

BEWL WATER FLYFISHING REPORT.

Week ending Friday. 20/9/2024.

by Ray French.

HERE FISHY, FISHY!! 🙌

Yes, Trout from the stocking last week are now beginning to come out, albeit the weather has not helped. The sun has shone, and the wind has blown almost every day. Fortunately, there was some cloud earlier in the week which the fish took advantage of and showed for a while. I also heard last weekend provided sport for those Any Method Anglers who were fortunate to find feeding fish, mostly on bait I believe. To be fair, the Trout fishing has not been at all easy with the majority of them still down close to the lakebed as the water cools. The good news though is that the recent stock are not going down permanently, merely dropping a few feet in the bright sunshine but prepared to rise in the cloud.

John Turner and I were out on the fly on Wednesday morning in the sun and a strong wind and managed to land a few nice Trout in the Main Bowl with John edging the morning by bagging three. Had to anchor in the wind though, it became too strong to drift with the drogue although we did try for a while. The Water is very clear at the moment and although our takes were high, it does not necessarily mean the fish were. We never saw any on the surface but it's worth remembering that Trout rarely look down but often look up, so we used the 'Washing Line' technique on Fast Glass and DI5 lines. I reckon the fish were about 8ft (2.5m) down in the sun but rose to take the Flies including the Booby at about 2-3ft. Our fish came to a steady figure of eight retrieve on a hang/hold at the end of the retrieve.

There were several Any Method boats out on Wednesday and they didn't move much so I assume they were having some success. A couple of boats had fish bags over the side which is usually a positive indication.

Yesterday (Thursday) and today (Friday) has also been sunny and windy with a violent storm with lightning and torrential rain at Bewl this morning. I was out in it with George Brown but not for long as we got called in during the lighting. The storm and low pressure killed the fishing, but we did go out again for a while, long enough to dry our wet gear in the sun before coming off the water at 1pm. During the course of the morning we did manage to get a couple of takes each, resulting in one Trout for George caught on a Cormorant.

SUMMARY

It is difficult to give accurate assessment of how different areas are fishing because reflecting the time of year rod numbers have been down, and vast areas are not being fished. However, with last week's stocking and the Autumn stocking programme coming I am hoping the fishing will improve by the week. I have said it often recently that if we could get some cloud the Trout would react favourably and show more. I believe more unsettled weather is forecast for next week.

We caught in the main bowl this week mostly anchored in the wind. Patience was the name of the game, takes and fish were few and far between and although difficult to hook the takes were definite Trout. A couple of times we had fish on the hang that just bashed a Booby about but didn't inhale it. Frustrating!! I have to add that the Trout and takes were as a result of fishing relatively slowly. I

couldn't get anything pulled or fished fast but then they were not up and looking when we were out there.

This week it was partner John Turner's turn to star in the picture below, with three nice Rainbows caught in Wednesday's sun and wind. John's fish came to a small Booby on a Fast Intermediate line, I caught using similar.

Tight Lines, Ray French

