

## Kennick Fly Fishers Association April Newsletter 2022

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2022

The season got underway on March 12th with a preview day open to Season ticket holders on the 10th. Kennick has been stocked regularly since opening week with several fish caught over 4lbs. Biggest fish caught this year is a fish of 7lbs by Eddie Carter, I witnessed another one of 5lbs in his bag last week, well done Eddie. I also saw Paul Wicks catch a 5lbs 4.5oz fish on our first competition which won him the day. Pictures of both Paul and Eddie below.

Mark Underhill is again stocking Kennick this year and the quality of the fish is excellent, great fins and tails, good pink flesh and they fight well too. Why not try the Gravadlax recipe in this newsletter.

Now that we are in April, the weather could do with warming up, still has that chilly wind which cuts right through you. Hopefully the weather will soon turn warmer and bring the fish nearer the surface. There have been good buzzer hatches and I have heard several reports of fish being caught on size 14 red / black buzzers from the boat by Mike Herring, what a great way to catch a few fish!

We attended the Roadford Fly Fair on March 6th, 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 at the end of June so 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 2 bank competitions so far, all the results of these are on the website under the News tab and are uploaded the same evening of the competition.

We have 5 bank competitions and 5 boat which is the same format as 2021. We will be fishing Kennick, Blagdon, Clatworthy, Hawkridge and Wimbleball.

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

Pictured below from left to right, Paul Wicks, Eddie Carter and Simon Kidd presenting Andy Gooding with the Snowbee Top Rod for 2021.





Kennick Fly Fishers Association are proud to have Snowbee sponsoring the Top Rod in 2022

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



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Top Rod events marked with \* All Kennick competitions are any line and all events have £2.50 entry for raffle draw. No winners of fishing competitions, 1st, 2nd or 3rd, can win the raffle draw, this will get re drawn.

# 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 Rods - 10% www.hooksandhackles.com - 10% KEN10 Exeter Angling Centre - 5%

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

#### WHO TO CONTACT

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#### **Cut Price Tickets for KFFA Members**

Hon Treasurer Tom Hendy supplies reduced priced tickets.

#### Kennick

Full Day - £25.50 Reduced / Concession - £23.00 Evening Ticket - £17.00 Catch & Release - £18.00

#### Wessex Water tickets now available

Clatworthy / Sutton Bingham / Hawkridge Full Day - £24.00 Concession - £21.00

Contact Tom for more information Tom Hendy 38 Millway Chudleigh Newton Abbot TQ13 0JN Tel - 01626 852360 Email - thendy@btinternet.com

#### Kennick Fly Fishers Association AGM - Oakford Club - Kingsteignton March 4th start 1930

1. The Chairman, John Hern opened the AGM meeting and welcomed members to the first actual meeting in 2 years. Members were thanked for coming along (30) despite restrictions being lifted Coronavirus was still with us. Unfortunately Dil Singh had tested positive for Covid so was unable to attend, but JH would run through some pre sent questions after the meeting. Raffle would also follow the AGM, thanks to SW Lakes, Mark Underhill, Fish4flies.com, Stefan Mirasole and KFFA for donating prizes.

2. Apologies - Apologies had been received from Mike Stone, Dil Singh, Richard Mason, Ron Edmunds, Alan Tudor, Carole Tudor, Darren Penfold, Hilary Herring, John Crosse, Gordon White, Paul Gale, John Lowe, Adrian Buckle, Bill Hynes, Ron Weaver, John Kilvert, Peter Shazell, Jerry Purchase, Anthony Hughes, Dave Grove, Steve Morgan, Mike Peppitt, Rob Spooner, Graham Read, and Paul Fitzmaurice.

