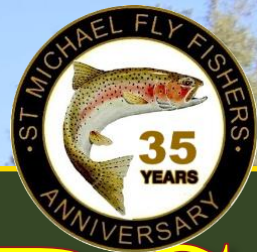




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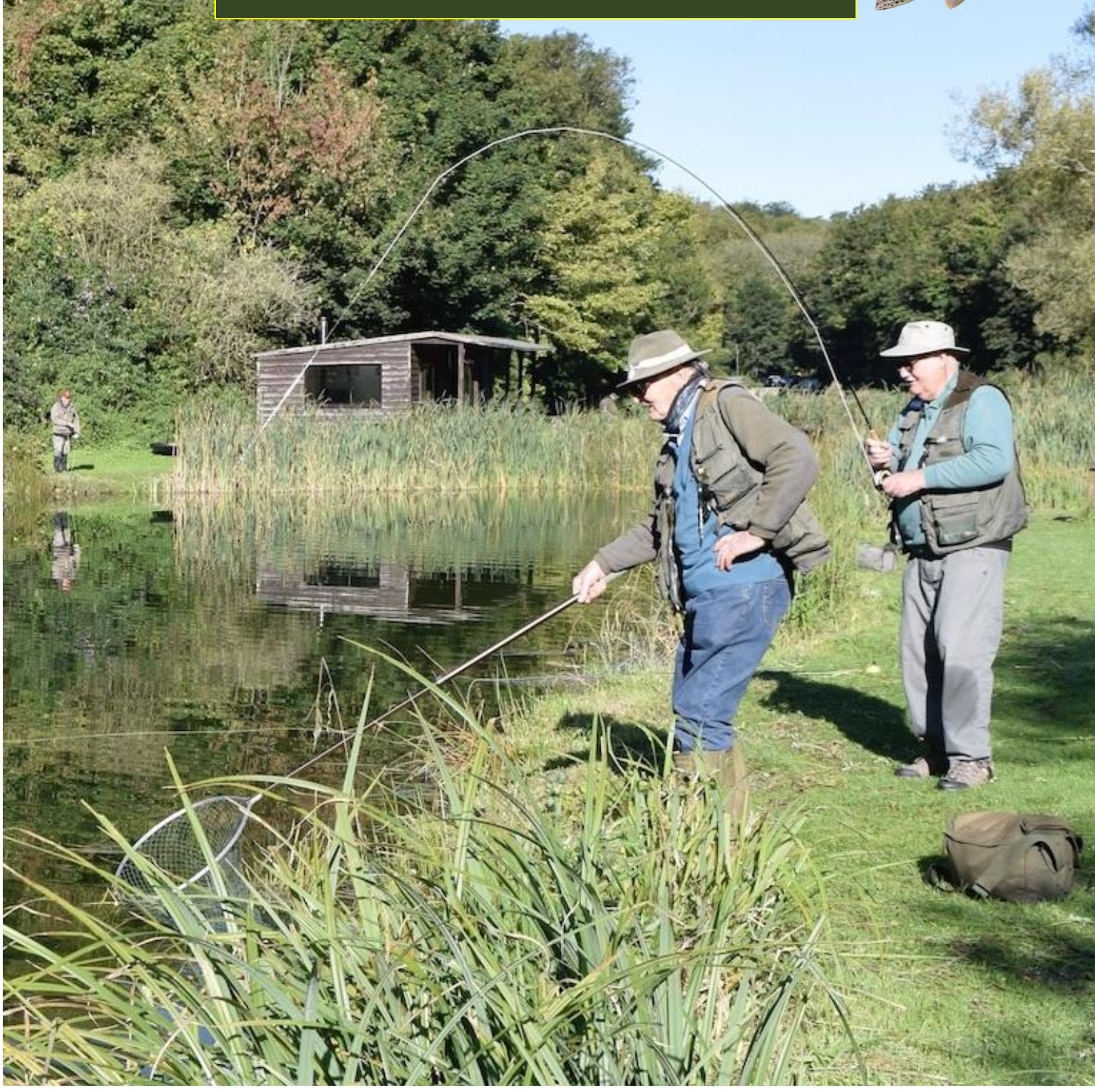


# FLYFISHERS



## Chalk Springs

MATCH REPORT 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022



## DAY CAPTAIN'S MATCH REPORT

Following a few bad experiences in recent years, it was decided to remove Chalk Springs from the venues that featured on the club calendar, however having received some positive reports of the changes the new Chalk Springs management had implemented it was decided that a visit might be worthwhile. The fact that Chalk springs was not affected by the lack of rainfall following a very dry summer also helped in the decision.

