



Kennick Fly Fishers Association April Newsletter 2023



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2023

The season got underway on March 11th with a preview day open to Season ticket holders on the 9th. Kennick has been stocked regularly since opening week with several fish caught up to 3.5lbs.

New for this year for Boat anglers is the requirement to complete the Boat Induction Course. As we discussed at the AGM this will be available on line at some stage soon, in the meantime, when you book a boat and arrive at Kennick, one of the SW Lakes team should be on site to do the induction with you.

We attended the Roadford Fly Fair on February 26th, it was great to see many friends talking and chatting about the season about to start. The Club had most of the second hand tackle on display and managed to sell a few items. Our next event is Devon County Show back to its original spot in May, 18-20th. If you have something you don't want and would like me to try and sell for you, the Club take 10%, just let me know and I can get listed in our catalogue. We also plan to be at Honiton and Chagford later in the year.

Our Club Calendar is now underway, we have had our first 2 bank competitions, Kennick and Hawkridge. The results of both these are on the website under the News tab and are uploaded the same evening of the competition.

We have 4 bank competitions and 4 boat for the season, we will be fishing Kennick, Blagdon, Clatworthy, Hawkridge and Wimbleball. I also have plans for a River Teign day later in the year as the weather warms up, this will be based around Fingle Bridge giving those who come along somewhere to get a spot of lunch and a pint! More details to follow.

Can you all keep an eye out for any poaching activities at Kennick, we have already had reports of a couple of lads spinning. I have included the SW Lakes guidelines on Offences and what to do if you see something. Please report to Police or EA and make SW Lakes and me aware. If you can please get car registration and description if you can.

With postage increasing again, now going to 95p for a 2nd class stamp and you receive this Newsletter by post and have an email, please save the Club some cash and send me your email.

Instruction Days throughout the season - We had a successful SW Lakes Taster Day on March 5th.

The Club has dates for a maximum of 6 with me, all equipment is provided, EA licence and a 1 fish ticket are included in the £45 charge. Dates are on the next page.

Cormorant numbers, another request please, can you record numbers of Cormorants that you see when fishing please. A topic we discussed with Ashley, Dil and James at the AGM, we need to collate evidence and provide the data.

Hope to see many of you on the banks this year, come along and take part in our competitions / events during the season.

AND DON'T FORGET

Memberships are Now Due - Please see how to pay your fees on the next page.



Kennick Fly Fishers Association are proud to have Snowbee sponsoring the Top Rod in 2023

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



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FISHING CALENDAR - 2023

05/03 - SW Lakes Kennick Taster Day
09/03 - Kennick Preview Day
11/03 - Kennick Opening Day
26/03 - Kennick Bank - 1000-1700*
02/04 - Snowbee Teams Siblyback
15/04 - Kennick Instruction - 1000-1600
16/04 - Hawkridge Bank - 1000-1700*
29/04 - Kennick Instruction - 1000-1600
30/04 - Blagdon Boat - 1000-1700*
14/05 - SW Lakes Kennick Pairs
18/05-20/05 - Devon County Show
27/05 - Kennick Instruction - 1000-1600
28/05 - Wimbleball Boat - 1000-1700*
10/06 - Kennick Instruction - 1000-1600
11/06 - Kennick Bank - 1000-1700*
25/06 - Peninsula Classic Kennick
08/07 - Kennick Instruction - 1000-1600
09/07 - Clatworthy Boat -1000-1700*
03/08 - Honiton Show
05/08 - SW Lakes - Kennick Instruction Day
17/08 - Chagford Show
03/09 - Clatworthy Bank -1000-1700*
01/10 - Wimbleball Boat - 1000-1700*
14/10 - Kennick Instruction Day 1000-1600
03/12 - Christmas Meal Phoenix - 1730-2100

Top Rod events marked with *

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

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 - 10% enter KFFA on line
Alan Riddell Tackle - 10%
www.hooksandhackles.com - 10% KEN10

Please take your in date Membership Card with you.

OVERDUE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Renewal subscriptions to be sent to
Tom Hendy - Hon Treasurer
38 Millway
Chudleigh
Newton Abbot
TQ13 0JN
Tel - 01626 852360
All Memberships - £10,
Pay by Bank transfer - Sort code 52-10-18
Ac No 04021304 - use surname as reference
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 SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

You are now able to order shirts and fleeces with the KFFA Logo.

