



# Kennick Fly Fishers Association April Newsletter 2024



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The season got underway on March 3rd with preview days open to Season ticket holders on the 1st and 2nd. Kennick has been stocked regularly since opening and some great sport has been had despite the wet and windy conditions throughout March. On our Bank competition the fish averaged 2lbs with the best fish just under 3lbs.

As I write this newsletter we are still waiting for the Boats to transfer across to the Club, so until this happens the boats need to be booked via SW Lakes website. I will be back in touch when the transfer has happened with more details on how to book etc.

We attended the Roadford Fly Fair on February 25th, 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 in May, 16,17,18th. If you have something you don't want and would like me to try and sell for you, the Club take 20%, 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, results of our first competition are on the website, look under News tab. Next event is Hawkridge on April 14th. Breakfast stop on the way at Brewers Fayre in Exeter and then meet at the reservoir for 0830, fishing from 0930-1630 with the weigh in at 1700.

We have 4 bank competitions and 4 boat for the season, we will be fishing Kennick, Chew, Clatworthy, Hawkridge and Wimbleball. We have our River Teign day on 21st July based around Fingle Bridge giving those who come along somewhere to get a spot of lunch and a pint! More details to follow. We have a BBQ night at Fernworthy on 21st June with invites out to Burrator, Upper Teign and Lower Teign clubs. It will be meet for 1800 for BBQ then fish into the evening, should be a great night.

Can you all keep an eye out for any poaching activities at Kennick, 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.

Instruction Days throughout the season - We had a successful SW Lakes Taster Day on March 17th.  
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, spaces available.

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 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 - The Brown Trout Masters Competition - Fernworthy  
09/06 - Kennick Bank - 1000-1700\*  
21/06 - Fernworthy Evening BBQ - LTFA/UTFA/Burrator/Kennick  
22/06 - KFFA Kennick Instruction Day 1000-1600  
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.

### 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,  
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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

### WHO TO CONTACT

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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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### 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.

## Kennick Fly Fishers Association AGM - Chudleigh Town Hall, February 2nd start 1930 - Minutes

1. The Chairman, John Hern opened the AGM meeting and welcomed 22 members to the Town Hall including Ashley Bunning of SW Lakes. The evening started by welcoming Ashley to give SW Lakes Update and respond to questions sent prior to meeting. Club Business then continued after a short break followed by a raffle, thanks to SW Lakes, Simon Kidd and Mark Underhill for donating prizes.
2. Apologies - Apologies had been received from Mike Stone, Andy Gooding, Lynda Carthew, Penny Hale, Hilary Herring, Peter Gilpin, Peter Ridler, John Winson, James Friendship, Mike Steer and Ray Martin.
3. Approval of 2023 Minutes - The Chairman asked if there were any comments or questions on the minutes of the previous AGM distributed with the April 2023 Newsletter. As there were no questions it was proposed that they be accepted as a true record.  
Proposed: Chris Bolt. Seconded: Peter Brown. 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. JH went through statistics Kennick Average 2.78 (4.0) Average weight 1lbs 11oz (1lb 11oz) Wimbleball Average catch 4.0 (1.52) Average weight 2lbs 5oz ( 2lbs 9oz) Wessex Average catch 2.57 (2.0) Average weight 2lbs 10oz ( 2lbs 8oz) Blagdon Average catch 2.2 (1.33) Average weight 2lbs 8oz (2lbs 8oz) figures in brackets are previous year 2022.  
Kennick Boat on Wimbleball - please book the boat on Kennick website now please - this means we take the money.  
Instagram, Facebook and Website were proving popular and gaining more traction. Thanks to James Friendship who has been updating website to take payments for tickets and boats and also working on, on line shop. 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 also thanked Paul Wicks and Darren Penfold who when called, responded to attend Kennick when reports of poaching were in progress. JH thanked Simon Kidd and Russell Weston for their continued support of the Top Rod.  
JH thanked Tom for sorting the finances and for joining him and the Club on our Bee journey so far. 30 jars of honey from our first year. Now sold out and taking orders for 2024.
6. Comp Secretary's Report - JH went through slides of 2023 Competitions and Top Rod results (results and winners on next page) Alec Hoare and James Friendship won the Kennick Pairs, Alex Venn won the Peninsula Classic. Snowbee 4's, Kennick C was the best Kennick team coming in 3rd, (Alec Hoare, Gerry Scutt, Rob Gale and Alan Riddell) with Roche Angling Club won the Siblyback 4 man teams.
7. Treasurer's Report - Tom Hendy went through the set of Accounts which showed +903 income over expenditure. Club awaiting payment from Wimbleball for last 3 years, total £770. As awaiting payment, accounts couldn't be approved, will be held over.  
The Chairman thanked TH for preparing the accounts.  
The Chairman asked for the Chairman's report to be adopted at the meeting. Proposed: Peter Brown, Seconded: Chris Bolt  
The Chairman asked for the Treasurer's report to be adopted at the meeting. Proposed: N/A, Seconded: N/A.  
The Chairman asked for the Comp Secretary's report to be adopted at the meeting, Proposed: Chris Bolt, Seconded: Tim Lloyd. All Unanimously approved
8. Election of Officers and Committee - JH Chairman had completed 1st year of 4th 3 year stint so didn't need to go to the vote, unless anyone else volunteering.  
Tom Hendy - Treasurer for the next year. Proposed: Darren Penfold, Seconded: Mike Malpas. Unanimously approved.  
Gavin Argyle had recently stepped down after 12 years from the Committee, JH thanked him for all his input and support over the years. Nomination for replacement had been received from Alan Riddell - went to the floor and all in favour.  
Rob Gale had also stepped down from the Committee after 20 years, JH thanked Rob for all his input and support over the years and hoped we would see him back fishing soon. Committee Vacancy - if anyone would like to be considered for the Committee - please let the Chairman know.  
Election of the rest of the Committee who were happy to stand for a further year, Darren Penfold, Paul Wicks, Andy Watson, James Friendship - en bloc - Proposed: Nigel Perrin, Seconded: Alec Hoare. Unanimously approved.
9. Agenda Items received in writing 14 days in advance - None
10. AOB - JH had 4 items for AOB.

