

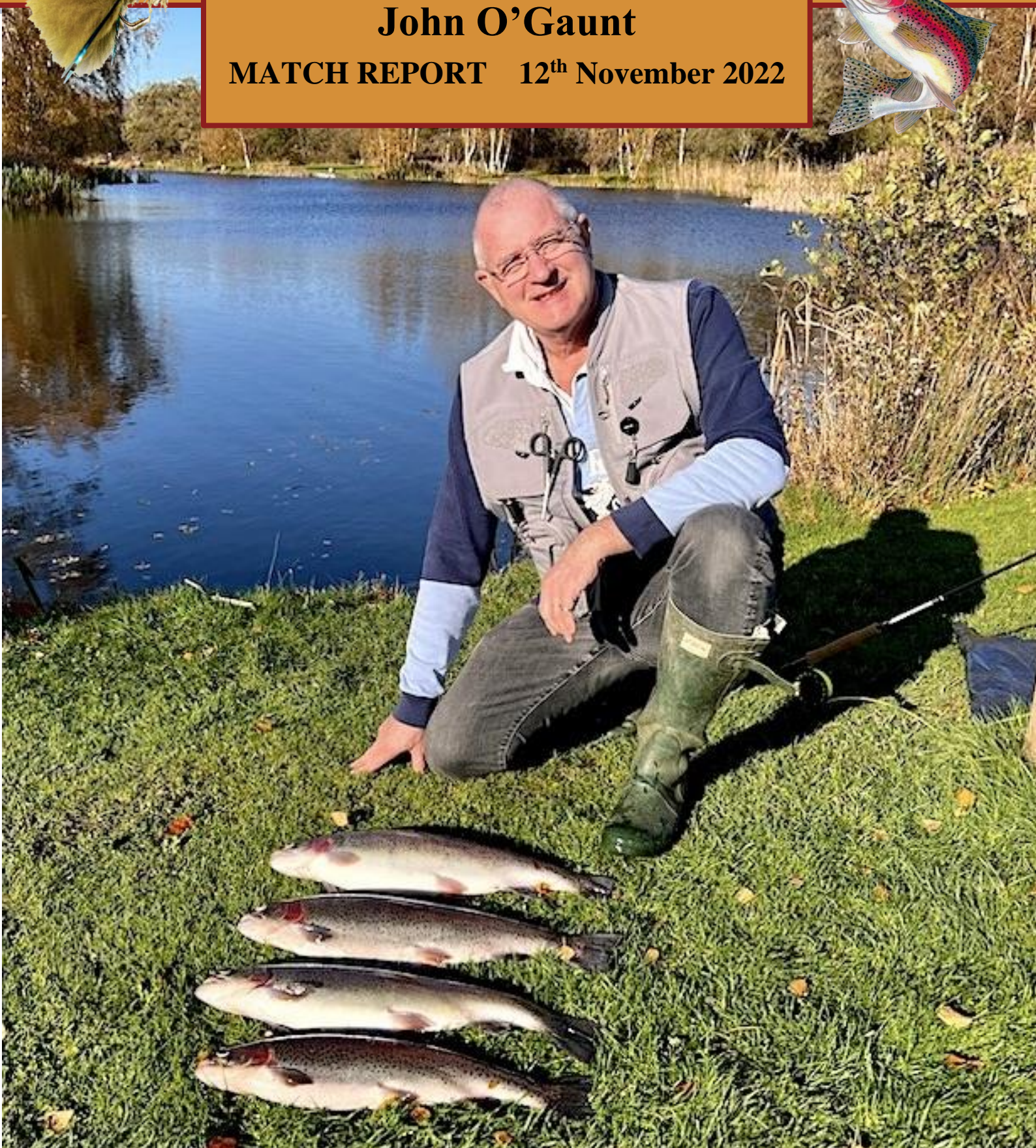
St. Michael



FLYFISHERS

John O'Gaunt

MATCH REPORT 12th November 2022



DAY CAPTAIN'S MATCH REPORT

Oh, what a fantastic day. Under normal circumstances we only ever fish here, as a club in June, for the Pairs Competition, but as Meon Springs was called off due to low water levels we found ourselves here in November with a record number of 23 members, and four guests attending.

