

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT.

Week ending Friday 4th Oct. 2024

by Ray French

This week has been a one of varied weather and mixed results. A couple of days of cloud and light wind early in the week saw some fish up and looking. Other days Bewl has had thunder, heavy rain, sun, and some moderate winds. In short, difficult conditions. However, fish are now being caught steadily but in fairness it is not easy despite the 6,000 fish stocked in the last three weeks. I am sure that if we can get a few days of consistent wind direction these fish will settle. At the moment they are moving with the wind in all directions. But as last week, it is the recently stocked fish that are in the main the ones being caught. Those that have been in for some time are still lying deep in the cooler water but they will come up as the water cools. This week the Trout are taking Fly and Spinner in the top 4ft (1.5m) and in cloud some are prepared to show...the problem is finding them!

FLY COMPETITION

The Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs are holding their final league match tomorrow (Sat) involving 30 boats, so in fairness to them I will keep my information brief.

John Turner and I were out Wednesday drifting on the Fly for a couple of hours until the wind made it so uncomfortable that we came off the water at lunchtime. We had a couple of Trout, but it was a bit hit and miss. We saw fish early morning and had offers in the calm, but the fish wouldn't commit. The wind on Wednesday was a brisk Northerly off the Dam. On this wind the fish generally hang around in its relative shelter, which they did until the wind started to change direction and increase, and at that point they disappeared!

Today, (Friday) I was out again, this time with club member George Brown, in almost flat calm to start with and what little did arrive later was from the East. Good news is that a lot of the boats practicing for tomorrow's Comp, and there were plenty, caught fish. Not in big numbers but ones and twos and I did hear of 4 and 5, but then we did come off the water at 2pm. We had a couple each which was good and made better by the warm sunshine. It was a beautiful day to be out on the water.

ANY METHOD

The Any Method rods have done better, especially over the weekend. Some were concentrating on the Trout that are still lying deep in excess of 25-30ft (8-10m) using bait or Spinners on slow retrieve. Others went after the Stockies higher in the water. They are not caning it either, but the better anglers are doing ok.

The majority anchor their boats and have regular favoured spots but these days they spread out a lot more than they used to, especially in summer when the fish seek the deeper water rather than round the sides. I have tried almost every trip this summer fishing deep on the Fly at some point with not much success, which I cannot understand as we normally do. Frustrating, because I know there were a lot of fish about in late July which is when they disappeared.

STOCKING

The newly stocked fish have spread out well, but consequently they are not easy to find. I cannot at this time recommend an area of concentrated fish as I haven't found or heard of one. If others have, they are keeping bloody quiet! Having said that, the main bowl is always a good bet in summer due to its depth of cooler water.

*I have been informed there is more stocking yet to come so keep an eye out for Bewl Water media info. Or this report each week.

Best of luck to all and tight lines.

Ray French.

Picture below: George with his first fish of the day. No prizes for where he caught it!!

