

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

Week ending Friday 7 June '24

by Ray French

After the bonanza of last week when the fishing was simply fantastic, this week has been somewhat of a reality check as the fishing has been difficult. Three primary reasons for that being Sun, Wind and Pin Fry! Put them together and it can and has been challenging.

The Trout are still there of course but being preoccupied on Pin and Jelly Fry they have been difficult to tempt at times. It has depended very much on the weather. Plenty of cloud make for ideal conditions and encourage the fish to come high in the water, but that has been scarce this week. It has mostly been a lot of sun with cloud building gradually during the day. Fortunately, the wind, although brisk at times, has been mostly from the West (the Lodge to Chingley Point) giving a fair bit of protection across the Main Bowl.

THE FISHING

Albeit testing conditions, there have still been plenty of fish caught this week by both Any Method and Fly rods but in smaller numbers.

On the Fly...

Again, I have been out Fly Fishing as usual on Wednesday morning and today (Friday). On both occasions with George Brown as my other regular partner John Turner is temporarily out of action. (NOTE: Bewl Bridge Flyfishers' Club are having their annual club boat competition on Sunday. For the first in 40 years I not attending but wish them all the best.)

On Wednesday morning it was sunny with a few clouds that were hustled along by a moderate breeze. I fished three lines during the morning, Fast Glass, 12ft Slow tip line, and Di7. I had 3 fish and 2 follows. George fished a Slow Glass line all morning and had a 'double up' and two further takes. 3 of our 5 fish came as cloud covered the sun. We came off the water at 2pm and in the last hour I caught my third and we did see a few fish as the cloud began to thicken. Maybe the fish came on during the afternoon!

This morning (Friday) was similar to Wednesday. Bright sun with just a handful of cloud that increased and by 2pm covered a fair bit of the sky. Unfortunately, we had a brisk wind with sun which made the fishing difficult. I managed 4 this morning all on floating line. I did change to Di3 for a while but soon changed back to a floater and ground it out. 3 of my fish came to a pin fry pattern and one to a small Booby. George had one take fishing similar flies to me but was on sinking lines a lot of the time. Again, we came off the water at 2pm when the cloud had formed so have no idea how it fished this afternoon!

Any Method...

Have been catching on both spinning and bait with spinning being the most successful in cloud and bait better in the sun. Most anchor with the Main Bowl being the favourite area, however this season I have seen many more successfully exploring other areas of Bewl.

SUMMARY

The water level at Bewl is still very high which ensures ALL areas of the reservoir are likely to hold fish. Maybe not in large quantities but when the 'Hot Spots' are not producing it is worth looking at options. On Wednesday George's fish came from Copens Reach!

In the sun some of the bait rods have been catching at depths up to 14ft, not surprising as the water temperature continues to rise this month. But as I said earlier the cloud is still bringing the fish up including the Pin fry so look for Trout on the move or in an attacking mode.

*Remember to book your boat early for the ever-popular weekend fishing, Any Method or Fly. Midweek, always advisable, but usually there are plenty of boats spare.

Tight lines and have a good week.
Ray French.