

## BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

Week ending Friday 28th October 2022.

by Ray French.

After the good fishing of last week, and the weekend with fish high in the water and taking both lure, bait and fly, this week has been a tad more difficult. Having said that Bewl is shut on Monday and Tuesday, so it is only day three!

The Any Method boys have been doing OK especially those that have anchored up as they have been able to fish at variable depths and speed and not worry about the wind which has been a pain at times!

The fly rods have found the wind difficult, however, with the Trout not really wanting to play and although the fish were seen in numbers on Wednesday they didn't come readily to the net. Strange, because after the recent stockings there is no shortage of fish, and they ought to have settled by now and be hungry. But we all know how fickle fish can be especially in reservoirs where it can often be feast or famine, especially when the Barometer cannot decide which direction it favours.

Anyway, I was out today with regular mid-week boat partner John Turner and yes, we did find it hard as well. We spent a lot of the time 'twiddling' small flies and a Booby; I was using a floater with three small Diawl Bach's and a small Booby which had worked well for me on last week's Grand Max Competition. John used similar but on an Intermediate line.

I had a couple of light takes on my flies but nothing too positive, and John had a fish on his but lost it, not knowing what it took.

It was cloudy early, perfect conditions you would think, turning sunny late morning. It was at this point I decided to have a major change. I had not seen fish and the delicate approach was not working so it was time for a more robust approach, so on went my Bewl winter favourites. Two white Minkie Boobies 12ft apart with 8ft from top Booby to the fly line which in this instance was a DI5 40+.

Varying the retrieve between fig8, roly-polly and fast pulls I managed to hook 5 Trout mostly to fast pulls, finishing with 3 to the boat and losing two which were on for just a few seconds. It was however a big improvement from my earlier approach and wished I had changed sooner. Unfortunately, John didn't add to his earlier fish.

### SUMMARY

You never quite know what you're in for, especially at this time of year, but I do know that Bewl usually fishes well from now to the New Year and each day is different.

Today they were not up and feeding as such, but in an aggressive mood and took what is basically a large fry pattern. Also, although it is being stocked regularly, it is a big water, and the fish are well spread out albeit the majority are in the main Bowl or not far from it. I did catch in the main Bowl but the most action came off the wind in Bewl Straight, often the case at this time of the year. And, although I was on DI5 I doubt those Minkies were more than 4ft down when taken.

So, vary your tactics, keep moving and keep a keen eye for fish high in the water. At this time of year, they are not likely to be far down and you will more often than not see them. Especially in the cloud.

Tight lines,  
Ray F.