



# St. Michael



# FLYFISHERS

**John O'Gaunt**  
**MATCH REPORT 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023**





## DAY CAPTAIN'S MATCH REPORT

### John O' Gaunt – 28 October 2023

This return visit to John O' Gaunt fishery for our Pairs Competition got off to a good start. The forecasted rain ceased as we exited the Crown Inn, Kings Somborne having enjoyed a full English breakfast, and it remained clear with sunny periods throughout the day.

With 21 of us fishing (Michael kindly stepped aside from the competition) there was plenty of space for us all on the two lakes. Following a short briefing at 0930 hours, everyone departed to their allotted zone with the usual catch and move procedure in place. I am grateful to Michael who acted as timekeeper and sounded the horn at the end of each 30 minute per zone fishing session. From about 1140 hours onwards, free roaming followed with lunch breaks taken at each individual's discretion. The water clarity was good, and with little wind and a bit of sunshine, it was occasionally possible to stalk individual fish.

It was not very long before rods were seen bending on both lakes with a number of very good fish netted. The fishing was consistent throughout the day although it was clearly a case of keeping on the move within each zone to find the fish and I suspect damsel fly variations dominated many individual catches. A variety of line and fly combinations were evident, and it was pleasing to note that everyone ended the day with their bag limit of 4 fish.

A total of 84 fish were weighed in for an impressive 260 lbs 13 oz. Congratulations go to Geoff Brooks and Lou Fine who won the pairs trophy with a combined weight of 34 lbs. Dave Cross and Lou Fine won the best fish prize, each with a fish of 7 lbs 7 oz and the best individual bag prize was won by Geoff Brooks and Bez Sahami, both with weights of 17 lbs 1oz. The detailed competition placings and weights are contained in the Secretary's report.

A very pleasant and enjoyable day for everyone with our grateful thanks to KEITH the fishery owner for his preparations which ensured we all had a successful and enjoyable day.

**Dave Martin** (Day Captain)

## SECRETARYS REPORT JUNE 2022

We certainly had an excellent day at JOG, in fact as everyone had bagged up by 12.30, and the weigh in etc. was completed just as it started to rain, we all left for home early. Apart from Vic who took a further 2 fish ticket.

My thanks to Dave Martin for being the Day Captain, great job Dave considering so many fish had to be weighed in.

Your committee had a Team meeting a few days ago to primarily discuss venues for next year. The provisional list has been drawn up, and Joe will be sending this to everyone together, with for want of a better word, a survey to which we would like you to respond, so we can confirm everything, and book the fisheries.

### **Meon Springs, and our AGM on December 9<sup>th</sup>**

We decided to go here for our final outing as Anna Maria has retired from doing the catering at Avon Springs so Gregg at Meon Springs has given us The Barn for our meeting and will provide us with a nice afternoon tea.

We will fish for The George Wilding Memorial trophy that day for the first hour with a fly which we will provide, Details later. Meantime I do need all the trophies back which were won last year so I can have them engraved. If you have one please bring it to Dever, I will arrange for someone to collect them from you as I can't be there.

Have a great day at Dever if you are going, and all being well I will see you at Meon Springs.

Kindest Regards

*Michael Littlestone* Hon Sec.







## JOHN O'GAUNT Results and Winners

### John O'Gaunt Pairs Competition:

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place:

**Medal & Trophy Winners:**  
**Lou Fine & Geoff Brooks:**

With a combined weight of 34 lb 0oz.

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#### 2nd Place:

**Dave Cross & Dave Brooke**

With a combined weight of 30 lb 13oz.

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#### 3rd Place:

**Don Garner & Terry Burgess**

With a combined weight of 30 lb 2oz.

### Geoff Brooks & Bez Sahami

Tied for the best Individual Bag of the day.

**4 Fish at 17lb 1 oz**

Both Winning £10.00

### Dave Cross & Lou Fine:

Tied with Biggest Fish: at 7lb 7oz

Both Winning £10.00

### Lucky Draw Raffle:

**Iain Laws & Terry Burgess**

Both won Day Tickets to

John O'Gaunt

**Bez Sahami:**

Travel expenses £40.00

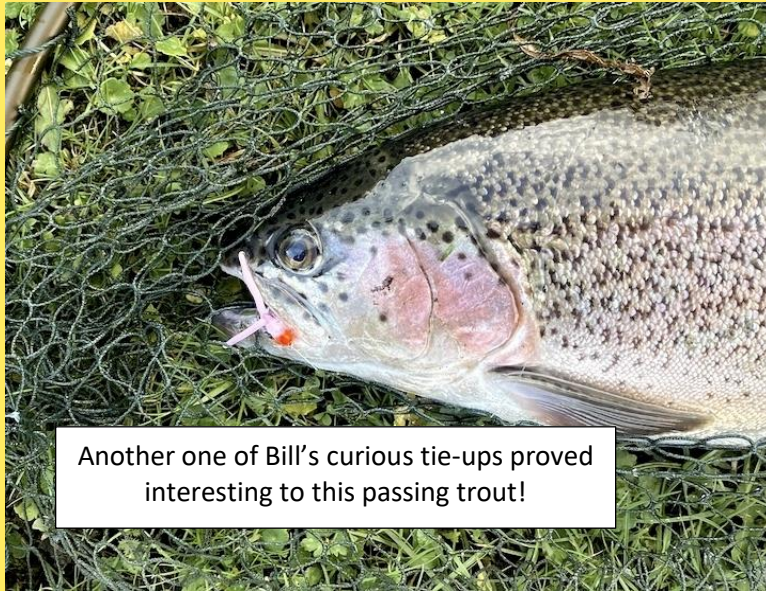
Several other prizes kindly donated to the raffle were won by members.

**Total Number of anglers 21**

**Total number of fish caught 84**



# GALLERY



Another one of Bill's curious tie-ups proved interesting to this passing trout!



## A Little Tip:

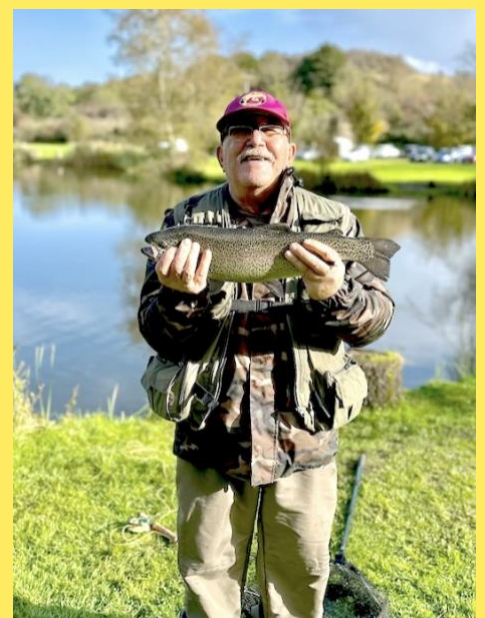
### Fly Casting in Awkward Places

If you never bother to fish parts of rivers or lakes when there are steep banks, bushes or trees to interfere with castings and making the back cast impossible?

**Then read on.**

The solution is incredibly easy and will enable you to cover fish that are unlikely to have been spooked by other anglers and these fish are often the older, wiser fish. All you need to do is perform the roll cast and if done correctly your flies will be sent a long distance and into the path of fish.

Every fly fisher should know this cast because if you fish with a sinking or intermediate line the easiest way to get your fly to the surface at the end of the retrieve is to execute a roll cast immediately prior to the overhead cast. Practice it and then try it out on those fish that think they have found cover that is away from all the anglers.





# GALLERY



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