I can order just a few at a time but depending on volumes aim to order each month. The orders are ready in a couple of weeks + the club hold a few in stock.

T Shirt - £15.00
Polo Shirt - £20.00
Sleeved Polo Shirt - £22.50
Sweatshirt - £25.00
Hooded Sweatshirt - £30.00
Fleece - £35.00

Various Colours available and all sizes.

Please email John Hern for more info

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Cut Price Tickets for KFFA Members

Hon Treasurer Tom Hendy supplies reduced priced tickets.

Kennick

Full Day - £31.00
Reduced / Concession - £28.00
Evening Ticket - £21.00
Catch & Release - £22.00

Wessex Water tickets now available

Clatworthy / Sutton Bingham / Hawkridge
Full Day - £28.00
Concession - £24.00

Contact Tom for more information

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Kennick Fly Fishers Association AGM - Oakford Club - Kingsteignton February 17th start 2000

1. The Chairman, John Hern opened the AGM meeting and welcomed 27 members to the Oakford Club including Ashley Bunning, Dil Singh and James Fantom of SW Lakes. AGM would have the follow the usual format with Club business first, then SW Lakes update and response to questions sent to Dil Singh. Lastly there would be a raffle, thanks to SW Lakes, Mark Underhill and Turralls for donating prizes.
2. Apologies - Apologies had been received from Gordon White, Dave Hockin, Dave Grove, Simon Kidd, Mick McGee, Mike Stone, Andy Gooding, Lynda Carthew, Mike Herring, Hilary Herring, Anthony Hughes, Chris Head, Rob Boniface, James Vintcent, Janet Till, Ron Edmunds, Peter Gilpin, and Peter Ridler.
3. Approval of 2022 Minutes - The Chairman asked if there were any comments or questions on the minutes of the previous AGM distributed with the April 2022 Newsletter. As there were no questions it was proposed that they be accepted as a true record.
Proposed: Bill Hande. Seconded: Gavin Argyle. Unanimously approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.
4. Matter Arising - None.
5. Chairman's Report - Sent out prior to meeting, JH touched on high lights for the year, Weather conditions had been tough for all of our favourite waters, let hope for a better year in 2023. JH went through statistics Kennick Average 4.08 (2.6) Average weight 1lbs 11oz (2lbs) Wimbleball Average catch 1.52 (1.8) Average weight 2lbs 9oz (2lbs 9oz) Wessex Average catch 2.07 (2.2) Average weight 2lbs 8oz (2lbs 5oz) Blagdon Average catch 1.33 (2.66) Average weight 2lbs 8oz (2lbs 7oz) figures in brackets are previous year 2021.
Due to adverse conditions the Kennick Boat at Wimbleball hadn't been used as much, hope to recoup revenue this year as season started in February. To book the boat please contact Jeff Pearce on fishing@wimbleballflyfishery.co.uk
Instagram, Facebook and re vamped Website were proving popular and gaining more traction. Some great bank clearing took place in February, thanks to the 8 members who came along, thanks to Mark Baxendale who provided the machinery on the day. We will be back on the road this year with our 2nd hand tackle, Roadford, Devon County, Honiton and Chagford are planned. JH thanked Tom Hendy and Andy Watson for continued help patrolling the banks of Kennick. JH thanked Simon Kidd and Russell Weston for their continued support of the Top Rod.
JH reported that we had co opted James Friendship on to the Committee in October, James brings a wealth of IT knowledge and we hope to create an online booking platform for booking the Wimbleball boat and an online shop on the website for our 2nd hand tackle.
6. Comp Secretary's Report - JH went through slides of 2022 Competitions and Top Rod results. Alex Venn and John Hern won the Kennick Pairs, Darren Penfold won the Peninsula Classic. Kennick B won the Siblyback 4 man teams with Kennick A as runners up.
7. Treasurer's Report - Tom Hendy went through the set of Accounts which showed +2327 income over expenditure.
The Chairman thanked TH for preparing the accounts.
The Chairman asked for the Chairman's report to be adopted at the meeting. Proposed: Gavin Argyle, Seconded: Alan Riddell.
The Chairman asked for the Treasurer's report to be adopted at the meeting. Proposed: Peter Brown, Seconded: Chris Bolt.
The Chairman asked for the Comp Secretary's report to be adopted at the meeting, Proposed: Chris Bolt, Seconded: Peter Brown. All Unanimously approved
8. Election of Officers and Committee - JH Chairman had completed 3rd year of 3 year stint so needed to go to the vote. JH handed over the meeting to Tom Hendy. JH was happy to stand again for 3 more years unless anyone else fancied the job. No one came forward so JH elected. Proposed by Gavin Argyle, Seconded by Alan Riddell. Unanimously approved.
Tom Hendy - Treasurer for the next year. Proposed: Peter Brown, Seconded: Chris Bolt. Unanimously approved. Election of all Committee who were happy to stand for a further year - en bloc - Proposed: Peter Brown, Seconded: Bill Hande. Unanimously approved.
9. Agenda Items received in writing 14 days in advance - None
10. AOB - JH had 3 items for AOB.

