

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

For the week ending Friday 5th March.

by Ray French.

Following on from last week, the weekend provided some great sport in fine weather for both the Any Method and Fly rods with some quality Trout being caught. All the boats were taken and with the warm Spring sunshine and fly hatch, the fish moved higher in the water and in the quieter places on top at times.

Unfortunately, during this week the strong winds have hampered the fishing somewhat, with both the boat & bank rods seeking shelter in the many Creeks and Bays that are a feature of Bewl. No problem. The two main straights, Bewl and Hook, have recently been stocked together with the main bowl and all are yielding fish. However, the main bowl in big winds is not pleasant on a South Westerly, which is directly into the dam.

Best areas this week have been on or near the banks, off the wind. The water is cleaner and at this time of year after the reservoir has been filled, the Trout prefer to graze on the freshly covered grass, weed and mud. This is likely to continue over the weekend and is a regular occurrence with Bewl Trout until mid-April/May when they begin to move into open water.

Boat anglers - Please be mindful of any resident bank anglers when approaching the banks and give them at least 50m of clear water.

HOT SPOTS

Bewl Straight:

*Ferry Point to Dunstars Point.

*Goose Creek to Rosemary Dam.

*Tinkers Marsh Point and Tinkers Bay.

Copens Reach

*Ferry Point to Monty's Seat including Muscle Bay.

It is also worth a look on the opposite bank at Copens and The Nose, especially in a boat. It is reasonably sheltered on a SW wind and not often fished by bank anglers nowadays. It was trickle stocked recently and known to hold fish post stocking.

Beauman's Point.

*A favourite with Any Method rods. With the sub water 'Sand Bar' extending directly out from the Point it always has fish either side and it produced during the week.

Hook Straight.

*Seven Pound Creek.

Once again it has fished well this week but do check all the way into it as Trout will often run right up the end.

*Top of Hook Straight & Browns inlet.

Sheltered from the worst of a South Westerly and recently stocked. It is producing the odd fish but due to recent rain the water may well be coloured by the three small streams that feed it.

*Bramble Bay.

One or two boats had fish here at the weekend.

The Main Bowl.

*Most of it has been too windy to fish from the banks and even the boats have had to drop the anchor. Again, I would stay close to the trees at Chingley and also have a look behind the Aqua Park, close in at the corner of the dam.

METHODS

The boat boys are catching on small Spinners or on the float with bait. Unlike the Fly rods, these are the two main methods. Either inching Boobies and wet flies along the bottom on a fast sink line or using Lures, Buzzers, Fabs, Wets and Nymphs on a range of lines that allow to fish the depth slowly from top to bottom. The Floater off the wind has been popular.

SUMMARY

At the moment there are a lot of fish swimming in a depth maximum of 5m which suits both the bank and boat anglers. Obviously, the boats can get to many areas that the bank anglers cannot reach, Chingley and Rosemary Bowl for example, and in many areas 5m depth can be 40-50m from a bank. The Playground, Muscle Bay, and Bramble Point comes to mind. But the Fly boys on the bank are certainly catching their share and having some excellent sport. A kill ticket and catch and release being popular in Competitions.

It is Bewl Bridge Flyfishers' Club Bank Competition tomorrow (Sat). I envy them and hope they have a good day!

*Note: Remember to book your boats early, especially for the weekends!!!

Tight lines all,
Ray F

AMAZING PICTURE

I still can't work out whether this picture of a huge Carp shown across Facebook this week as being caught at Bewl is true or a clever take on April Fool's Day?