On returning to Chalk Springs for the first time since our last visit in 2016 we were warmly welcomed by the new management on what was a chilly morning with bacon rolls, tea, and coffee. With just 17 members fishing, and there being four lakes to fish, I decided to let everyone start on any of the lakes that they wished. The only rule on the day, catch one fish, and then move to another lake.

Walking past the lakes before we started, we could see that the water in the main gin clear, you could see the fish but they could see you. It was suggested we fish fairly deep with intermediate lines, or floating lines letting our leaders sink. Fish were coming to the net steadily as the morning progressed, some finding it easier than others. By the time we stopped for lunch the sun was shining bright, and pleasantly warm, with most members having caught a fish or two. It appeared small naturals were a good option, in particular a Hares Ear, and I think even some were caught on a buzzers.

The afternoon session proved more testing, maybe the very bright sun was pushing the fish down, but a few more were caught by the time we weighed in a 3.30. A superb 8lb Brown was caught by Dave Cross, (*a soon to become member*), also a 6lb 11oz Rainbow to Carl Bolding. Steve Argent with a 6lb 8oz rainbow and Charlie Thomas with a Rainbow of 5lb 12oz were the best 4 fish on the day. After the lunch break we held a minutes silence in memory of Her Majesty The Queen.

All in all, we had a most enjoyable day, the majority of those present agreed, we should come back to Chalk Springs next season.

**Michael Littlestone** Day captain



## SECRETARYS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022

I have very little to say following our Summer Break, but to send our best wishes to Colin Mann who is recovering from a hip replacement, and to Brian Maguire who is shortly to be having a knee replacement.

Your committee will be having meeting soon to discuss venues for 2023. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions on adding a possible new venue to our calendar please let me or any committee member know as soon as possible .

Other than that, we look forward to our last three outings, these being, Duncton Mill, which we will possibly have had by the time you read this newsletter, Meon Springs on November 12<sup>th</sup>, and lastly Avon Springs, on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Where we will as usual hold our AGM.

**Michael Littlestone** Hon Sec.

### A NOTE FROM FARMOOR

Farmoor fishery is now closed for angling. Low water conditions have made it unsafe for both bank and boat anglers. This may be disappointing, but they must prioritise customers health and safety over any other considerations.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the rangers on  
**07747 640707**





## CHALK SPRINGS Results and Winners

### **Dave Cross:**

With the best Bag of the day **4 Fish at 15lb 1 oz**  
 Dave also caught the biggest fish of the day  
 a lovely Brown of 8lbs 0oz. However, club rules do not allow  
 Dave to take a prize for both biggest bag and biggest fish so the  
 award for biggest fish was awarded to

### **Carl Bolding:**

With his biggest fish a rainbow of at 6lb 11oz

**Both winning a £10 note**

### **Lucky Draw Raffle**

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#### **Tom Smith:**

Day Ticket to Chalk Springs

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#### **Geoff Brooks:**

£40 Travel expenses

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**A further six members  
 won prizes kindly  
 donated for the raffle**