1. Bee Hives - JH had an idea for a number of years that we should have a Bee Hive or 2 at Kennick. The opportunity has arisen, permissions have been sought from the Landowner and SW Lakes. Proposal is for the Club to purchase equipment to the value of up to £1000. A number of members including Tom and I will look after and check the hives. All proceeds from the sales of Honey will go to the Club, JH expected by end of year 2 we should see our investment back. Its environmentally friendly, good for the environment and Kennick is a great spot for them. Plan is to have 2 at Kennick to start with, then 2 others in Chudleigh. If the project gets approval, Club has been promised a donation of £250. Went to the floor for questions - only one was to do with security. JH said that's part of the risk, but hives will be in a remote spot and there will be a camera installed. Went to the Vote - All were in favour.

2. Bank Account - JH had been looking for a better return on our capital for years and our current interest pays less than £10 per year. JH has found a number of accounts, Lloyds, Virgin, Cambridge and Counties paying over 3% for a fixed bond with 3-6 months notice. Proposal is to put up to 20K in one or 10K into 2 accounts and this will generate 500-600 per year. The Club would still have a fund of approx 5K should it need for any eventualities. Went to the floor for any comments, thought it was a good idea. Bill Hande suggested we invest some in a 6 month fund and some in a 12 month fund. Went to the vote - All in favour. TH and JH to progress.

3. WhatsApp Group - JH said the Club had been asked by a number of members to form a group. This could be someone is going fishing, needs a boat partner or just fancies meeting up for a fish somewhere. Went to the floor for comments - Went to the vote - All in favour.

11. Chairman's closing remarks - The Chairman thanked all members for coming along to the AGM, reviewed Member benefits, including % on offer. He remarked that the club was in a healthy position and thanked his team for continued support and looked forward to the 2023 season. We have reduced our programme this year to help with the increased cost of living crisis so have 4 bank and 4 boat events, we will be fishing at Kennick, Wimbleball, Hawkrige, Blagdon and Clatworthy. Mark Underhill will continue to supply this year. We will be having an additional River event this year, details to follow but would be likely to be on the Upper Teign based at Fingle Bridge. Look out for other events including Kennick Pairs, Classic and Sierra Pairs on Wimbleball during the season.

Meeting closed 2040.

12. SWLT - JH had already asked for questions to SW Lakes in advance and following a short interval Ashley, Dil and James went through the Q&A. This proved to be an interesting feature and would be repeated next year. Those who sent in questions would receive responses back.
13. Raffle took place - Andi King won the Wimbleball Bank ticket, Darren Penfold and Mike Peppitt won a Cortland Fly Line, Alan Riddell won a Catch and Release ticket from SW Lakes.

Bargain Boxes spools of leader were on display for members, plus a boat seat and a Boat engine.

Holiday of a Lifetime....

It has been a long time wish of mine to go on a Bone fishing holiday.... after many years of dreaming I finally decided life is too short and booked a 6 day fishing trip with Go Fishing Worldwide to Crooked Island in The Bahamas.



