

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

Week ending Saturday 28th January.

by Ray French

With the reservoir almost full, Bewl once again looks resplendent in the winter sun which has been a pleasant visitor in the last couple of days. And the fish have responded by providing some good sport for those that came down, especially the Any Method lads who have been picking fish up steadily on both bait and spinners...

It was the same last weekend. The sun we had on Sunday proved to be popular with the Trout, with the fish coming off the bottom for a while giving the fly rods some action in the top couple of feet. Local angler Nick Cox took advantage of the conditions having six to the boat using a slowdown Sink-Tip line and a mixture of Wets and Nymphs. Unfortunately, during the week, the weather went cold and bleak again meaning the fish going back on the bottom.

That is what winter fishing is all about though, fortune can change from day to day and often from hour to hour. However, this weekend the temperature is good and hopefully it will hold for a while, fingers crossed.

Nice to see one or two bank anglers back, even when down the fish are not that deep. They may well be on the bottom but often that is no more than 8-10ft which is well reachable from most banks.

SUMMARY

When it's cold and frosty it's worth concentrating on bottom fishing, either static with bait or low and slow with Lure or fly. In the sun and when the wind is slight be prepared for the fish to come off the bottom if only for a couple of hours. If there is a wind and wave, even in the sun, it will be cold and the fish will likely stay down.

Don't forget there is an extension to the season this year until the end of February with the fishery open every day.

Tight lines, Ray F.