



# Kennick Fly Fishers Association June Newsletter 2024



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Welcome to the June Newsletter.

This stunning photo was taken at Kennick by Tim White Photography and posted on the Dartmoor 365 Facebook site on 11/05. Apparently the Northern Lights were visible for some time around Midnight. I must try and make the effort next time they are expected.

This Newsletter bring you up to date with recent events and Comps.

Next Events are on the calendar.

Kennick Bank Competition on Sunday 9th June - meet at the lodge for 0815-0845, walk on from 0900, fish from 0930-1630.

Fernworthy Evening BBQ and fish - Friday 21st, hoping to get a discounted rate for tickets. BBQ cost is £5 and names will be needed back to me please for catering. BBQ at 1800 then fish the evening until dark.

Peninsula Classic - 23rd June - Book in with SW Lakes - [www.swlakestrust.org.uk](http://www.swlakestrust.org.uk)

Kennick Boats - still awaiting final paperwork for this to happen - will advise of any transfer date when I can.

Kennick Boat is still available on Wimbleball, please book on our website using discount code.

Kennick Fly Fishers Association are proud to have Snowbee sponsoring the Top Rod in 2024

Club members receive 10% when shopping at Snowbee in Plymouth.



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## FISHING CALENDAR - 2024

03/03 - Kennick Opening Day  
17/03 - SW Lakes Kennick Fly Fishing Taster Day  
24/03 - Kennick Bank - 1000-1700\*  
07/04 - Snowbee Teams of 4 - Siblyback - Cancelled  
13/04 - KFFA Kennick Instruction 1000-1600  
14/04 - Hawkridge Bank - 1000-1700\*  
21/04 - SW Lakes - Kennick Pairs  
28/04 - Chew Boat - 1000-1700\*  
04/05 - Snowbee Teams of 4 - Siblyback - Rescheduled  
11/05 - KFFA Kennick Instruction 1000-1600  
12/05 - Wimbleball Fast mail Pairs  
16/17/18/05 - Devon County Show  
26/05 - Wimbleball Boat -1000-1700\*  
08/06 - Kennick Instruction - 1000-1600  
08/06 - The Brown Trout Masters Competition - Fernworthy  
09/06 - Kennick Bank - 1000-1700\*  
21/06 - Fernworthy Evening BBQ - LTFA/UTFA/Burrator/Kennick  
23/06 - Peninsula Classic Kennick  
06/07 - KFFA Fernworthy Instruction 1000-1600  
07/07 - Clatworthy Boat -1000-1700\*  
14/07 - SW Lakes The Brown Trout Masters - Fernworthy  
21/07 - Upper Teign River Day - Pub Lunch Fingle Bridge  
01/08 - Honiton Show  
03/08 - Newton Abbot Fishing Association / LTFA/ Kennick Instruction  
15/08 - Chagford Show  
25/08 - SW Lakes Kennick Fly Fishing Taster Day  
01/09 - Clatworthy Bank - 1000-1700\*  
14/09 - KFFA Kennick Instruction Day 1000-1600  
29/09 - Wimbleball Boat -1000-1700\*  
06/10 - Stithians Open Comp  
12/10 - KFFA Kennick Instruction Day 1000-1600  
12/10 - The Brown Trout Masters Competition - Roadford  
29/11 - Christmas Meal Phoenix - 1930-2230

### Top Rod events marked with \*

All Kennick competitions are any line and all events have £2.50 entry for raffle draw.

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### Cut Price Tickets for KFFA Members

Hon Treasurer Tom Hendy supplies reduced priced tickets.

#### Kennick

Full Day - £31.50  
Reduced / Concession - £28.50  
Evening Ticket - £21.50  
Catch & Release - £22.50

### Wessex Water tickets now available

Clatworthy / Sutton Bingham / Hawkridge  
Full Day - £29.00  
Concession - £25.00

Contact Tom for more information

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### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Renewal subscriptions to be sent to

Tom Hendy - Hon Treasurer  
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All Memberships - £10,  
Pay by Bank transfer - Sort code 52-10-18  
Ac No 04021304 - use surname as reference

Pay on line at [www.kennickflyfishers.co.uk](http://www.kennickflyfishers.co.uk)

Cheques made payable to KFFA

To take part in any Competition / Event or get your 10% discounts you need to be a paid up member of the Club

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

Snowbee UK in Plymouth -10%  
Kennick Boat on Wimbleball - 50%  
Fly Fishing Tackle in Crediton - 10%  
[www.Fish4flies.com](http://www.Fish4flies.com) - 10% enter KFFA on line  
Alan Riddell Tackle - 10%  
[www.hooksandhackles.com](http://www.hooksandhackles.com) - 10% KEN10

Please take your in date Membership Card with you.

