

## BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT.

For week ending Friday 29th of March.

By Ray French.

Further stocking by boat in the past week has given Bewl extra impetus as the fishing continues to provide excellent early season sport. Yes, Hook Straight was topped up with over 800 prime Rainbows, including some beauties to 5lb adding to previous stockings just three weeks ago. The fish were put in at both Seven Pound Creek and the top of Hook by the 'Three Rivers'.

On most days the fishing has been good especially from the banks where some fly rods have got into double figures on Catch & Release. The boats at the weekend also did well but the big winds from Wednesday have made it difficult for the last couple of days when the best results have come either at anchor or sheltered from the worst of it. The water colour which was improving has not been helped by the winds but will clear again as the wind subsides.

### THE FISHING

The Trout are fighting fit and well spread out as a result of both 'Mass' and 'Trickle' stocking. The 'Trickled' stock may well be in singles or groups of four or five, whereas the fish stocked by lorry are more likely to be regional with many still in reasonably large shoals. Mass stockings to date have been in the Main Bowl and from the 2nd Dam at Rosemary Lane. The result of the stocking policy this season has already been justified with fish being caught from all over Bewl. Not always in large numbers but nevertheless it is now very much worth a search in the more obscure Bays and Creeks which offer both privacy and scenic beauty and gave Bewl Water the worthy title of 'The Jewel of the South' many years ago.

### HOT SPOTS (Boat and Bank)

#### **\*Rosemary Lane & Tinkers Marsh**

Fishing better this week especially in the area of 'The Oaks', the main 'Rosemary Bowl' and the entrance to 'Tinkers Marsh'.

#### **\*Bewl Straight**

Dunstars Point to Ferry point and Chingley Point and adjacent trees.

#### **\*Copens Reach**

Ferry Point down to the Nature Reserve including 'Muscle Bay' and Monty's Seat.

Also, the opposite side from Beauman's Point down to 'The Nose' (which was also trickle stocked recently.)

#### **\*Main Bowl**

Still best to fish within 100m of the banks and much closer when conditions allow.

The Dam to the Fishing Lodge has fished well from boat and bank recently but not so good this week but it has been heavily fished and the wind has been blowing coloured water straight into it.

#### **\*Hook Straight**

The area from the Fishing Lodge down to Bramble Point including Hook House and Bramble Bay has been productive from the boats. Seven Pound Creek has been fishing well as usual early season and as previously mentioned has been trickle stocked again this week.together with the top of Hook Straight.

### **\*The Cages**

Always worth a look at structures and the cages are no exception. Not used nowadays but still are still able to draw fish at times.

### **Note:**

In early season Bewl stock fish tend to swim fairly close to the banks especially over areas recently covered by rising water where they can graze over grass and freshened weed. Given that Bewl has only just been filled there is quiet a lot of it. Also, the shallow bankside water will warm quicker with sun encouraging plant life, natural food and rising midge.

### **SUMMARY**

A good start to the season already from both patronage and fishing reports given the difficult conditions at times. I reckon that with the number of fish already stocked, when this wind drops and the water clears a tad more, the fishing will explode into some fantastic action and yes, a calm Easter week could well do just that.

Enjoy your fishing over the next week and have a good Easter...

Ray French.

Below: Boat partner John Turner with a hard fighting Rainbow pushing 3lb caught on Wednesday out of the wind at Rosemary Lane.

