

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

Week ending Friday 7th October 2022.

by Ray French..

With the recent stocking sport picked up last weekend, especially on Sunday, both Any Method and Fly Rods got into some fish at last after a few weeks with little activity.

Apparently, there were quite a few fish showing in the main bowl and Bewl Straight. Bewl Flyfishing Club members John Benford and Graham Morgan-Plumb caught fish in both areas. A combination of Cat Boobies and Hoppers on Fast Glass lines did the damage.

However, with no fishing on Mondays and Tuesdays, it was Wednesday before I could get down to have a go. Sadly, my trip didn't last long. Wednesday was a day of big SW winds and at Bewl that is straight up the reservoir into the dam. Rain was also imminent, and it was with some trepidation we left the jetty at 9am.

As soon as we had motored a few yards the biggest problem of the day become all too obvious... water colour!!

With the reservoir still dropping and currently only 48% full, acres of bare mud are exposed. Rain and wind combined had washed some of it into the lake and visibility for the most part was less than 1ft.

We motored about for an hour or two but with the wind increasing we decided to call a halt. We decided that no self-respecting Trout would come out on a day like this and the fact that we were the only boat out there said it all.

The wind is still blowing today (Friday) as I write this, but it is dropping, with the weekend forecast a lot calmer. The water colour should improve quickly with a lighter wind a less rain. In fact, there was an area mid-way up Bewl Straight where the water was reasonable, but it wasn't very big and still offered nothing.

Still, the fish showed last weekend, and providing conditions quieten, we should see an improvement.

We are also due another stocking soon which will increase the head of fish.

I think the fish will be high in the water, certainly in the top 6ft and even higher with good cloud cover so keep your eyes open from the boats. I say boats because there is very little opportunity to fish the banks and it is very muddy in places.

I am away this weekend. But will be back down next Wednesday when hopefully the conditions are back to normal, there is a gentle ripple and Trout are seen rising to the horizon.....

Tight lines.

Ray F.