

## **Summary of the 2017 Winter League series**

This season in line with the other 5 match series we will count 4 from 5 omitting the individual's worst result. We try to alternate between Fladbury and local Canals although conditions usually dictate, either flooded off the river or confronted with a frozen canal. This Match Series is **not for the faint hearted and tends to sort out the "Scratchers from the Baggers"**. We have summarised the series.

**(1)21st October at Fladbury,** Due to storm Brian this match was re-arranged for 4/11/2017. Nine turned out on a very clear river which amazingly fished well. Rain at first but then mild we used pegs 4, 6, 11, 13, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 26. We had a decent match with PW winning with 8-15-0 from peg 11. Joint second on 5-13-0 was BB and JA, fourth was KK with 4-11-0 from peg 6. Again we were pestered with Pike especially in peg 4 where they took 12 good fish and 12 hook lengths.

**(2)28<sup>th</sup> October, Local Canal,** Eight turned out for this match on a local canal, weather was cloudy and mild but the last two hours was very windy. We had about 20 boats through, some turning round in the swims. PW won with 2-2-0 but lost a big Bream, KK was second with 1-9-0 and BB was third on the BP with 0-14-0.

**(3)18<sup>th</sup> November, back at Fladbury** for the third Winter League match, the weather was wet all day, the river was again clear. Nine turned out, we drew for choice of pegs. With PW winning the first two matches the rest are playing catch up. This time the river fished poorly, FB in peg 11 caught Chublets for an hour until the Pike moved in weighing 4-4-0, PW and KK tied for second with 3-1-0. So after three matches PW is on 2, KK is on 4 and BB is on 5 points.

**(4)2nd December, Fladbury.** We initially decided on a Canal venue but after a poor scramble there the Saturday before and a forecast of a week of frost we hastily changed back to the river. Eight turned out and we again drew to choose pegs. PW chose the hot peg 11 which has won the last three matches. PW weighed an all Chub (3-12oz) and Dace catch of 17-4-0 from peg 11. Starting a third over and fishing beyond the middle on the waggler after the Pike moved in. The rest struggled with JA weighing 3-1-0 in peg 13 and BB weighing 1-12-0 in peg 6. With a match left PW can't be caught on 4 points, what an excellent catch.

**(5)16<sup>th</sup> December on a local Canal - Cancelled.** We had heavy snow followed by rain then extreme conditions rendering the River swollen and the Canals solid and no options.

**Overall result,** after four matches PW took the Winter League trophy on 3 points from BB and KK on 8 points. A good match series heavily influenced by Fladbury peg 11, well done Peter.