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FLYFISHERS

ALBURY

MATCH REPORT 18th FEBRUARY 2023



DAY CAPTAIN'S MATCH REPORT

Albury Estate (Western) This was a new venue for the club, and we were somewhat apprehensive of what the fishing was going to be like. The Venue was made up of 3 Lakes which we divided up into 3 Zones, with one fish from each zone and then move to another, and free roaming after lunch.

17 members attended the day, with the journey relatively local to most of us which was good. The weather was dry and relatively warm throughout the day which started with a sausage or bacon roll, washed down with Tea or coffee in the new lodge on the lake.

Fishing commenced at approx. 9.15 after Joe took a group photo. To our surprise the lakes were fishing well. Everyone got off to a good start, with most catching early on the faithful damsel patterns and then smaller flies as the day progressed. Lunch was at 1pm back at the lodge for more refreshments. We decided to finish fishing at 2.45 as the majority of members were just 1 fish off their limit of 4.

A total of 60 fish caught, everyone got a taste of some trout, even Sid had a few licks LOL. Most fish were around 2.1/4lbs in weight, however, Steve Price & Charlie Thomas both landed a 6Lb 13oz and 6lb 3oz from the far lake, (*My Favourite*). David Brooke had a 5lb 11oz from the smaller lake at the lodge, and Don lost a decent fish in the same lake. There were two Brown's caught which was nice to see, unfortunately we missed out on a 12lb brown that came out the day before. The heaviest bag of the day, 13lbs 1oz, went to Steve Price and best fish prize went to Charlie along with the raffle prize of £40 travel expenses. Bob Fulton won the 4 fish day ticket.

It was a day enjoyed by all, and I think the venue is definitely worth a visit again next year. Also, those who did not catch their limit still get to keep their unused fish ticket and return another day with just the fishing fee to pay, which is a good system. Hopefully, the smokery at the lodge might be open next year.

Tight Lines and hope to see you all on the next trip.

Colin Bateman Day Captain



SECRETARYS REPORT FEB 2023

A good days fishing at Albury, (*see Day Captains report*), where we were pleased to welcome our 4 newest members, Dave Brooke, Don Garner, Alan Martin, and Chris Ramussen Clark.

May I remind everyone we have a club discount of 10% with Sportsfish. Using the reference SMFF for your first order they will send you a voucher which may give you up to 15% off your next order.

As many of you will know Bez had a bypass operation recently, I spoke with him a few days ago, he is making a good recovery, we wish him well, and he hopes to see us at the waterside soon.

Geoff has recently been in touch with **Fishing for Forces**, we are hoping to arrange something with them, possibly a midweek outing.

Our next outing on Saturday 18th March is to **Manningford**, another new venue for the club. We have it exclusively so I hope it will be well attended. Final details will be emailed in the next few days.

So far, we only have 15 attending so if you have not already said you are coming but would like to be there let me know ASAP. (We will have a catch and release tickets after bag limits are reached).

Michael Littlestone Hon Sec.

This pair of Egyptian Geese kept us company on the day





ALBURY Results and Winners

STEVE PRICE:

With the best Bag of the day **4 Fish at 13lb 1 oz**

He also caught the biggest fish of the day
a rainbow 6lbs 13oz. However, club rules do not allow him to
take a prize for both biggest bag and biggest fish so the award for
biggest fish was awarded to

Charlie Thomas:

With his biggest fish a rainbow of at 6lb3oz

Both winning a £10 note

Lucky Draw Raffle

BOB FULTON:

Day Ticket to Albury

CHARLIE THOMAS:

£40 Travel expenses

**Three other members
won prizes kindly
donated for the raffle**

Total Number of anglers 17

Total number of fish caught 60

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NEWS FROM

Fergal Sharkey Honorary Vice president of

WildFish.

Whose goal is sustainable wild fish populations. They work to diminish the key threats to wild fish from open-net salmon farming, pollution, and over-abstraction.

On Tuesday 14th February 2023 WildFish granted permission to challenge the Government's Sewage Overflows Plan Today, WildFish has been given permission to apply for judicial review of the Government's "Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan" which is: Confusing and contradictory. Fails to deal with the overflows that are causing the problem. Sets targets which would allow water companies to continue dumping unacceptable amounts of raw sewage over a prolonged period, in some cases up to 2050. Regulations to deal with the problem of untreated sewage overflows in anything other than extreme weather conditions have been in place since 1994. The underlying cause of the current problem is the continued failure of the water companies to comply with the duties imposed on them, and the government, to properly enforce them. The Plan does not deal with this.

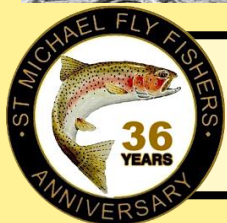
WildFish argues that the Plan is unlawful on the grounds that: it approves continuing unlawful conduct, fails to consider the existing law, breaches the Habitats Regulations, and is irrational. WildFish has instructed leading environmental law barrister James Maurici KC and Charles Bishop of Landmark Chambers, and Fieldfisher LLP, to bring the challenge. WildFish's claim will be heard in conjunction with a similar claim by the Marine Conservation Society. Nick Measham, CEO of WildFish, said: "Years of underinvestment and absent regulators have got us where we are today with widespread illegal sewage discharges. If The Plan is intended to deal with illegal discharges, it is unlawfully encouraging law breaking for years to come. If it is not intended to deal with these illegal discharges, It Is irrelevant. "We have no problem with The Plan being used to arrive at an initial rough estimate of the costs required to provide upgrades to storm overflows. However, its failure to deal with most relevant outfalls and the production of sub-targets and headline targets, which have no basis in the application of the existing regulations, is unacceptable. We want the Government to give the relevant agencies the mandate and the money to enforce and compel the water companies to deliver the infrastructure urgently required to end sewage pollution. We want action now, not plans for the never never.

Visit wildfish.org to find out more of the great work they are doing.

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My thanks to Joe for the photo's.
You can see these and others in more detail on the SMFF web site.

