

## BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT.

Week ending Friday 25th November 2022.

by Ray French.

Water is continuing to be pumped in at the moment, with the reservoir filling at about 1% per day which is good!

Unfortunately, the continued heavy rain and winds during the week didn't help the water colour and the Any Method, Fly and Pike rods catch rates have dropped as a result. So, it was no surprise to find the water still murky when regular weekday boat partner John Turner and I went out yesterday. A beautiful Autumn Day, with warm Sunshine and a light wind....and yes, we did catch fish!

Up until last week what Trout interest there had been for us this Autumn was due to the 'Booby Basher' Di8 deep, but if you recall in last week's report I did see the occasional Trout move at mid-day.

Yesterday we started deep again but got no interest at all, so we decided to switch late morning to high in the water despite the bright conditions. Water clarity was about 1ft - 1ft 6".

Not only did we manage to find a 'clear' bit of water at 1ft 6", but again over the next couple of hours we did see the occasional rise, resulting in fish to the net. I caught on a floating line using four small Blobs on a long leader. John caught on a Hover line using mixed flies. However, the few fish we did catch came to the same Yellow Sunburst Fab or Blob. Just as last week the fish went down with the sun and by 3pm we were off the water and back in the car!!

### SUMMARY

I have not had the opportunity to fish in cloud with no rain for a few trips so would appreciate the opportunity, it may well be different. But when fishing is hard I prefer to stay dry so try and avoid rain if I can and fish only the dry days.

What I have found though is that currently the fish are lying at various depths but not prepared taking on the fly in the 'Pea Soup'. However, they are prepared to show between 12pm - 2pm especially off the wind in a ripple rather than a wave. I am finding the cold SW wind and bigger wave a big put off in the Main Bowl and both Hook Straight and Bewl Straight are a better option.

Not sure really how the other methods are fishing at the moment but I do know that there are still a lot of boats out at weekends so it is worth booking.

Of course the water colour is a problem, but with more pump infill and less rain on exposed banks this will improve dramatically.

Enjoy the mild weather, enjoy the boat fishing, and consider the fish a bonus....

Tight lines, Ray F.