On the 11th November, case packed with all the essentials of fishing in the tropics, I set off with Steve Ebdon to Heathrow Airport for an overnight stay before boarding early the next morning. Bleary eyed from what may have been 'one too many' we started the 9 hours flight to Nassau, where we stayed one night in The Orange Hotel before embarking on a small plane for a 2 hour flight to Crooked Island. We were picked up on arrival by Dave Grove (for those that do not know Dave he is the travel guide and host for Go Fishing Worldwide and lives in Liverton), and taken to Willies Guest House



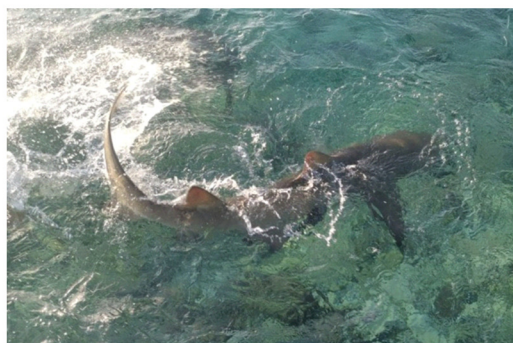
My first day I was paired with Steve, also a novice to Bone Fishing, we went with Dave and a local fishing guide on a Skiff and headed out to the creeks towards the mangroves. The fish were hard to spot so the guide would point out the location to cast to and I would take aim and cast in the hope of catching my first Bone fish. The first fish I hooked took 180 yards of line in one run and straightened the hook! 10 minutes later I covered another and caught my first fish of 4lb. The take and fight was amazing and what I had hoped for after watching many a YouTube video.

It took me almost 3 days to start spotting my own fish. There are 3 signs to look for when spotting: a shadow on the surface of water, tailing on the surface and nervous water (bow waving in the shallows), the latter I could see with the right light.

Some days we would go out early due to the tide times so the fishing areas varied and we covered different locations around the island. Some mangroves we visited were about an hour away.



As the tides got better during the week (smaller tides) we spent more time wading in and out of the mangroves, most fish I caught were about 3 ½ to 4lb. The biggest I caught was approximately 7 ½ lb. Fish can be caught in water about 6 inches to knee height. The ground was fairly sandy although up in the mangroves it could be muddy and so I tried not to stir it up too much sand so as not to encourage the sharks..... there were quite a lot of Lemon Sharks and Sting Rays swimming around but they didn't have an interest in me (I still have 2 legs), although it was worrying to start with.



On a couple of the days we finished fishing in the flats earlier so we could fish drop offs for other species, like Jacks. Steve hooked a 20lb Tarpon but unfortunately was broke off when it jumped. We did see Permit but we didn't catch any.

The lodge was comfortable and air conditioned. The temperature daytime was approx 80 degrees and around 70 in the night time although the humidity was quite high, despite having every repellent in my case there did not appear to be many mosquitoes about.

In the evenings we would head to the lodge for an evening meal at Willies



Guest House. The food was excellent and included the luxury of lobster, along with Grouper and other locally caught species, although I have to say Conch was not quite as appetising. A few local beers were consumed each evening whilst watching the sunset. (Although not too many as it was early starts!!)

The week wasn't easy fishing but it was a great week, I caught 24 Bone Fish and some other species and I would highly recommend the holiday with Go Fishing Worldwide. It was well organised and we were well looked after on the Island.

Fly patterns:

Bright orange rubber legs and Gotcha's seemed to work well in different weights and sizes.

My rod set up for Bone Fish was a new Snowbee Prestige Saltwater 9ft 8 weight 4 piece rod, with an 8 weight line. (Tropical water) and for other species I took a 9ft 10 weight.

I'm looking forward to another 'Holiday of a Lifetime' .

Andy Gooding.



Siblyback Teams - April 2nd

Earlier in the month saw 10 teams fish the annual event sponsored by Snowbee.

40 anglers caught 122 rainbows, average catch was just over 3 fish per person.

Fish weighed between 14oz and 2lbs 6oz.

Kennick fielded 3 teams and after a breakfast in the Olive Cafe on site we were ready to fish.

Fish were caught in all areas of the Lake, from Crylla Bay, Stocky Bay to the East / West Bank and North Shore.

Floating lines were the order of the day with weighted nymphs to get down to the fish.

There were plenty of Black Buzzers showing on the water but few fish were rising.

