

BEWL WATER FISHING.REPORT

Friday 5th November 2021.

Bewl continues to improve over the last week with many more fish visible and the stubborn algae bloom clearing. Biggest problem again has been the weather with last weekend almost a write toff with huge winds and slanting rain !

Now that Bewl is open every day many took advantage of the better weather this week although the cold snap and bright sun slowed the catch rate. In fact if you look at the reports on many of the large waters this week it has been a difficult week at most venues. But fish are being caught at Bewl with Rosemary Lane producing regularly, as is the main bowl from the dam to the old cages. However it has to be said that the Any Method rods on small Spinners are doing better than the fly lads some of which are struggling. This suggests that lures and fish imitations are a better bet at the moment as the Trout's inherent 'need' to fatten itself for winter kicks in. Fry patterns, small Snakes, Minkie and Marabou Boobies need to feature more. Having said that, if there is a fly hatch off the wind, especially at Rosemary Lane or the main dam, don't be adverse to going on very small flies, a floating line and fishing very slow.

In normal conditions and even with partial sun the Trout are high in the water, with full sun they may well drop to around five feet but not a lot more. As I said at the beginning there are fish showing but they are difficult to catch albeit the AM boys are, so for fly rods vary the tactics more than normal. A couple of suggestions especially with an element of cloud. Firstly see if the Trout are high and prepared to follow. Put on a slow sink line with two flies, a bright colour Blob 7 ft from the fly line and either a bright colour Booby or White Minkie Booby on the point 10 ft behind the Blob. Cast to your maximum and pull back fast enough for the point Booby to create a disturbance. If the fish are high and having it, you will get follows. If no good, change to a floater and cast the same but this time don't move the flies at all unless you get a swirl around floating Booby or a take on either. The reason I suggested a slow sink for pulling a disturbance Booby is it will convert more follows than a floating line as it bobs up and down on the retrieve rather than staying on the surface.

If neither of those methods work then persevere with your full repertoire of options. But go back to the disturber and static options at various times during the day to check any change in fish attitude.

SUMMARY

I have heard of and witnessed two five fish bags this week as well as ones and two's and I am sure there have been others. And there have also been a fair share of blanks. But this is Autumn and Winter fishing, it's normal and on most venues. But with the water clearing of algae the fish we are seeing at the moment will feed in earnest, probably not all day, but almost definitely between 11am - 2pm. I realise most of you know the tactics discussed but it never does any harm to remind of them and that also goes for the bank fishing which should now improve greatly. One minor tactic for the Bank would be to try a couple of Boobies 6 ft apart with one just 3ft from the tip of fastest sinking line you have. Cast, wait for the line to fully sink and settle on the bottom, then slowly figure 8 the flies back. A deadly method throughout the winter months and takes can happen any time. But slowly, slowly, is the key.

Tight lines, Ray F.