

## BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT.

Week ending Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

With the overcast skies and little wind it has been a fantastic week of fishing at Bewl with most rods catching and some Fly rods with Catch & Release tickets getting into double figures. The imminent stocking I reported last week did occur early on Sunday morning from the Lodge slipway and although some boat anglers tried to take advantage of the situation the majority of fish quickly moved off.

The input was all Rainbows of mixed sizes from small to fish of 3lb+ but I can assure you that irrespective of size they fight really well and given a 'double up', not uncommon at Bewl, I recommend a Flouro leader no less than 10lb !

I was able to get out twice in the boat, once on Sunday with Club colleague John where we had 10 by 2pm using three hook leaders on Floating Line and/or Fast Glass.

My set up was Cat Booby or similar on Point, Pearly Cormorant in middle and Blob on top dropper.

John used pretty much the same.

My flies once again were small on size 12 hooks.

The majority of Trout are still taking in the top 4ft of the reasonably clear water and often just under the surface albeit they are not evident on the surface.

Worth saying that John had a beautiful fish of 3lb which on lifting from the net decided to leap majestically back into the water.

We were out towards Beauman's Point and I reckon it was a fresh stocky of 4 hrs previous, but then some half mile out !!.

Wednesday, Bonanza day, I was out with Club colleague Chris and another perfect day for fishing especially as Sunday's stocking had time to spread out. Bonanza day because pretty much all who were out had fish. The Any Method boys, the Bank anglers and us regulars on the fly.

I say regulars, now that has to include 'Bushy' Withers who I met up with again and judging by the success he had, 16 to the boat of which he had 15 and a large smile, guaranteed he will be back. 😊

In our boat I managed 12 and Chris ended with 8 having lost his first four fish. Again set up was similar to Sunday except that the fish showed a liking for the small Cormorant. So most successful combo became Cat Booby on point with two Cormorants on the droppers. The Cat Booby was still the best but the Corms did have a few. I do know that regular John Turner and partner did well and he was on Cats Whisker Normal and/or Booby whereas Bushy was on Cat Normal and Cormorant.

ANY METHOD

Did well all week with plenty of limit bags. The majority and the most successful boats were anchored using Floats and Bait or small Mepps spinners fished reasonably slowly.

#### BANKS

Much better this week especially from the Boat Jetty to Canoe Club corner, as you would expect after Sundays stocking. It always amuses us boat boys how far out the 'Bankies' feel the need to wade and how close to the bank us 'Boaties' catch. Two takes an a fish on Wednesday not 20 ft from the shore at the Playground.!

#### SUMMARY

Just to mention, although you can catch early most seem to come between 10.30 untill about 2.30 so don't worry if it's a bit slow to start.

Where to fish, same as last week, all the water can see from the Boat Jetty plus the bays up Bewl Strait. There are probably fish down Hook Strait around the old cages and beyond but I don't go down there, not many anglers do.....

..... maybe we ought to, the fish probably do. 😊😊😊

Tight lines, Ray