Starting off at the Crown Inn at 8am with an excellent breakfast we then made our way up to the fishery just after 9am by which time the sun was shining, and just a gentle breeze. Once we had all tackled up, a short briefing on the day's rules, and a warm welcome to our guests, and off we went. The fishery was split into four zones, everyone fishing each zone for 40 minutes, catch one fish, wait for the hooter then move to your second zone. Well as it happens 15 minutes would have been long enough, fish were being caught in all zones within minutes, rods bending everywhere. I think we all had a longish wait for the hooter to signify start fishing again, and so it continued throughout the morning. Strong fighting fish in superb condition, averaging near enough 3lbs. The ever-popular Blue Flash Damsel, in all its various guises accounted for many fish, Gold Ribbed Hares Ear, and Buzzers caught as well, and I am sure other patterns did OK. It was good to see a couple of Browns around the two, and half pounds, and the bailiff said there were some larger ones, but you needed to fish deep for them.

By the time we ended the zoned sessions just after 12 many had caught their limit and were now relaxing in the warm sunshine with their lunch. **Was this really mid-November?** This just left a few of us free roaming for the 1 or 2 fish needed to achieve their limit.

Steadily weighing in from around 1pm with assistance from Dave Martin, Colin Bateman, Brian Bloom, and Don Garner, **thanks guys**, everyone, apart from yours truly, had limit bags, accounting for 107 fish weighing 331 lbs, including one 5lb, 6 of 4lb plus, and quite a few 3lbs.

Best bag prize awarded to Don Garner, one of our guests, 16lbs 3oz, he also had the 5lb one. Although he also had the best fish club rules say you can only win one prize, so the next best fish of 4lb 12oz prize was awarded to Lynne Haskins.

The detailed result sheet will be available to view on our Web Site at smff.co.uk in a week or so.

All in all a really good day, I am sure we all enjoyed it.

Kind Regards

Michael Littlestone Day captain

SECRETARYS REPORT NOVEMBER 2022

As per the day captains report we were pleased to welcome the 4 guests to our John O' Gaunt outing, all of whom have expressed their interest to join the club next season, which is excellent news.

So, we approach the final event of the season, and our AGM at Avon Springs on Sat Dec 10th, where all being well, we shall be joined by Charles Jardine for the day. Final details will be sent out the week before.

I therefore give formal notice of our AGM to be held at Avon Springs at 3pm after the days fishing. The Agenda will be sent in advance to all members.

Kind Regards

Michael Littlestone Hon Sec.

