

## BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT.

Week ending

Friday 21st January 2022.

by Ray French.

Overall another good week at Bewl with plenty of fish caught, albeit the weather at this time of year plays such an important role with conditions changing day to day, making catch prediction very difficult. However report I will.

I left off last Friday saying it had been a mix of good and difficult days and although I had caught only one on a difficult day I thought the weekend could well switch on with some cloud.

Well we had a bit of cloud and it did switch on with another Bewl Bonaza day, Apparently on Saturday the whole fleet was out and every boat caught which is amazing for this time of the year.

Sadly not every day is like that and by Monday a return to bright sun, clear nights and a heavy frost made it difficult again. And that has really been the story of the week. In the bright sun the majority of fish are down often on the bottom from 10ft to 25ft and in deeper water 25ft is their max. I say majority of fish, but there are still a few taking very high which can surprise, especially around mid-day when the the temperature is at its warmest, or a patch of cloud crosses the sun for half hour.

Wednesday was a good day with a light wind and overcast sky in parts when again fish were accomodating, albeit there were not many rods out to take advantage. Yesterday and today the sun and frost returned and with it the difficult conditions. I was out again today with Club colleague John Turner and no more than about five boats and although it was very pleasant in the sun the fish were playing hide and seek again and with little wind the drifts were slow as was the action.

## OUR JOURNEY

We started on DI 5 and washing line fishing with and without Boobies and a retrieve from medium to slow to dead slow. Starting at the Lodge we did our usual tour along the Playground shore and then

Chingley Point bouncing the bank until Chingley Dam corner. There was a lot of weed blown onto the shore here which gave reason for optimism because that was the obviously the recent wind direction. John did have a definite take here fishing deep as we approached the shore but unfortunately he snagged the bottom.....but then slowly the snag began to lift. With rod bent almost double the catch was slowly brought to the surface, unfortunately the fish came off during the ascent but eventually the bubbling bulk reared up and out loud like a surfacing submarine, to be deftly netted by its surprised captor.

Surprised, because it turned out to be a manky old fish bag full of rotted fish !!

But he did have a fish on.

With no action as yet I changed to D18 'Booby Basher' with a 6ft leader, Minky Booby on point and Minkie Booby on halfway dropper.

Within ten minutes I had fish in the net, caught right on the bottom and thought I had cracked it, but no I hadn't.

We continued fishing both methods for the rest of the morning moving back to Chingley Point then to Ferry Point for a spell and then back to Chingley. It was at this time that some cloud came in and I spotted a fish turn in the surface. John changed from the D15 to the slow sink and was rewarded with his first fish in the net. Again we thought we had cracked it, especially when I changed back to full leader with slow sink and caught my second.

No, again or optimism was thwarted and that was it for the day. The cloud provided a small window of opportunity but with it the temperature dropped about 10° darkness began to creep in as did the bitter cold.

One more drift from Beauman's Point past the 'Metal Micky' buoy was to no avail and we called it a day.

## SUMMARY

Yeh, enjoyable day albeit difficult but isn't that fishing. As it turned out everyone caught fish with two the average for Any Method and Fly. Andy Lush was out Predator fishing today but I didn't see him at close of play but can't report.

## FORECAST

Same as past couple of weeks, fish are there, every day is different and best fishing seems to be middle of the day for about 3+ hours when most catch.

Remember, however your fishing, search the depths and keep your eyes peeled for bending rods and watch how they are fishing. Especially how often they cast, how long it takes them to retrieve etc.

Oh yes, the water was coloured in places today but Gin clear in others, I have found without doubt the clear water has yielded the most fish in recent times so beware of that especially near the banks !

Tight lines and enjoy your week .. ..

Ray French.

Note on the weekend: Two very different days, Saturday fished very well, most rods catching 5+ fish with a few struggling. Sunday was much tougher, whilst some rods got their limit the general consensus was 2/3 fish a person.