**Total Number of anglers 17**

**Total number of fish caught 36**

# GALLERY

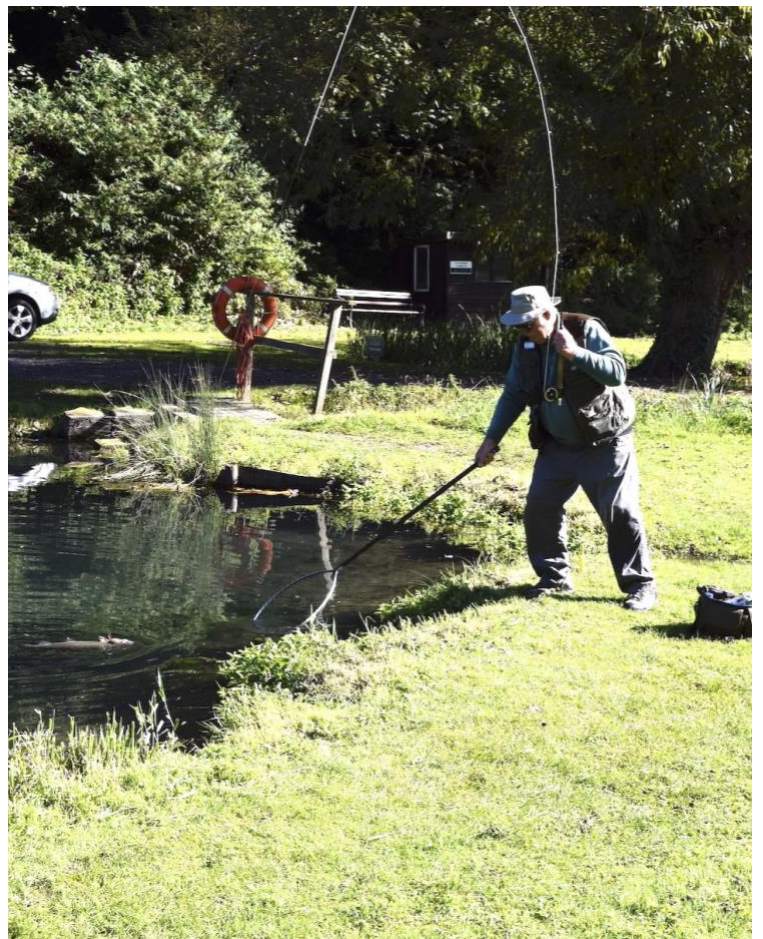
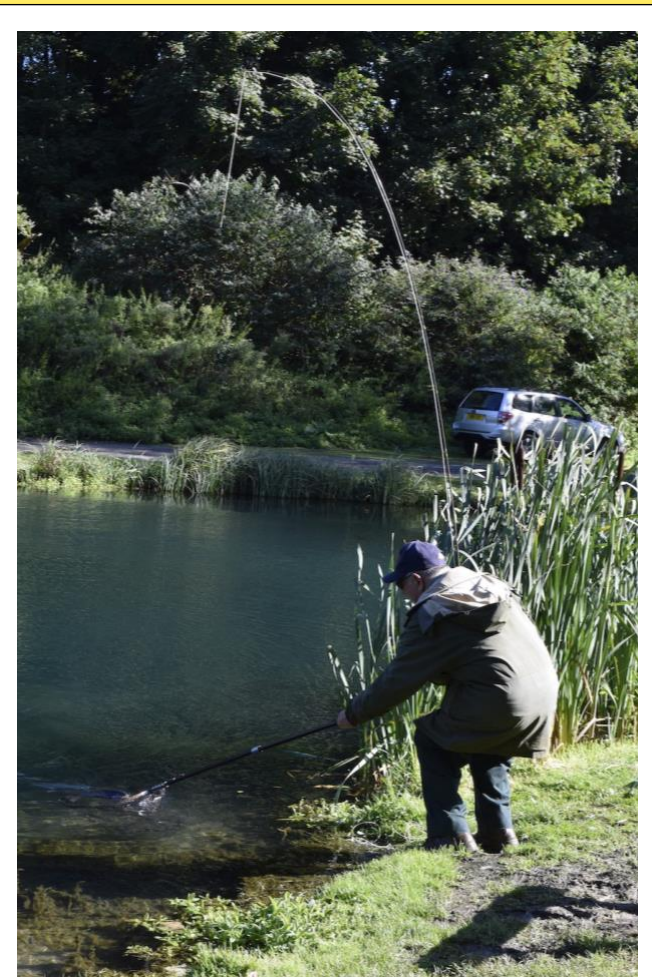


## A Little Tip:

### Be stealthy

Although some stillwater trout might seem fairly used to anglers wandering the banks, that doesn't mean they're not extra wary as a result. It's surprising just how many fly fishers you see at stillwaters who stomp heavy footed along the banks and drop a heavy bag or seat box by the bank, without thinking what that might do to the trout.

Take a leaf out of the coarse angler's book and tread gently and quietly, stay back from the edge and try to avoid spooking the fish. If you don't make them suspicious, they'll be far more likely to take your fly.



# GALLERY



A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect  
for the memory of  
Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth 2nd



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

