

## BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

Week ending Friday 9 June.

by Ray French

Another week of Sun and Northeast wind frustrated anglers once again as the fish didn't want to show in the Main Bowl, instead preferring the areas giving some shelter. This left those fishing the Main Bowl struggling at times with the dam being the most comfortable to fish, and the most productive, especially in the corners at each end.

There are a couple of things affecting the fishing at the moment. One is the wind and chill factor on the surface of the water making the midge pupae and fly life reluctant to hatch. With no hatch there is no real reason to rise.

Out of the wind, the sun is warm on the water encouraging a hatch, which is usually evident with the introduction of those little flies swarming above your head. The Trout will either take the fly as it hatches on the surface, or they will take the midge pupae nee bloodworm as they wriggle slowly to the surface from the lakebed.

The other distraction is that right now there are millions of tiny fry about. Many of these hug the warm shallow areas of the shoreline or on the drift where they can eat and seek the protection of weed. Trout obviously won't be too far away!!

As last week the two main arms, Bewl Straight and Hook Straight with their bays and creeks, have again provided sport for those who took the opportunity to search them.

The Trout are now well spread out and not shoaled up as much as they were, so it does pay to move more. Often you will pick a fish up fairly quickly and then nothing. I know the Any Method rods prefer to anchor up for the long haul, but I have noticed them moving more than usual recently. Bewl Straight has provided the best of shelter especially on the Chingley Wood side and many of the boat anglers have taken advantage of it especially along the woods which has at times been lined with anchored boats. They were particularly evident last weekend.

There are Trout being caught all the way up the Straight to Rosemary Lane. Not in large numbers because they are not really 'on it' but they are there all right!

I was out this week on the drift and had few fish follow up Bewl Straight, but they seem reluctant to take. I had one, lost another and had a couple of 'bumps' at Dunstars Point very close to the bank. I reported last week that I thought the Trout had abandoned Rosemary Lane. Despite this, there have been Trout taken there from both boat and bank with Oaks and Tinkers Marsh featuring most.

I went up to the very end of Tinkers where I caught last week but there is not a lot of boat room. The best spot was already taken by an Any Method boat and the occupant was landing a Trout as we arrived. I didn't disturb him and came away. There are lots of little 'bolt holes' like that around Bewl that contain fish, especially at this time of year when the water is high. Certainly, it is worth giving Bewl Straight a visit.

However, the big surprise of the week has been the excellent fishing in Hook Straight that started last weekend and has continued through the week...

The fish have been all the way up to the end. Whilst not in huge numbers, they are apparent and just about everywhere with the Oast House, Brown's inlet, and the weed beds and very top being the hot

spots. They are not easy fish to catch what with the wind, sun, and the boat pressure but it sure is good fun trying.

Last Sunday Bewl Bridge Flyfishers' Club held their annual boat competition fishing 'Lochstyle' in drifting boats. The wind and sun again made conditions difficult on the Flies and the field was spread to all parts of the reservoir. However, a couple of boats had braved the conditions on practice day and had gone up Hook Straight, finding fish!

On match day (Sunday), the practice paid off for the winners found the fish again and filled their boots!

Top 4 Individuals.

1. Alastair Garner - 10 fish
2. Graham Morgan-Plum - 6 fish
3. Paul Vizard - 6 fish
4. Ian Watts - 5 fish

Top Boat pair

Alastair and Graham

Second boat pair

Paul and Ian.

When you consider there were 21 rods, and the total number of fish caught was 42, it does show how difficult it was for the others. Overall rod average was 2.

FORECAST

There is no doubt that any overcast sky or cloud contributes greatly to the fish swimming high, often visibly, but given that the water is still reasonably cool due to the cold winds they will not be far down.

Tight lines and have a good week.

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