

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT
Week ending Friday 26th April
by Ray French

Last cast 5lb 6oz Rainbow made George's day!!!

The cold North wind has been with us all week, and yes it has put the fish off a tad in the open areas. However, the good thing about Bewl is that a large area of the Main Bowl is protected from it by the Dam. The same protection from wind is offered in abundance at Bewl, especially in Bewl Straight and Hook Straight which both have plenty of Bays and Creeks, all of which have been stocked this season.

THE FISHING

There is plenty of fish now in the Bowl, and as I said last week they are being caught out in the deep water as well as the banks. I have been out two mornings this week and on Wednesday we did not have to move out of the Bowl for John T and I to get into double figures. They were not as easy as last week, and not in the same places, but it was very much a case of drifting about with a drogue bumping into fish which is what we did or anchoring up like the Any Method boys and let the fish bump into you!

Today I was out with George Brown another regular 'oldie' like myself who enjoys his weekday fishing... It was very similar to Wednesday. Not easy but reward for effort and persistence. Again, we never went out of the main bowl and again caught into double figures with three fish retained and the rest released. Most of the time was spent drifting out from the Dam for about 500 yds and then returning to the dam a little bit further along its length and repeating the drift. We picked up fish almost every time. Sometimes close in, and sometimes well out, mostly single fish but regular.

Over the two mornings I managed 19 fish, including two 'double ups', using an Airflo Fast Glass 40+ line with Two Cormorants on droppers and a White Booby on the Point of a 20ft 12lb XLine leader. Fished slow fig8 and holding as long as possible prior to lift off. In fact, this week about 30% of my fish came on the hang! My boat partners John and George both had 4 or 5 each and dropped a few using the same set up as me with similar flies.

However, the highlight of today had to be George's 5lb 6oz Rainbow caught on his last cast of the day at 1.45pm, having just said he hadn't had a 'take' for some time. It fought well and took him all over the place as do so many fish at the moment. I have to say that the Trout this season have been good size & superbly fit, giving great sport to both Any Method and Fly rods alike.

SUMMARY

Last week the fish were on the rough windy banks. This week the fish are pretty much all over the reservoir from reports received. I have had my fish in the top 2ft albeit both days have had a large element of cloud.

There is a lot of fish out there, but they go on and off the feed by the hour in these cold winds so have patience if the takes 'dry up' for a while.

Tight lines, good fishing...
Ray French

Below. George B. with his fish of the day at 5lb 6oz!!

