

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

Week ending Friday 14th October 2022.

by Ray French.

Another stocking of Trout this week for those that missed the Facebook video, the second of the Autumn programme.

The only problem now is the drawdown and water colour. The lake has been dropping at about 3" a day, which is a lot of water, and Bewl looks low with large areas of exposed mud. I have seen it lower in 1987/8, but that was after the infamous Hurricane damaged the dam and the water level was dropped for repairs.

When we were out on Wednesday it was flat calm with a lot of green algae on the surface, again a result of the sun and little wind. It's been like that this week, early morning chill but by 10am some sunshine and maybe a light ripple. The dirty water of last week is still lingering but some areas are better than others, so it pays to move around and seek the cleanest.

I have no idea how far down the coloured water goes, I doubt the algae goes far though. However, we did see a few rises in the flat calm and by midday there was a steady ripple from an S wind which was pushing the algae towards the lodge bank and then the dam. It needs a reasonable wind for a day and a bit of cloud to shift it completely.

I am sure with cleaner water we will see an immediate upturn in the catch rate. We came off the water at around 2pm but not before we had a nice Trout each plus a couple of takes, and I had another Trout on and off. Just that movement of the algae made all the difference.

Some of the Any Method rods had fish during the week with one boat bagging six. What on I have no idea, could be either spinners or bait, or both! I do know they were caught at various depths, so the Trout are still being influenced by the sun and water temperature down here in Kent.

It will be very interesting next week to see how it fishes with the new stock, especially if we can get some cloud. I am out tomorrow (Sat) again and on Wednesday in the annual International Fly-fishing team competition, the Grand Max organised by the Bewl Fly Fishing Club. So next Friday's report should be much more comprehensive and give a clearer picture of what's happening now and likely for the autumn.

Hey, there are resident Trout on the move, fresh stock fish going in on a weekly basis and plenty of boats. We just need that cloud!!!!

Tight lines,
Ray French.