

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

Week ending 3rd Dec 2021

Seek and Ye shall find !!

I fished with Bewl Club colleague John on Tuesday (pictured) in almost perfect conditions and between 9am and 2pm we boated about twenty fish which included two double hook ups each, the majority of which were returned safely back into the water.

Yes, it was that good.

Having said that, we did have to search for them, the little sods keep moving. So as usual drifting Lochstyle was our preferred tactic with floating line, in John's case and Fast Glass in mine, with a 3 fly set up of White Booby (point), black Cormorant and Yellow Blob on top dropper. Significant thing here was they were all small size 12 flies. Strangely, in a good ripple and cloud cover there were very few fish evident and none 'bow waving' to the pull although they were quick to tuck in behind the fly and follow to the boat! Yes, so clear is the water now that you see both flies and fish in tandem at distance easily, albeit they were reluctant to take at speed. And frankly it wasn't necessary as a mixture of fig8 and short pulls was the best retrieve. I anyway, even better than the Rolly Polly on this occasion !

I believe the fish, as of the last couple of weeks, were holding down a bit but prepared to rise and take our flies very high in the water with most takes coming mid retrieve with no prior evidence of obvious interest. We had fish from our first drift from the jetty to the dam and all across to Chingley Point with a lot coming well out and up towards Beauman's Point. There are fish at Rosemary Dam still from the last stocking and in all probability all the way back to the main bowl and the rest of Bewl now that the water has cooled.

This week has again provided sport for all methods with spinner and bait being preferred by the AM boys, with lures the favourite with the Fly lads and I consider any pattern that is retrieved faster than its natural to be a lure. I have caught lots of fish over the years by ripping back a team of Buzzers !!



Yes, I know I have made it sound like a fish a chuck but of course it isn't. There are always blanks on big waters and luck plays a big part in our sport, more than an other possibly and this week I suspect we have had a few.

One of the AM boys I talked to onshore Tuesday blanked but then he was anchored all day at various places, unfortunately the wrong ones. But then I hear that during this week plenty got it right, that's fishing.

SUMMARY

Ok, this last couple of weeks the weather has been mostly good for fishing with Tuesday exceptional, however the seasonal temperatures will drop and eventually so will the fish so be aware of that.

However at the moment the fish are taking high albeit they are not always showing.

My experience lately is that as soon as the cold wind gets up the fish move out of it into areas of reduced wave, I don't catch much on a windy day in the main bowl on a Soith Westerly. Better to move up Bewl Straight or behind the Aqua Park, the Cages, Belgrano Bay, Beauman's Point, Gorse Bushes, Dunsters and Tinkers Marsh.

Also we have been doing a lot better on smaller flies especially on the hang. And of course, at Bewl if you do know the water keep moving to areas of known success if not look for blending rods.

BEWL FISH

Stocking has and is continuing with at least one more major input to insure sport in the next few weeks of winter. You need to check with the management for timing on that. One thing we did notice with the catches this week was a size difference. The small fish are still coming out from the infamous batch of early October (where have they been !!) together with fish in the 2lb and more class, but I can assure you that irrespective of size they all fight hard in the now cold water !

So wrap up and come down, it's fishing well after a hot summer....

Tight lines, Ray French.