

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

Friday 13th December 2024

by Ray French

This week it has been difficult to fish due once again to some powerful winds and incessant rain. However, in the last couple of days the weather has calmed, and the weekend is looking a lot more fishy. Which is good news because this Sunday 15th, Bewl hosts its annual festive Christmas Trout Fishing Competition...

THE TROUT TINSEL TOURNAMENT

*9am - 3pm.

*Open to ALL anglers of ALL methods

*£1,500 Worth of prizes aimed at your preferred method.

*Winner to get named on NEW Christmas Trophy

THE FISHING

The fishing has settled into the norm for winter in that the days can be somewhat unpredictable, and often it can be by the hour. Although fish are caught at any time, there are usually a couple of hours during the day when they are more active. Normally it's around mid-day but it can vary depending on the weather!

Earlier this week the fishing was interrupted by big winds and rain which made the fishing both difficult and unpleasant. A shame because over the last couple of weeks both the Any Method and Fly rods have been finding fish regularly. Having said that, the last couple of days has seen the water calmer and clearing.

Generally, the fish have been at varying depths but this week a lot of the fish have kept their heads down and have been moving about on the lakebed for the majority of time. But not particularly in deep water.

On the Fly many of the fish caught have been near the banks in depths no more than 15ft (5m) and sometimes as little as 5ft (1.5m). I am sure that now the winds have subsided, and the temperature is likely to rise, this weekend and next week should fish better. After all, it was only last week I reported having 8 Trout on Friday, so I know there are fish to be had...

Because of Sunday's Competition I will not report on methods used these last couple of days other than to say that not a lot has changed from last week in terms of location. The fish are in all the usual places... The Main Bowl, Chingley, the Dam, Bewl Straight, the Playground, the Cages to Hook House and Bramble Point. And if you are practising tomorrow for Sunday's Competition have a look around and try a few places.

NEXT WEEK.

With the weather forecast looking reasonable next week I am looking forward to some good pre-Christmas sport. Hope the Competition goes well over the weekend for all who enter and if in doubt remember at this time of year... fish, low and slow.

Best of luck, Ray French.