional amendments, should serve us for the next 10 years.

We also carried out a survey to try and establish members' interests and wishes. I would like to thank the 34 members who took the time to complete the survey form. We will draw out two of their names at the AGM and they will receive a SWLT fishing ticket. A full summary of the survey results will be posted on our website shortly. If anyone would like an individual copy, please let me know. We seem in general to be meeting members' wishes though we do need to revise some of our activities. We will try to reflect your wishes in the coming year by trying out some of your suggestions. Please remember that if you asked for something we can only continue with it if it is supported.

I would like to finish with some "thank-you"s'. I would like to thank Chris Hall and Mark Baxendale for maintaining Kennick as the wonderful fishery that it is. I would like to thank Orvis for their continued sponsorship of the Top Rod Competition. I would particularly like to thank my colleagues on the committee for their support and the huge amount of work they do on your behalf. Without them there would not be a club and finally I would like to thank all you members for showing your support in the past year.

Bill Hande

Chairman 2009

6. Secretary's Report - HON SECRETARY REPORT

As I look back at the 2009 season, we started the year with the KFFA Website being launched in March, this was very new to me and proved a success in getting information across to the membership that are on line, we now have over half the members on line.

This meant both Kennick and Wimbleball weekly reports when available were updated to the website giving the members key information.

Many photographs were uploaded and winners of Competitions were on the website in many cases the same day which was great for keeping everyone up to date.

There will be various tweaks during the Winter ready for the new season too.

On to competitions, it was great to see new blood coming through and Paul Wicks had a fantastic season winning the top rod with Andy Watson also winning the top Boat shield. Paul came in the top 3 in many competitions and Andy had success in both boat competitions. I was lucky enough to fish with Andy at Clatworthy in the summer and was probably my best day of the season, top of the water action and Andy had a great day too. Andy had bagged up by lunchtime with 2 on one cast, lucky I was in the boat to net the fish for him.

The Snowbee event is one that Kennick has a good record in; this time in 2009 we fielded 4 teams which was great support from the club. Kennick D team won the event and took the trophy plus the prizes which was a fantastic effort, would be great to get 5 teams in 2010.

Vranch House was well supported as always and 3 teams met at Tavistock for the Semi Final, luckily we all went through to the Heaviest Bag Final at Temple after a tough day.

Temple was a tough day, catching fish in the first hour is very important especially when all around are catching, Darren Penfold and Paul Wicks were again flying the flag for Kennick coming in 2nd place.

Temple again for the Fundraiser's and both Bill Hande and Mike Boston finished in the top 4.

Vranch House is an important event for the club and since it started in 1992 they have raised almost 200K, what a fantastic achievement this is and would not have been possible without Sue Gould's organisational skills and participating anglers who have supported the cause so well.

As a club we have grown over the year to 180 members, I am confident that we will see the 200 mark reached during 2010 which would make us a very strong club in the SW.

I would like to thank all Committee members who have assisted with both Club events and contributions to the Newsletter and Website.

We have a great programme lined up for next season with both home and away events; we will again be visiting Chew Valley, Fly Tying Fair in Stoke and are planning a trip to the Gamefair.

If you would like anything to be considered please contact me to discuss.

Tight Lines for 2010.

John Hern

Hon Sec

The Chairman asked for both Chairman's and Secretaries report be adopted by the meeting:

Chairman's - Proposed: Chris Bolt, Seconded: Dave Boston, Unanimously approved.

Secretary's - Proposed: Grant Brooking, Seconded: Mike Stone, Unanimously approved.

7. Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer Mike Phillips went through the Accounts for the last year, copies of the draft accounts had been circulated and shown on the projector. The Clubs finances were in a healthy situation and we had surplus of £1196 in the last year. Mike asked if there were any questions.

There being no questions the Chairman thanked Mike for his work and asked that the Accounts be approved.

Proposed: Gavin Argyle, Seconded: Dave Boston - Unanimously approved.

8. Election of Officers and Committee - The Chairman informed the meeting that the officers and committee have indicated their agreement to continue for a further year, also that he had been Chairman for 4 years and in the Constitution it states approval was required by the majority of those present for him to continue for a further year. Could they show their approval by raising their hand? Approval was Unanimous.