3. Approval of 2021 Minutes - The Chairman asked if there were any comments or questions on the minutes of the previous AGM held via Zoom April 13th 2021 and distributed with the May 2021 Newsletter. As there were no questions it was proposed that they be accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Gavin Argyle. Seconded: Bill Hande. Unanimously approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

4. Matter Arising - Membership proposal had been discussed at last years Zoom meeting but due to low numbers on the call it couldn't go to the vote and got rolled over to this year. Proposal is that all memberships to go to £10. This was due to rising Insurance costs having doubled for boat and generator. JH said we were still the cheapest club in the area and membership fee can quickly be recouped using discounts. Went to the vote and all were in favour.
5. Chairman's Report - Sent out prior to meeting, JH touched on high lights for the year, Darren Penfold and Paul Wicks won the Kennick Pairs and Darren Penfold won the Peninsula Classic. Andy Gooding won the Snowbee Top Rod, going right down to the final competition of the year, presentation of the rod will take place at Roadford Fly Fair. Alex Venn was top Junior, Alec Hoare was top Senior, Darren Penfold took the Fred Pike Cup, Ray Martin took the trophy for best caught rainbow by a member 4lbs 2oz. Chairman's trophy went to Gerry Scutt. Instagram, Facebook and re vamped Website were proving popular and gaining more traction. Some great bank clearing took place in January, thanks to the 10 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.

6. Comp Secretary's Report - In the absence of Darren Penfold, John Hern went through slides of 2021 and competition statistics.

7. Treasurer's Report - Tom Hendy went through the set of Accounts which showed -1323 income over expenditure. The reason for the negative figure was due to the match funding needed to help pay for the generator. The Chairman thanked TH for preparing the accounts.

The Chairman asked for the Chairman's report to be adopted at the meeting. Proposed: Chris Bolt, Seconded: Gavin Argyle.

The Chairman asked for the Treasurer's report to be adopted at the meeting. Proposed: Bill Hande, Seconded: Dave Hockin.

The Chairman asked for the Comp Secretary's report to be adopted at the meeting, Proposed: Gavin Argyle, Seconded: Chris Bolt. All Unanimously approved 8. Election of Officers and Committee - JH Chairman had completed 2nd year of 3rd 3 year stint so no need to go to the vote.

Tom Hendy - Treasurer for the next year. Proposed: Chris Bolt, Seconded: John Winson. Unanimously approved. Election of all Committee who were happy to stand for a further year - en bloc - Proposed: Mike Steer, Seconded: Alec Hoare. Unanimously approved.

Bill Hande commented that on behalf of the members he wanted to thank JH and TH for what they did for the Club, as a lot of work goes on in the background, inparticular with cataloguing the sales items.

9. Agenda Items received in writing 14 days in advance - Email received from Graham Read looking for support to improve mobile coverage in Christow which covers the Kennick area - email to be forwarded to members on how to write to MP.

10. AOB - Questions were asked, should the Club re visit purchasing a second boat? Any considerations would need to go via SW Lakes for approval and Mark has already increased the size of his fleet. This prompted a discussion on the 10 year plan for existing boat at Wimbleball and was it on target. Suggestion was to lower the discount to members to 25% from 50% thus reducing the period of recouping monies, this would still offer value for money. Committee would investigate and review before 2023 season.

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 2022 season. We have a great programme of events in 2022, 5 bank and 5 boat events, we will be fishing at Kennick, Wimbleball, Hawkridge, Blagdon and Clatworthy. Mark Underhill will continue to supply this year. Look out for all events including Kennick Pairs, Classic and Scierra Pairs on Wimbleball during the season. Meeting closed 2000.

12. SWLT - JH had already asked for questions to SW Lakes in advance and in Dil's absence went through the Q&A. This proved to be an interesting feature and would be repeated next year.

13. Raffle took place - Stefan Mirasole won a Catch and Release ticket from SW Lakes, Bill Hande won a Kennick Boat ticket, Tom Hendy won a Wimbleball Bank ticket, Chris Bolt and Mike Herring won a Fish4flies box of flies, Alan Riddell won a bottle of wine, Ron Manning won the Chocolates and Rob Boniface won the leader wallet.

Bargain Boxes Fly Tying materials were on display for members.

## **Mobile Phone and Internet Coverage**

As discussed at the AGM and email sent out to the Membership I have re attached the info for you to read.

Kennick falls into a zone where there is no mobile phone signal and if an incident happens which has in the past it is very difficult to call the emergency services should the need arise.

Graham Read is a Kennick Member and often can be found fishing Kennick.

Please support this by writing to your MP and by signing the on line petition.