### Top Rod Points after 4 rounds

1st Darren Penfold - 73  
2nd Chris Bolt - 63  
=3rd John Hern - 61  
=3rd Alex Venn - 61  
5th Robert Gale - 60  
6th Mike Steer - 49  
7th Alec Hoare - 45  
8th Gerry Scutt - 31  
=9th Tom Hendy - 30  
=9th Dean Mockridge - 30

## Snowbee Team of 4 Competition at Siblyback

The rearranged date for the team of 4 event Siblyback took place on the 4th of May. The anglers were treated to a stunning morning at Siblyback and there was a great mood in the car park as the anglers set up their gear, discussed tactics and more importantly cracking plenty of jokes. Soon it was 9am and time for the briefing and the lake was split into zone A and B. Each team of 4 are split into 2, a pair fish one zone in the first session then fish the other in the second session. After the brief the anglers rushed off to get their preferred spots on the lake ready for the 9:30 am start.

The air horn started the competition and the anglers wasted no time working the water. The rules state that the anglers can finish the day with a 6 fish bag limit but have a maximum 5 fish in a session, or if they have had nothing the first session get 6 fish in the last session and fishing must cease when they have reached their limit. It wasn't long till anglers started to bag up and Ben Lang from the Siblyback team was back at base with 5 fish sipping on a cup of tea within an hour. He had fished in Crylla bay in zone A where he had seen fish rising in the morning and had been fishing well the previous days, also stocky bay was producing fish for those fishing the area. Two Meadows in zone B was proving tricky for anglers with a few fish caught but many lost. Anglers were having success on the west bank and as they bagged up enjoyed the sunshine giving hints, tips and banter to those still fishing. 3 hours flew by and it was the end of the first session and time for lunch.

There was a more serious mood from the participants as anglers quickly swapped zones to get into the best areas for the next session. Soon it was 13:15 pm and time for the last session. '

After the horn it didn't take long for anglers to start arriving back at HQ with their full bags. Again the areas that were consistent in the morning remained consistent in the afternoon. Anglers enjoyed a good catch up and buffet while they waited for the end of the competition and the all important weigh in. The horn sounded the end of the competition, the scales were zeroed and ready for action. Each team were called up and weighed in, 17 out of 24 anglers had a full bag and 120 fish were caught all together, so the results were going to be close.

There were prizes for first, second and third. Biggest fish (competitor not in top 3 teams) and biggest bag (competitor not in top 3 teams). The prizes were kindly donated by Snowbee who sponsor the event, we are very grateful for the continued support from Snowbee and hope this continues for many years!

Results as follows:

1st – Mark Damarell, Graham Johns, Paul Nottle and Jed Stone - 24 fish – 34lb 9oz.

2nd - John Hucking, Tony Chipman, Pete Williams, Dave Perks (Roche Angling Club) – 23 fish 32lb 3oz.

3rd – Alec Hoare, Rob Gale, Gerry Scutt, Chris Bolt (Kennick Club) – 21 fish – 30lb 10oz pictured below

Biggest fish winner outside top 3 places – Roger Trustcott 2lb.

Biggest Bag out side top 3 places – Martin Stevens – 8lb 14oz.



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## Max Mockridge - Pitsford and Ravensthorpe

Report from Max below on a recent training weekend with the England Youth Team.

A 5:35 am start and we had a 3 1/2 hour journey to Pitsford. We had a good journey all the way there with no problems. We got there at 9.15. I had plenty of time to get setup with a team meeting at 9.30 with Craig Barr. Safety briefing, Tactics and weather conditions.

There was no rain forecast but it was cold and breezy. Also Boat partner was selected I was partnered with one of our female members Flo. The setup I started with was a midge tip with buzzers and nymphs. There is a little tunnel that we had to go through, because the water was so high we had to duck to get to the other side which was quite hairy. Flo caught one on a nymph, this was the morning session where I didn't have any luck. We head back to have our sandwiches. In the afternoon I changed my setup to a fast intermediate with nymphs on the dropper and a booby cats whisker. I caught five fish with this setup all on barbless flies so it was a good afternoon, my dad caught five in the afternoon as well.



The next day at Ravensthorpe we got there at 9:00 am for briefing with Craig Barr and I bought some flies from him as I was running out. I haven't fished this water before and I do like it. The reservoir is not that big. it's in a round oval shape but it was quite scenic and has big pike in it. I was partnered up with Sam Shepherd who I have fished with several times before. My setup was the bung method, I caught two on the actual bung by stripping it back quite fast and 5 fish were on buzzers. I had a really big fish on which took me about 25 minutes to land because we are on barbless hooks. I thought it was a double figure fish but it ended up to be an 8lb fish. Sam caught a beautiful brown trout weighing in at 3lbs. We had to finish at 3:00 pm so Dad and I went out for 2 hours, Dad caught 2 fish making his total to 7 fish the same as me. What a great weekend.