1. Transfer of Boats from SW Lakes to Kennick - Discussion took place on how the Club would run the boats. JH asked for support from Members to help clean the boats and operate. Prices would be slightly cheaper than currently with a single occupancy and half day rate planned. JH would like to get up to 6 boats on site. Members of the Club are covered by Angling Trust Insurance to use the boats, subject to signing declaration, watching video. Any non members will need to either join the Club for the year or pay a daily membership fee (£2.50)  
Kennick boat on Wimbleball - as from accounts, payment has been slow in being sent for last 3 years (now received at time of writing) Proposal - if the boat is moved to Kennick, just 1 day per week for the year would generate approx £500. Went to the floor - All in favour to move and JH would discuss with Mark Underhill on timings ( Expected to be moved by May, depends when transfer takes place) Paul Wicks to help with transport.

2. Review of the Constitution, last reviewed in 2009 so might need bringing up to date. Went to the floor for approval - All in favour.

3. Auditing Club Accounts, JH would like to ask membership for any member with accountancy experience who would like to help audit the club accounts. Went to the floor - All in favour.

4. Club Sales - JH would like to increase the Club Commission when selling items from 10 to 20%. Sales have been good, especially on line. Cataloguing, Photographing, packing up and posting etc all take time. Went to the floor - 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 2024 season. We have an exciting year ahead with the transfer of the boats which would generate some extra income. JH wanted to have a Taster Day for Bass fishing in the summer as fly fishing in the sea is getting more popular, look out for a date. Please come along and get involved.

Raffle - SW Lakes Day Ticket - Mike Herring, Wimbleball ticket - John Duncan, Kennick Boat Ticket - Alec Hoare, Wine - Nigel Perrin and Mike Malpas. (I think, correct me if wrong)

Meeting closed 2115.

## 2023 Prize Winners

Presentation night was back in December when we met for our annual Dinner and Awards.

Our guest for the evening was Simon Kidd, Sales and Marketing Manager of Snowbee.

Pictured below Top Left is Simon Kidd presenting Darren Penfold with his Snowbee Spectre Pro Top Rod, Top Rod shield and Top Boat Angler shield.

Pictured Top Middle is John Hern presenting Alex Venn with runners up prize and Top Bank angler shield.

Pictured Top Right is John Hern presenting Pete Gilpin with the Biggest Kennick Fish Shield

Bottom Left is John Hern presenting Andy Gooding with the Fred Pike Cup

Bottom Right is John Hern presenting Peter Brown with the Top Senior Shield.

