

## BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

Week ending Friday 6th Dec. 2024

by Ray French.

Typical Winter fishing this week with good sport on some days but not so good on others. Having said that most rods have caught, albeit on some days in small numbers. The Any Method boys have done best finding fish on the bottom or on a float high in the water using bait. Spinners have not done so well this week, possibly because the water colour over the weekend was a tad dirty with last week's big winds. It is now noticeably clearing.

For the Fly anglers it has again not been easy but if you can get the depth right and the Trout are in the mood to feed, they will take. As an example, last Friday morning I had 5 Trout on the Fly and several takes. (mentioned in last week's report).

On Saturday I fished again, caught 1 and missed a couple. But then on Wednesday I fished the morning with regular partner John Turner in heavy cloud with very little wind and I had 8 nice Rainbows and a few tentative takes. John had 3 and a couple of takes. We caught from close in at Chingley Point and 150m out from the Swallow Jetty and Playground.

On each of those days I used the same combination of small Fry pattern Boobies and a size 12 hook Orange Blob and caught at different depths. Friday and Saturday they were in the top 6ft on Di3m, but on Wednesday they were much nearer the bottom and again I used Booby, Blob, Booby, but on a DI7 fished ultra slow with the first Booby just 3ft from the Fly line. It just goes to show how fickle Trout can be at this time of year for no apparent reason as the weather on those 3 days was very much the same with cloud and very little wind.

\*Snakes are popular in reservoirs at this time of the year, and I have quiet a selection, but this season I have been disappointed in them at Bewl and found that my small Boobies have consistently out fished them.

### LOCATION

Again, the Main Bowl has been favourite with Chingley Wood, Beaumans Point, the Dam, the Playground and Bramble Point being the hot spots.

Although there are fish out in the middle, they are not obvious and are difficult to find in that they change depth several times a day dependent on the weather. Not so much a problem for the AM boys with weights and fixed spool reels that they can change depth with every cast. For us Fluff Chuckers with cold hands, wet lines and no gloves, you need to be either dedicated or stupid to go winter Trout fishing. I fall into the latter category.

However, I have found that a lot of the Trout have moved nearer the banks albeit they too go up and down in the water. To cover the depth changes I tend to do the majority of my Winter Flyfishing in a maximum 15ft of water and mostly around the 12ft mark or less. At these depths I can fish the top and bottom layers with ease on minimum of lines and/or use weighted flies.

## SUMMARY

There are still a lot of Trout about, and many are in Pods of 4-5. They are well spread out though and are continuously moving around albeit they are staying down for longer in colder temperatures. So, patience is necessary.

\*Although Trout can be caught anytime, at the moment the peak time at Bewl is an hour either side of Midday although on a mild day they are also likely to come up in the water and show!

## NEWS

Talking to Head Ranger Stanley Jarvis there is likely to be another stocking either later this month or early new year. 👍

Tight lines, Ray French.

Picture:

I rarely kill Trout these days but on Wednesday I knocked 5 on the head for Christmas!

