

BEWL WATER FLYFISHING REPORT

Week ending Friday 31st Dec. 2021.

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The fishing this past week has carried on in the rich vein of form I reported in the run up to Christmas with plenty of fish being taken by all methods, Fly, Any Method and Predator. With some of the Fly rods running into double figures on Catch & Release tickets. Once again, on the most part the weather has been kind with plenty of cloud and high temperatures for this time of year which has meant the Trout have stayed high in the water often taking within inches of the surface, with tiny black midge and 1.5" fry being the main targets.

The main Bowl is still fishing well albeit in different areas dependent on the wind direction and strength. Early in the week with less wind and waves, long drifts were possible and ideal for the Fly lads with Beauman's Point to the dam ideal. As was Ferry Point to Chingley and the boat jetty to the Aqua Park. The Any Method boys continued to anchor in numbers at Chingley Wood, Beauman's Point and the Dam whilst others preferred to tether to the various buoys that frequent the deeper water out in the middle.

The latter half of the week has been dominated by higher SW winds and made conditions in the main bowl fairly rough at times and especially difficult for those using fur and feather. I was out today with Team colleague Trevor Bourne and found very little action in the rough water, in fact all our fish came in the relatively calmer water of Bewl Straight between Ferry Point and Dunstars Bay. Even then we had to keep moving to catch them for we had takes and follows, but hooks ups were few and far between until about 1pm when the wind started to drop and fish began to show.

METHOD

Our boat used either Floater or Fast Glass, with a mixture of Cats Whisker lures, Boobies and Blobs.

That combination has been successful for me and the other regulars for a few weeks now and was very rewarding for Rob Toptalo and John Benford who caught well on Wednesday!

SUMMARY

Fishing continues to be good but the big winds have spread the Trout out a bit so you may need to move regularly to find a shoal. Calm areas that I know have produced off the wind this week are Bewl Straight up to Goose Creek both sides. Beauman's Point, Belgrano Bay (the big bay opposite the lodge lined with trees, not far from the cages) and the dam area sheltered by the Aqua park. I am sure there are others but Bewl is big and boats tend to follow boats so with so much action in sight of the lodge this Autumn, there has not been any great need for exploration.

With the warmer temperature and cloud forecast for another week at least I cannot see much change to the sport and once the wind drops back, the fish will be up and at it in the main bowl. Meanwhile try off the main bowl especially Bewl Straight. I think pretty much by 10 am today most boats had settled off the wind for the day and by what I saw and talking to a few on the jetty I didn't hear of any blanks. In fact a little lad of no more than 5 years old was helped from a pitching boat onto the jetty at close of play by his dad and Ranger Rob Dixon clasping a nice Trout, which he clasped tightly and proudly to his chest accompanied by a huge grin !!

So wishing you all tight lines and a very happy New Year.

Ray.