Top Junior - Max Mockridge

Annual Dinner and Awards 2024 - November 29th - The Phoenix in Chudleigh



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## Loch Style – Now & Then

I have the pleasure of having seen Rutland Water when it was empty around 1978 when I was working and living in Cambridgeshire and started fishing it in 1980. My first foray into reservoir trout fishing started at Eyebrook near Corby, which at that time, 1976, was run by British Steel. However, I discovered Grafham was much nearer and started going there, with the dam being a convenient place and didn't require waders, just making sure you didn't hit the hook-points on the back cast.

It was shortly after a few bank trips, I decided to take the plunge into competition fishing and put myself into a regional eliminator for the National. It was also a time for reservoir trout fishing to be gaining in popularity as a result of developments in tackle led by Bob Church. This was a "Loch Style" competition with the main stipulation was fly size-maximum a wet fly size 10 or specifically the hook shank no longer than 5/8" and dressing no longer than 15/16". Also only three flies and lines were not very sophisticated with usually just a floater, slow sink and a fast sink. I was still using a glass rod of my own making with a Rimfly and eventually settled on a Garcia Slow sink to just get down a couple of feet. Obviously the fly patterns were different from now and I used something like a soldier palmer, a Greenwell's, and a silver Invicta to get third place with eight fish.

Eventually, the attraction of Rutland was too much to resist and for a couple of years, I had a boat on my birthday, shared with a work colleague, Keith, an ex-submariner. I soon joined Rutland Water Fly Fishers and the desire to compete was re-kindled and won an England Eliminator at Draycote on my first visit. Flies hadn't changed that much from what I can remember and I certainly was still using a soldier palmer, although I think the peach doll had started to gain popularity. I then fished in a boat more often in club and interclub matches, sharing a boat with some really top anglers including the "eagle-eyed" Dave Shipman. New flies were starting to emerge along with the peach doll was the Oak ham Orange and Nuclear Wickham's, the latter I believe was conceived by the great innovator, the late Steve Parton, who convinced me to tie more flies and make rods!. In 1992, Anglian Water decided to hold its inaugural "Loch Style Trophy" and I thought it would be a good opportunity for a day out with some top names. I was drawn with Mick Ellis from the club who I knew but he was only happy to be there and was not really a competition angler but we had a really enjoyable day. I, much to my surprise and that of a few others won the event. The flies still being the soldier palmer and nuclear Wickham's, as I was down to two flies for the last 15 minutes due to a breakage, but it still got my last all important fish.

It's all so different now, blobs on Hi-D lines cast as far as you can, and I didn't mention that long casting was not the way to go in the early days. How many times do we now "line" a fish when going for the horizon? However, drifting broadside in a boat is still a very exciting way of fishing even though things have changed, but it's not the only way. When I'm pleasure fishing, particularly at Kennick, I enjoy sitting at anchor and cover the water by changing the angle of cast, flies and lines. The one thing that is not a good way is by towing your flies behind while rowing banned on a lot of waters, - it is trolling, and is actually a very inefficient way of fishing. Just to finish with the fact that I am happy with what I think is a nice modern fly- the Diawl Bach and the variations that have developed and it is close to the old "Loch Style". Enjoy your fishing-whatever you choose to call it.!

Alan Riddell

If anyone sees and signs of Illegal Fishing, please contact the EA / Police below.

Please also let the Club know, either by Phone, Text, WhatsApp or email



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

### Fly Tying Nights

Thanks to Robert Dadd and Alan Riddell who have been running the Fly Tying nights throughout the winter at Chudleigh Knighton Village Hall.

These will return again in the autumn and depending on numbers, will be in the same room, takes 10 people.

If there is interest during the summer months, I'm sure we can arrange some extra nights in the lodge at Kennick.

Just let me know.

### Kennick WhatsApp Group

Kennick have a WhatsApp group, if you would like to be part of it, please send me your mobile number and I will add you in to the group.

### Brown Trout Masters Competition

SW Lakes and Fluff Chuckers have teamed up to organise a Brown Trout Masters Competition held over 3 dates in 2024.

Saturday 30th March - Colliford - results now on line

Saturday 8th June - Fernworthy

Saturday 12th October - Roadford

To Book your ticket and to view all the rules please go to [www.swlakestrust.org.uk/brown-trout-masters-competition](http://www.swlakestrust.org.uk/brown-trout-masters-competition)

Best Angler will win a Season Ticket - Good Luck!

