

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT
Week ending Friday 22nd Sept.
by Ray French

Last weekend the sun continued to make fishing demanding and although fish were caught it was again the Any Method lads who had the edge over the Fly boys, especially those who used the static approach of float and bait...and then the wind blew!

Yes, the gale force winds that arrived on Monday certainly stopped the game and made this a short week for reservoir boat fishing nationwide. Bewl was no exception and certainly got its share!! What it has done though, is help cool the water temperature down a bit and disperse a lot of the algae that was beginning to build during the latter part of last week. This, together with the colder nighttime temperatures, has convinced the fish to rise back up in the water. They had been doing that of late but last week's hot spell had put them down again.

I was out this week with John Turner on a day that started with blue sky, sun, light cloud, and a Westerly ripple. We were only out for the morning and mooched around in the main bowl on slow drifts. We fished sinking lines for a couple of hours, mainly because of the sun, and apart from a couple of 'Jumpers' there was no sign of any Trout. That is, not until the cloud started to thicken around lunch time and with it the wind picked up a tad. It was then we did see a couple of rises, showing as disturbed ripple out in front of us as we drifted. Certainly, enough to make us change lines for the last half hour and in doing so it changed our fortunes.

We both had a fish, which was a pleasant surprise. The fishing has been hard on the fly and to take them in the top 2ft was very encouraging. For the record, John caught his fish on a Pearly Cormorant on top dropper using a Hover line and mine came to a size 14 Orange Blob, top dropper on Floating line. Given longer I would have gone on slow sink but time was at a premium. Pity really as conditions look good for the afternoon.

SUMMARY

Autumn stocking begins next week, and this should not only provide some immediate sport but also liven up any resident Trout yet to show. Traditionally, Bewl Trout are high swimmers in the Autumn and will show more readily as the water cools. Today bore witness to that. Also, the bank fishing will improve, especially the banks onto which the wind is blowing. Once free from algae, visibility will improve making food deposits easier to see. Nobody is fishing them at the moment but the deep water off the Dam and Ferry Point might be worth a look.

NOTE. Today has convinced me that having spent weeks fishing at all depths including the bottom, with no more than moderate success, using a range of flies from Buzzers to Snakes...it is time to readjust my approach. From now on I intend only to concentrate on the top 15ft of water at the most and probably more like top 5ft.

Tight lines to you all,
Ray French.

Picture below.

A delighted John T. with a nice Rainbow catch. When 'Spooned' the fish had 2 Fry in it, each of about 50mm, one relatively fresh, the other half digested.