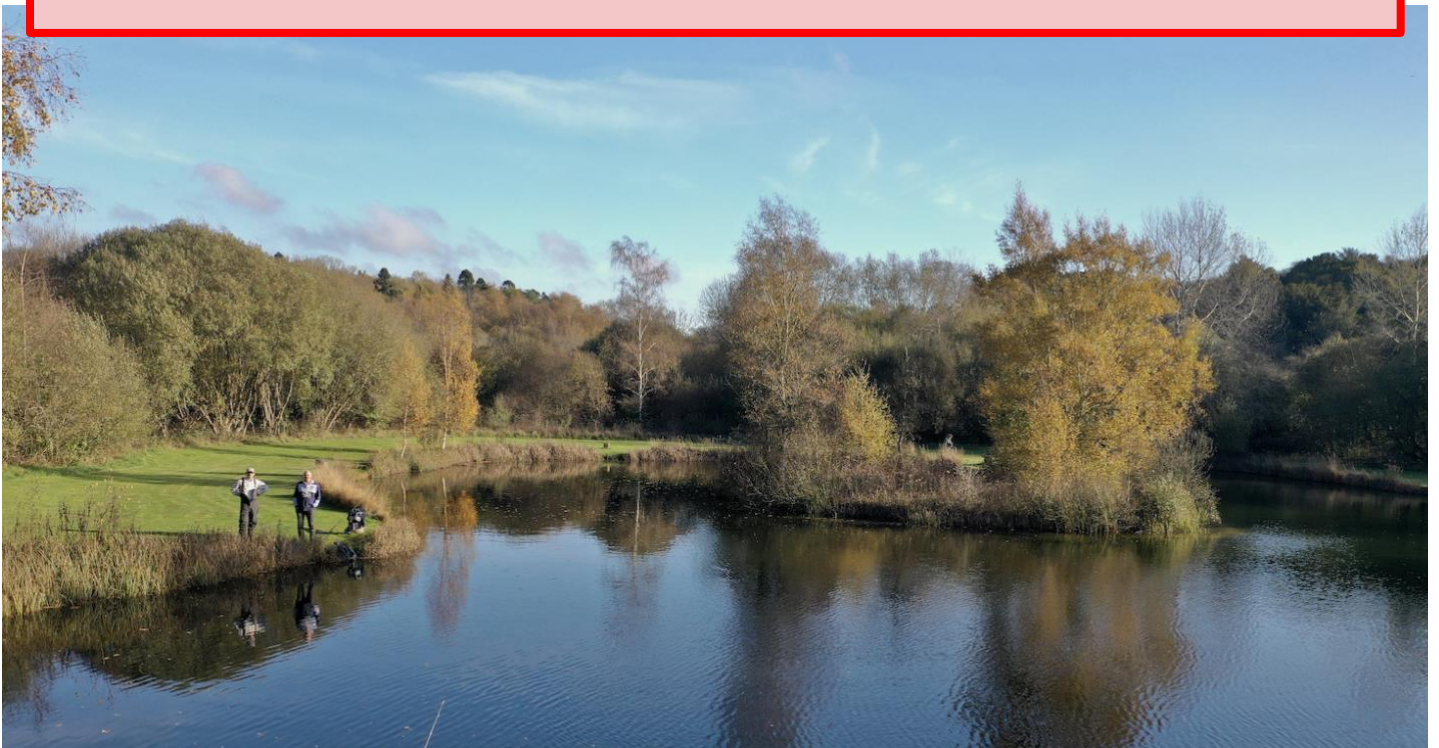
Latest News from Farmoor

I have been informed that fishing at Farmoor has been resumed but will be from the bank only.

F1 is catch and release only, F2 have 4 and 6 fish + catch and release tickets.

You can expect some fantastic sport as we're told there's been a recent stocking of over 4000 trout into the lakes.

If you wish to fish Farmoor you should check with the rangers on 07747 640707. before you set out.





JOHN O'GAUNT Results and Winners

Don Garner:

The best Bag of the day
4 Fish at 16lb 3 oz

(Don also had the biggest fish of the day @ 5lb 0oz but club rules do not allow both prizes to be presented to one member.)

Lynne Haskins:

Biggest Fish: at 4lb 12oz

Both win £10.00

*Due to the change of venue, it was decided not to fish for the George Wilding memorial trophy as it was logistically not suited to bring everybody back after the first hour.
Fishing for this trophy will take place early next year.*

Total Number of anglers 27
Total number of fish caught 107

Lucky Draw Raffle

Don Garner:

Travel expenses £40.00

(It was a good day for Don)

Colin Bateman

Day Ticket to John O'Gaunt

Many other prizes were won
by members.

We are grateful for the
generous donations by
members of raffle prizes

GALLERY



A Little Tip:

Check your leader for wind knots

At this time of year when the wind tends to be stronger it's worth checking your leader for wind knots. They may look insignificant, but they can reduce the strength of your line by up to 40%.

Check your leader regularly for signs of wind knots and change your line if it's knotted, otherwise you may lose that fish especially if they smash the flies hard or if they happened to be above average size Fish.