I have already done this by going to the link in the attached document - petitions.net/connect\_christow

The more members that do this will add more weight to the case

The link can be found towards the bottom of the page just above the Contacts

Graham can be contacted on graham\_read@hotmail.co.uk

## **Snowbee Teams - Siblyback - April 10th**



Arriving on site at 7:55am I was greeted with a bright sunny day. However, there was a bite in the weather; notably the 4.5 degrees temperature and gusting wind, which increased from 15mph early on to an estimated 25mph by days end. However, that didn't stop the 12 anglers that had entered The Snowbee 4 man team open. The anglers, now 'bacon buttied' up, 'coffeed' up and tackled up, headed towards the water at 9:15am for a 9:30 start.

Because of the strong SSW wind, some pre-competition practice, and knowledge of stocking location some days earlier, all the anglers felt that the best location was the East bank; a gentle stroll down from the car park. Six anglers headed towards the Two Meadows with the other 6 spreading themselves between Crylla Bay, the stones and Stocky Bay. Whilst chatting in the car park before the start of fishing, despite the cold lots of buzzers filled the air. However, most anglers chose to attach an assortment of lures and blobs for their days fishing.

The competition started at 9:30 and within 30 minutes the first anglers, Mike Stone and Peter Brown, had caught their bag limit for the first zone (five fish). By the time the close of the first time period was announced with the hooter (12:30pm), all but a small number of anglers had caught their limit of 5 fish and were waiting to cross a 'no man's land' line to the afternoon's fishing area where they were ready to lay claim to a swim before they started a 45 minute lunch break. Fishing started again at 1:15pm and by 2:35pm all anglers had filled their bag; a twenty year first for me, where a competition finished early as all competitors had caught their limit! Including a stunning rainbow caught by John Hern weighing 3lbs 7oz.

Kennick team A just pipped to the post Kennick team B by 4oz.

A special thank you goes out again to Snowbee for providing some fantastic prizes for the competition, many thanks also to all competitors and John D, for help on the day.

1<sup>st</sup> Kennick B – 39lbs 3oz Mike Stone 8lbs 2oz Chris Bolt 12lbs 3oz Andy Watson 9lbs 12oz Peter Brown 9lbs 2oz

2<sup>nd</sup> Kennick A – 38lbs 15oz John Hern 10lbs 4oz Alex Venn 8lbs 15oz Darren Penfold 10lbs 4oz Paul Wicks 9lbs 8oz

3<sup>rd</sup> Siblyback – 36lbs 2oz Ron Wilday 9lbs 7oz John Rumbold 9lbs 7oz Rodney Wevill 8lbs 7oz Dave Matthews 8lbs 13oz

Report from Mark Baxendale.



## Mike Herring's GRAVADLAX (for a 2 – 3lb Rainbow)

First fillet your fish and pull out all the cross bones Lay each side on tin foil with the skin side facing down.

On each side sprinkle approx one tablespoonful of <u>salt</u>. Leave for approx 2 hours. Then pour off all the liquid (the salt will have 'firmed' up the flesh).

Sprinkle on each side a dessert spoonful of <u>dried Dill</u>. Grind <u>black pepper</u> on to both sides. Sprinkle a tablespoonful of <u>sugar</u> on to both sides. Splash on to both sides plenty of <u>Sherry or Brandy</u> or similar. (I use plenty of sherry!)

> Put both sides back together and double wrap in foil then put in the fridge.

Turn twice a day for four days and watch out for 'leakage'!

Carve like you would smoked salmon. Serve with <u>Dill Sauce</u>

I buy <u>Dill Mustard</u> and mix 50:50 with <u>Mayonnaise</u> to make the <u>Dill Sauce</u>

## Enjoy!

Note: it will keep for at least a week in the fridge. It also freezes well for 3 months.

If you haven't tried the above you are missing out!

Thanks Mike again for sharing your secret recipe!

## **Recent Photos**





Alex and Olly Venn with a couple of cracking fish caught at Wimbleball last week.

> Alex left with a 7.5lbs Rainbow Olly above with a 5lb Blue



A superb 1.25lb Kennick brownie

Anyone seen my net??

Eddie Carter's 7lb Kennick Rainbow

FOR SALE CAMBRIDGE KAYAK SIT ON TOP FISHING KAYAK 12FT 6" DOG FISH WITH UPGRADES COMES WITH WHEELS, STRAP, PADDLE AND ROD HOLDER. 2020 model and never been in the water - £400 or sensible offers. Current RRP £549 Can be viewed in Exeter - contact John Hern johnhern@virginmedia.com





