

## BEWL WATER FLYFISHING REPORT

Week ending 29th October 2021.

The extra stocking last weekend made an immediate impact on catches with the best results falling to the Any Method rods anchored along Chingley Wood. Not perhaps the expected slaughter, but certainly an improvement on recent times with most boats having their string pulled. Rosemary Lane at the end of Bewl Straight was also stocked and although the fish were in evidence they were apparently more difficult to catch which made it frustrating for those that found them. The fly rods had mixed fortunes with some finding fish and others struggling to connect. Again those that anchored last weekend edged it over the lochstyle drifters which I would put down to the combination of wind and sun.

Fishing resumed again on Wednesday to strong winds and rain, very difficult conditions indeed which have been with us now for three days. For those that did turn up, the main bowl has been uncomfortable to say the least so it has been a case of seeking the sanctuary of the main arms and bays. Even in these extreme conditions there is increasing evidence of fish activity. I was one of five boats that were out today and although I only got three to the net I lost one and had sufficient follows to keep it interesting.

I used both the Fast Glass intermediate and the Floater dependent on where I was, with the FG a must in the bigger waves to dig the flies in. I also kept the flies in the top foot all day.

Fishing at the moment is not easy what with the weather dirtying the water plus the remnants of our recent algae bloom which is still an aggravation. So again I say look for the cleanest areas albeit they may not be considered as regular spots.

Belgrano bay and Dunsters are examples.

### SUMMARY

Fly rods. Keep the flies high in the water especially with cloud cover.

You don't see a lot in the big waves but there is evidence of fish feeding off the wind albeit they are very spooky. The four fish I hooked were on four different flies and two different methods both fished fast and slow, so be prepared to mix it.

Don't forget that as from November Bewl will have boats available every day of the week and November was a top month last year so be prepared.

Tight lines. Ray French.