

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

Week ending Sunday 19th June 2022. - by Ray French

In the last couple of weeks I have fished at three different UK reservoirs in competitions.... Draycote, Bewl Water and Rutland with at least two days on each of them. All I can say is if you think Bewl Water is hard at the moment, try some of the other reservoirs!

Of those six days, I blanked on three of them and was one of many with similar fortune. So, it is no surprise then that for the Fly fisherman, this week's Bewl report is disappointing, ney, dour! Whereas the Any Method rods have done much better, basically because they have anchored in the known hot spots and fished a variety of methods and depths including paste baits directly on the bottom. Those who favour Fly fishing on the drift have found it very difficult for several reasons. Big winds, bright sun and increasing water temperatures have not helped and are always a seasonal factor, plus at the moment the fish that have been up have been preoccupied sipping up 'Phantom Midge' or 'Jelly Fry'. This is an annual event and will pass in a matter of days but very frustrating when you can see cruising fish in front of you 'feeding' but will rarely take an offer of bait or fly. Good fun trying though and occasionally you get lucky, and one will take a Fly targeted directly in their path!

SUMMARY

In essence the fish have gone deeper. Hopefully only temporarily now and a couple of days of rain or cloud will cool the water sufficient to bring the fish up for some surface sport. Cloud can bring trout up at any time though, so it's always worth keeping an eye out but inevitably with summer advancing they will eventually go down for longer.

But I can assure you there are a lot of fish in there and with another stocking at the end of the month it bodes well albeit us Fly boys may need to adapt our tactics to the 'dark side' by using sinking lines or anchoring the boat to let the flies get down.

Heavy buzzers stationeries are always a good bet as are a couple of small Boobies spaced 4ft apart and 4ft from the Fly Line. Now, you may not need to go much deeper than 12 - 20ft to find fish but in high summer I have caught at 40ft.

Having said all that the Bubbles are working again this year which will help water temperatures in the main bowl, but they don't look to be at full power at the moment.

BANKS

The banks have been difficult although early morning and evening are always worth a go as is the Dam when possible.

NEWS

Bewl Bridge Flyfishers Club held their annual boat competition last weekend and although the fishing was difficult club member Ralph Painter managed an excellent 7 fish bag to win the event. Full report is on the club Facebook and the website.

SAD NEWS...

Yesterday morning, just prior to the start of the Group 2 AMFC Match at Rutland, teammate Peter Baker, representing Bewl Team B received the sad news of the sudden death of his father. Peter returned home.

I, the team, and all who know Peter would like to send our sincerest condolences to him and his family.

Ray French BBFC.