

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT
Week ending Friday 29 Sept. 2023
by Ray French

FISH BONANZA...
3,000 Trout to start the Autumn stocking!

The colder nights and overcast weather has finally lowered the reservoir water temperature down to a manageable 18C. Not perfect, but sufficient for Bewl Head Ranger Dan Baker to instigate the Autumn Stocking Programme...

Last Monday the 25th, as promised in a previous report two weeks ago, 3,000 Trout were delivered to the reservoir and put in from Rosemary Lane Dam by portable chute (see picture below). This was part of a trilogy of Autumn stocking that Dan has arranged with two more scheduled for early October. These will probably go in or around the Main Bowl which, combined with Monday and the reservoirs inherent stock, will provide an excellent platform for some good fishing in the coming weeks.

The Rosemary Dam end of Bewl Straight is relatively shallow at this time of the year and the water is still warm, which meant that within a couple of days the fish had moved and spread quickly. Hopefully they will stay in Bewl Straight and provide a good option to the main bowl.

At the moment the water is trying to clear from the results of a green algae bloom, brought on by the late September sun. It is clearing slowly but is both a nuisance and inhibiting, especially for the Fly Angler, hence the past week has again seen the Any Method rods dominate with bait. However, there are areas where it is reasonably good as you would expect, the worst of it lining the downwind shore. Hopefully by the weekend it may well have cleared even more. Certainly, for the Fly rods it is worth seeking the better water.

This week it has been difficult with the sun and cloud sharing blue sky, and a brisk wind at times with not a lot of fish showing and those that did were jumpers! As is usual, the fish introduced on Monday have kept their heads down and may well do until there is some heavy cloud. Fresh Stockies often do that for a few days but then there has not been many boats out during the week find them. Having said that, yesterday morning was overcast and apparently there was a number of trout sited. I had a message from Andy Lush who was out with Gary Collins, both Bewl regulars and excellent all-rounders, but on this occasion doing a recce for Pike (see below). They saw quite a few Trout rising in an area from the boat jetty out and down to Hook House which is encouraging. Obviously, the cloud cover brought them up. I didn't see the like on Wednesday when I was out basking in the sunshine but at the moment every day is different!!

SUMMARY

The first batch of new Stock fish are in and could show anytime and anywhere. I'm pretty sure that neither the new nor resident Trout are deep, probably no more than 10ft now. They have just not been interested overmuch with the water being warm nor are they keen to show in bright sunshine.

PIKE

Time to get tooled up for them "Toothy Critters". October is almost here and once again Bewl announces the start of this year's Predator Season. Bewl is due a 'biggie' this year so be prepared. Check in at the Bewl website for more info: <https://www.bewlwater.co.uk>

Tight lines, Ray French.