The Chairman then asked for a proposal that the following officers and committee members be elected:

Chairman - Bill Hande, Secretary - John Hern, Treasurer - Mike Phillips, Competition Secretary - Mike Boston, Committee Members, Robert Gale, Mike Stone and Chris Sherwood.

Proposed: Ken Milton, Seconded: Grant Brooking, Unanimously approved.

9. Agenda items received in writing 14 days in advance - None received.

10. Presentation - Eddie Carter received the shield for best fish in 2009 from Kennick by a member - 6lbs 12oz.

Survey Results - Trevor Bodle and Percy Mc Donald both won day tickets

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:25 saying that it was good to see so many members attending.

SWLT - Chris Hall gave a presentation on the coming year to include a revamped wheely boat and new boat pontoon.

Chris said opening day would be March 27th with a preview day on the 26th for those with a season ticket. Chris also gave out dates for other SWLT events for the year and introduced both Mark Baxendale and Kitt of Burrator.

Matt Kidd gave a talk on the Youth scene in 2009.

Simon Kidd gave a talk on fishing the Snowbee Challenge around the UK.

Draw for a Rod - A Snowbee Rod was raffled at the end of the evening, this was won by Jack Davey of Exeter.

USEFUL LINKS

ORVIS – www.orvis.co.uk

SNOWBEE – www.snowbee.co.uk

FLY FISHING TACKLE CREDITON - www.fly-fishing-tackle.co.uk

NEWTON TACKLE AND GUN - www.newtontackleandgun.co.uk

VRANCH HOUSE – www.vranchhouse.org

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – www.environment-agency.gov.uk

SW LAKES TRUST - swlakestrust.org.uk

KENNICK FLY FISHERS - www.kennickflyfishers.co.uk

KENNICK EMAIL ADDRESS

Kennick now has its own email address so if you catch a big fish or just want to share some information please let me know.

kennickflyfishers@tiscali.co.uk

Details of Big Fish + Photo's can be sent and will be emailed out or be published on the Website.

Don't forget we have a Forum page on the Devon Rivers website, click on Kennick Fly Fishers and once you have joined up for free you can discuss anything you wish, it would be great to get a few more on there and discuss who's catching what and where!

<http://devonrivers.proboards85.com/index.cgi>



Top Rod 2009 - Paul Wicks being presented with the Orvis Rod by Bill Hande and Mike Stone of Orvis.



Andy Watson being presented with Peter Page Top Boat Shield 2009 by Shirley Page.



Mike Boston being presented with Senior Shield for 2009, presented by Bill Hande.



VRANCH HOUSE DATES 2010

Stithians - March 20th
 Kennick - April 25th
 Bellbrook - May 9th
 Temple - June 20th
 Tree Meadow - July 4th
 Tavistock - Sept 5th

Semi Final 1 - Bellbrook - Sept 12th
 Semi Final 2 - Tree Meadow - Sept 18th
 Semi Final 3 - Tavistock - Sept 19th

Heaviest Bag Final - Temple - Sept 26th
 Fundraiser's Final - Temple - Oct 3rd

For Information on entering a team of 2 in any event please contact Sue Gould on 01392 873543 or email gould@vranchhouse.org

For the Kennick Heat please contact Mike Boston on 01803 325722 for more information and entry packs.

There is a £20 entry fee for the Kennick Heat + Day Ticket, all sponsorship goes direct to Vbranch House in Exeter which since 1992 this event has raised just under 200K.

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OVERDUE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Renewal subscriptions to be sent to
 Mike Phillips - Hon Treasurer
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Cheques made payable to KFFA - Full Member £10,
 Concession - £6.00.

Kennick Improvements.

During the coming season we will see a new Floating Boat Dock Pontoon arriving, expected early April. This will greatly assist in keeping the boats accessible all season long as the water level drops.

Concrete slipway will be improved for ease of access for the newly arrived Wheely Boat which will give even better access for Disabled anglers.

Power will be available in the lodge very soon once the generator has been fitted.