1st Roche Angling Club - 21 fish for 32lbs 7oz

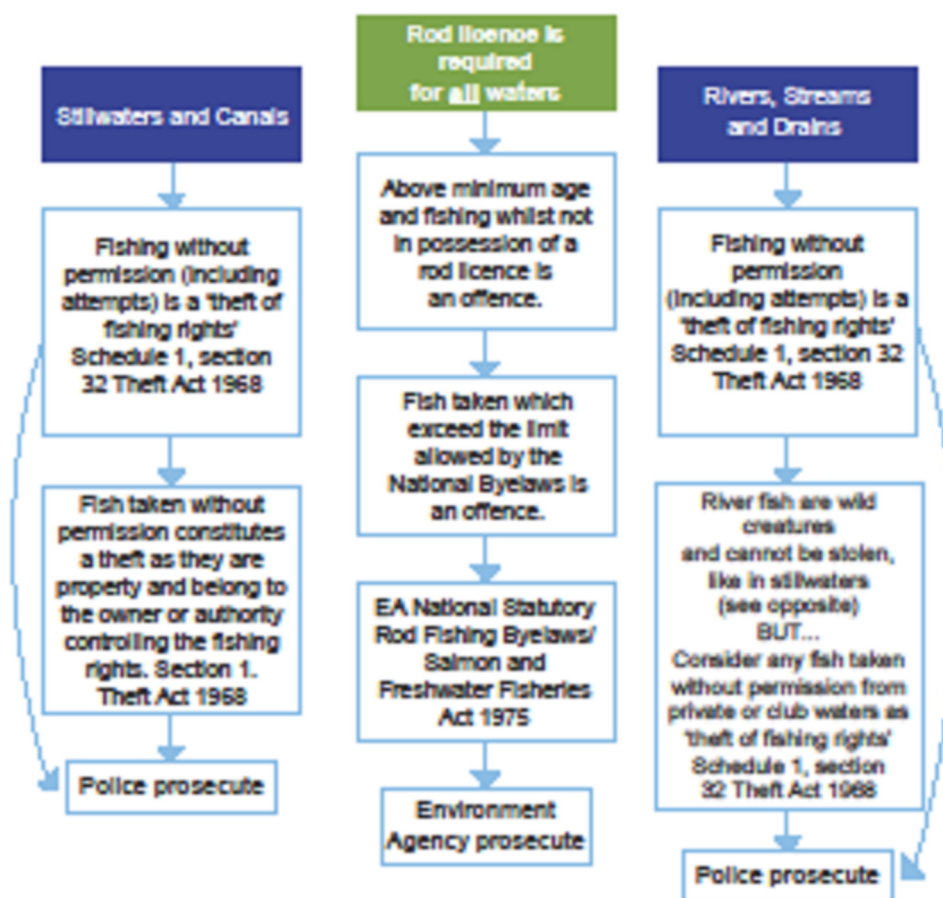
2nd Fishiotherapy - 22 fish for 28lbs 9oz

3rd Kennick C Gerry Scutt, Robert Gale, Alan Riddell and Alec Hoare - 13 fish 17lbs 12oz

4th Kennick B Peter Brown, Chris Bolt, Andy Watson and Mike Stone - 13 fish 17lbs 8oz

Kennick A Darren Penfold, Paul Wicks, Alex Venn and John Hern - 7 fish for 9lbs 5oz were back in 9th place.

REPORT OF ILLEGAL FISHING



Call the **Environment Agency**
on **0800 80 70 60**
or the **Police** on **101**
for crime in progress call **999**

2nd Hand Tackle

We have a number of quality items on the 2nd Hand Tackle list.

We have some great rods available at the moment. If you would like to view any, please let me know. They will be all going to the next sale in May at the Devon County Show.

- G Loomis 9ft #10 - ideal for Bone fish or Pike - £350
- Hardy Wraith Sintrix 550 - 9ft 6 #7 - £350
- Snowbee Spectre - 10ft #7 - £225 - New
- Orvis Access - 10ft #4 - £175
- Airflo Blitz - 10ft #7 - £150
- Airflo Blitz - 10ft #8 - £150
- Orvis Access - 10ft #7 - £150
- Orvis Western 2 - 10ft #5 - £75
- Snowbee ZR2 - 8ft 6 #5-6 - £75