

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

Week ending Friday Aug. 2nd '24.

by Ray French.

This past week has been in part encouraging, especially over last weekend...

I did say a couple of weeks ago I thought there were two levels of fish, and it was good to hear of some quality Trout being taken high in the water. Apparently over the weekend a boat angler caught his limit high with all his fish coming between 3ft-6ft from the surface. Either side of that 3ft band was non-productive. There were other fish caught but not in those numbers and mostly deeper, but it does show how unpredictable the fishing is at the moment. Each day is different!

Anyway, from Monday in came the hot weather with air pressure, wind strength and direction changes, confusing both fish and anglers alike. Needless to say, it has not been easy. I blanked on Wednesday, as did regular partner John Turner. We spent the morning in the hot sun and wind fishing deep on various lines from a Floater to D18 fast sink, using a mixture of flies from Buzzers to Boobies to Snakes. We even tied up to a couple of boys to combat the wind!!

Thursday was also hot culminating in some pretty serious weather including an overnight thunderstorm. Hopefully the storm and rain has had freshened the water and the wind, although light, will settle back into the Southwest for this weekend.

SUMMARY

I am still sure that there are a considerable number of fish deep that are not moving or feeding. This is often the case in summer and I have tried a lot of flies with little success to catch them. Strange this summer, because normally Bewl Trout are receptive to deep static Buzzers and Fry patterns inched up the surface.

However, I have been aware that the some Any Method rods have been catching deep on bait, but so far apart from one's and two's us fly boys have not really got among them. In fact, on reflection, over the last three weeks when the fishing has become seasonally difficult I have actually caught more fish in the top 6ft than deep, albeit not that many. A fact that I have to admit has frustrated me.

Normally, like others, I would be accusing the management of under stocking, but this season I know there are Trout to be had. Finding them though is a mix of experience, technique and a big slice of luck. Something, very soon I feel, will switch these deep lying fish on. Meanwhile I shall enjoy the boat, the weather and the craic with the regulars.

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Obituary - Len Childs

Died on 4th July.

Cremated yesterday 1st August.

Len was a Bewl Bridge Fly Fishers' Club member and fished here, his home water, regularly. Very much a larger-than-life character he was well known through his fishing both Nationally and Internationally having represented England on numerous occasions. My sincere condolences to his friends and family.

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Tight lines and have a good week.
Ray French.

Below. Early at the boat dock.