Thanks Max for a great report, cracking fish!

The Club sponsor Max whilst he is in the England Youth Team.

Keep it going Max and keep us updated on your next fishing trips.



## Wimbleball Qualifier - TEFF England Loch style

8 anglers took part on a bright sunny day with a blustery North Easterly wind making fishing conditions tough to say the least. Despite the conditions there were some good bags of fish, Oliver Smith won with 27lbs 7oz including time bonus weights. Alex Venn was 2nd with 23lbs 8oz including time bonus weights and Mike Cocks 3rd with 22lbs 7oz including time bonus.

Well done Alex on qualifying for the final at Rutland later in the year.

Good luck in the Final!





### Devon County Show

A few photos from the Devon County Show.

We had a good 3 days as a Club, recruited a few new members, instructed around 80 people on the casting pond and sold some of the 2nd tackle.

Thursday and Friday were dry but a Thunderstorm at lunchtime on Saturday made for a delay as we all made for cover.

Pictured right, Chris Hall, Mike Kent, Mike Steer and Chris Bolt had bagged the chairs!!!

Making their debut at the Show were the Chudleigh Shantymen who gave 3 performances on the Friday, even making it to the main ring for the last one.

Well done Tom Hendy and the crew!

Thanks to all Members that helped on the 3 days and for Simon Kidd for sponsoring the Casting Pool with the use of a Snowbee Classic outfit for the casting at hoops competition.



### Life Jackets

When was the last time you had your life jacket serviced?

I have to admit mine was in need of a service and hadn't been done recently.

A quick trip to Teign Diving Centre in Teignmouth and it was done.

I had booked in 4 for a service and they were back in less than a week.

Cost depending on the model was between £17.50-£30 plus the £10 service charge

They are open every day but check website for details - [www.teigndivingcentre.co.uk](http://www.teigndivingcentre.co.uk)

## Kennick Pairs

Darren Penfold and Paul Wicks won the Kennick Pairs in April, not had the weights come through or a photo yet, this will be in the next Newsletter.



Next Round of the Brown Trout Masters is on  
Saturday 8th June

Book on line - [swlakestrust.org.uk](http://swlakestrust.org.uk)

SW Lakes have teamed up with Fluff Chuckers to organise a Brown Trout Masters Competition, to be held over three dates in 2024 at Colliford, Fernworthy and Roadford:

Saturday 30 March - Colliford  
Saturday 8 June - Fernworthy  
Saturday 12 October - Roadford

Participants will need to photograph every capture, measure each fish and record it. The result will be made up of the total length of fish a person has caught that day. We will then add all the total lengths from each lake and the winner will be crowned the Brown Trout Master!

There will be prizes for biggest fish and most fish. The overall winner will get a South West Lakes Trust all waters season ticket.

### The rules

Standard fishery rules apply with the competition rules below

Catch and release only

Barbless hooks only

Floating line only

Maximum three flies

Measurement of fish from nose to point of tail (photo proof of each fish)

Competition card shown in photo to prove capture is on the day

## Tom Hendy's Smoked Trout Pate

First brine your fillets before smoking, in the past I have forgotten to do this and they do not take on the smoked taste, brine for 2hrs then wash the fillets and dry off before smoking.

I have only used hot smoked fillets, smoked in a Snowbee smoker which only takes about 20 minutes or so.

You can try cold smoked fillets but I've not tried this.

You can taste the fillets as they are being smoked, the longer you leave, the more intense the flavour becomes.

Put your fillets in a bowl and break them up, add plain cream cheese, lemon juice and dill. Use a blender to mix all ingredients together. You can blend to a smooth consistency or leave some larger pieces to make a rough pate.

When blended, taste the pate and add more lemon or dill if required.

You can use creme fraiche instead of the cream cheese, purely now a matter of taste, but you can add horseradish sauce, cayenne pepper, anchovy fillets or anything you fancy.

With Mike Herring's Gravdlax and now Tom's pate you have no excuse not to try it!

## England Ladies

Just as I finish this newsletter, Heather Lamacraft reports that the England Ladies won the recent Home International at Llyn Brenig. They caught 85 fish beating Wales by 12 fish who were 2nd, Ireland 3rd and Scotland 4th. Full report from Heather in next Newsletter. Well done Heather and the Team!