

BEWL WATER FLY FISHING REPORT

Thursday 23rd December 2021.

Ray writes our weekly reports and as you can read, puts in a huge amount of effort and care to get her the information and communicate it in such an engaging way. The team at Bewl are so grateful to him for providing this unique service as are so many of our regular anglers.

A day earlier today to give you a chance of planning you Christmas Trout fishing.

.....Why !!

Because Bewl is fishing it's "Christmas stockings" off at the moment and it's too good to miss, especially as it is open every day of the holiday except Christmas day.

Here's a sample for you.....out in the boat yesterday with Club colleague Chris Nunn.... other Fly Fishing Club cronies also out in boats were, Rob Toptalo, John Benford and John Turner along with some keen Any Method boys. It was a very cold day, sun and cloud but fortunately not a lot of wind. We were prepared for a difficult day as on arrival everything was white and coated in a heavy season frost and tying up leaders and flies was almost impossible. I will be doing that at home in future !

Well, we were in for a pleasant surprise and an exceptional day for between us five we had 27 Rainbows up to 3 lb all taken in the top 12 inches !!

In fact I caught the least with 4 having got broken (pprobably a Bewl 'double up') and losing another.

As usual we drifted and were amazed to find fish on most drifts in the main bowl with quite a few out in the middle as well as round the sides. We were mostly on Fast Glass and Floating lines with a mixture of Lures, Boobies and Cormorants with the Cat's Whiskers being the most effective pattern for the Lures and Boobies. Again, this week our flies were small, with the retrieves a blend of short pulls and fast fig 8.

ANY METHOD.

Generally these boys anchor and most did yesterday with Chingley Wood and the Dam being their favourite albeit some anchored out in the middle and I assume all caught because none of them moved much which always tells a story.

BANKS

Although the bank boys have been doing well especially in the area from the Lodge to the dam, the cold must have put them off because there were none yesterday that I could see. However I will repeat my comment of last week, we drifted into that bank early doors from about 80yds out with not a lot happening until the last 20 yds where we got regular taps from half interested fish. Boat partner Chris did pick up a couple of Trout here but it was early, very cold and the fish hadn't really switched on.

(The fish at Bewl are currently switching on in from about 10.30 - 11 am)

My point is, if you get to this bank and nobody has ruined your chances by wading, start back from the water and keep a low profile, in the boat we are catching fish here in 3ft of water!! If the takes dry up move on 30yds, they won't have moved far and if they are out a bit they usually move back in at dusk. If you do wade, sure you will catch but you will push them out especially from those that aren't wading.

Also from Lodge bank, like the boats there will periods of inactivity when what I recommend is you put on a reasonably fast sinking line shorten your leader to 3ft and put on a white Booby, or two Boobies on 6ft. Cast out, leave it for five minutes until the line settles on the bottom and either leave it alone or inch it very slowly back. Again do not wade. The fish can grab it any time, and do.

SUMMARY

As I write this, conditions look perfect, cloud, little wind and a higher temperature today. Looking good for the holiday period and at the moment there is a good head of fish and my advice is to get down there whilst the fishing is top dollar and enjoy.

TOP SPOTS

Again I can only relate to the area of water you can see from the boat jetty because that is the area I have fished of late. Most productive areas.....If you draw a line from the jetty to Ferry Point, all the water left of that and no need to go far up Bewl Straight although I am assured by the Rangers that fish are up there.

THANKS

As one rod to another it just leaves me to wish you all a very good Christmas and happy New Year plus a big thank you to the Bewl staff.

Tight lines all and look forward to seeing the regulars next Wednesday, weather permitting. 😊

Ray F.

Don't forget we have a special offer on for the remained of the season:

Boats booked online in advance are half price on our website!

A single angler boat costs just £10 + permit and a double angler boat £15 + permit.

This offer is valid for Monday – Thursday only.