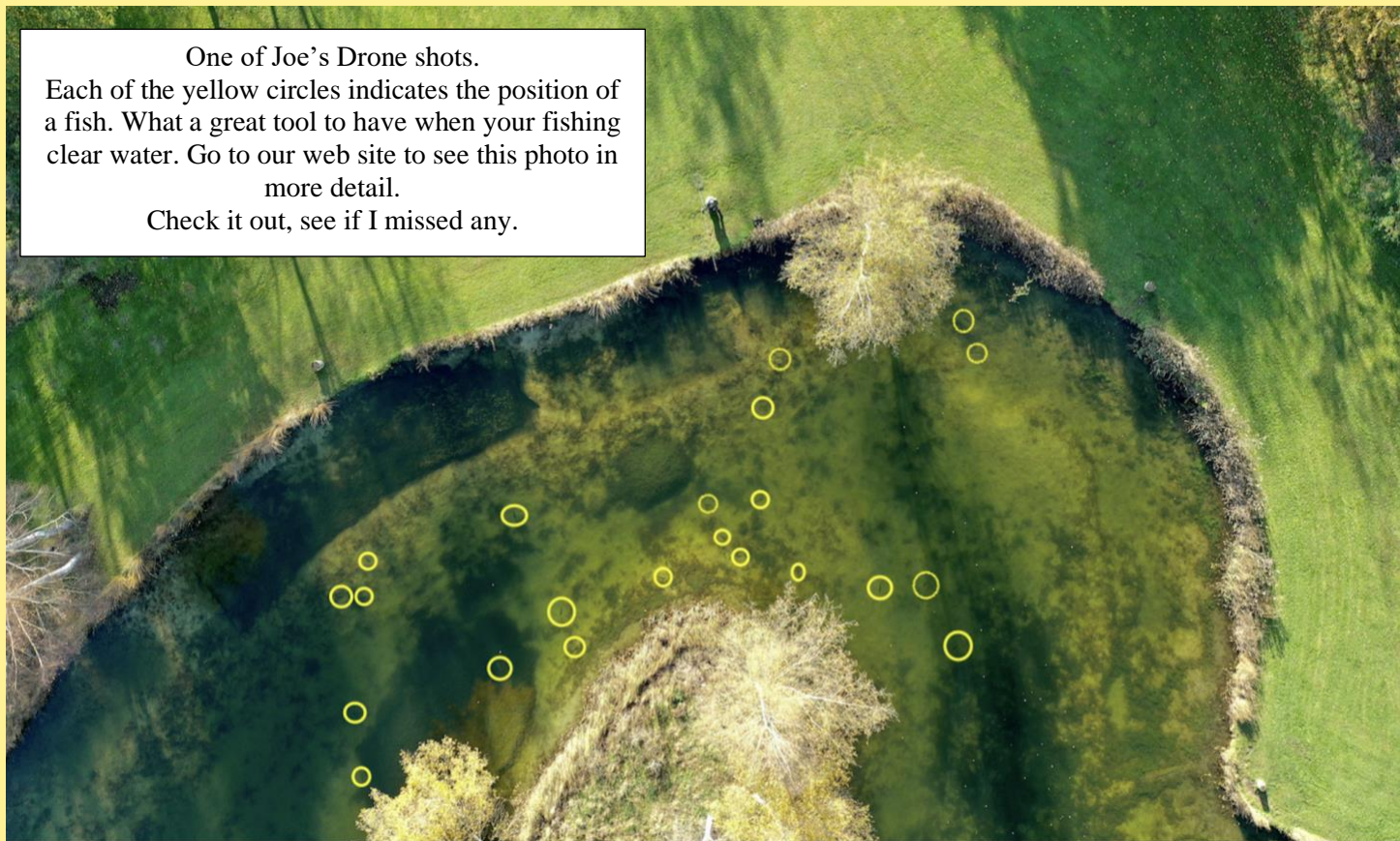
Proper casting techniques minimise the likelihood of wind knots forming



GALLERY



One of Joe's Drone shots.
Each of the yellow circles indicates the position of
a fish. What a great tool to have when your fishing
clear water. Go to our web site to see this photo in
more detail.
Check it out, see if I missed any.



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

