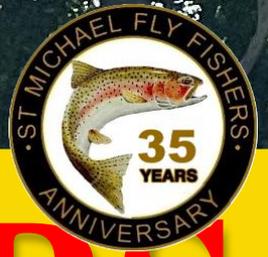




St. Michael



FLYFISHERS

LAKEDOWN MATCH REPORT
14th May 2022



DAY CAPTAIN'S MATCH REPORT

Following on from our trip to Lakedown, Roger Daltrey's Trout Fishery in the secluded Wealden valley in Sussex, where the weather was a bit different from the rainy day of our previous visit.

Twenty-four members attended the day some having travelled 3 hrs plus to get there, this meant we had the whole venue to ourselves, well done to all! The morning started with a breakfast bap, tea and coffee and everyone eager to get to one of the four lakes on offer.

It was decided that we would allow everyone to fish whatever lake they wished, with a maximum of two fish per lake and the usual move peg after each fish caught, up to lunch time at 1pm. A big thanks to Joe Tufo for sponsoring through his company **1st Systems** the lovely BBQ lunch spread, which also marked his 25th year with the club. The on-site Microbrewery was a bonus for a lunch time refreshment.

Due to the sun being hot and bright all day, it proved to make the fishing quite challenging with the fish being shy and down deeper. The fly of the day for me, and a few others was a Black Snake or Minky lure which seemed to imitate the abundance of tadpoles in the lakes.

A total of 38 fish were caught, with most around 2lbs in weight. However, Mike had a nice 5lb Brown, winning the biggest fish of the day. This was followed by Brian Quearney with a 4lb Rainbow and the heaviest bag of the day at 10lbs. Well done Mike & Brian.

The day finished at 4pm with us again being spoilt with tea, coffee & lemon drizzle cake. The raffle had a number of prizes with first place going to Carl Bolding, a free day ticket at Lakedown.

All in all, I hope everyone enjoyed their day and the beautiful scenery/ Hospitality that Lakedown had to offer.

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

Regards

Colin Bateman *Day Captain*

Congratulations Joe on reaching your Silver Jubilee as a member in this special Jubilee year.

I came across this photo from one of the first Match Reports that I worked on, I think it dates back to 2010. There is a smile on everyone's face and serves as a reminder of good times we enjoy in each other's company.

Sadly it shows some members who have passed away but are fondly remembered, along with others who have moved on and are no longer members.



SECRETARYS REPORT MAY 2022

Our last outing at Lakedown was most certainly a day to remember despite the fishing being somewhat hard due to the very sunny conditions, but with the 24 of us having the entire fishery to ourselves, and deciding to make it an almost free roaming day with very few rules it proved to be a very relaxing day. For those who made the longish walk to lake 4 it produced 22 out of the 38 fish caught that day, with lake 1 nearest the lodge accounting for a further 12.

(See Colin's day captains report for further information).

My sincere thanks to Colin for the excellent job he did, in particular at the weigh in, and giving me a weigh in sheet which I could clearly read to compile the final results. I have expressed our thanks to Jamie for their kind hospitality on the day, we were more than well looked after.

What could be better than spending a day at Lakedown in magical surroundings, peace, and quiet among friends. I am sure we will look forward to going there again next year.

My thanks also to Summer for the photos she took at the prize giving, and others of the fishery.

Although Colin has thanked Joe in his report, I am sure we would all like to thank him again for his kindness in sponsoring the catering for the day.

We were pleased to see Carl again following his illness, and Lloyd Simpson who has re-joined following his illness. We wish them both well.

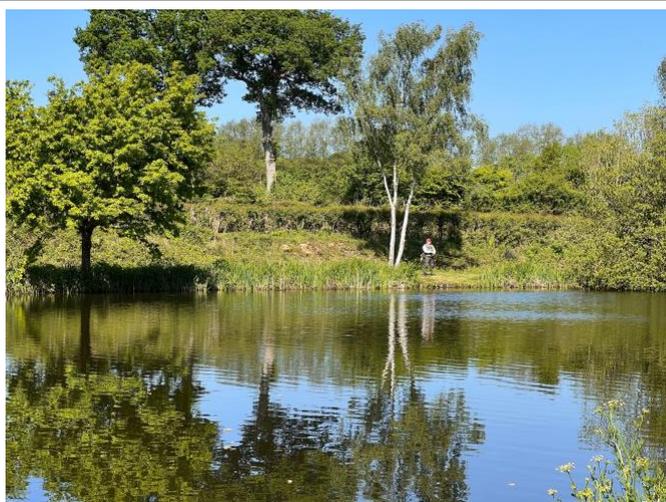
Next up John O' Gaunt on Sat 11th June for the Pairs Competition. Always good fun where we pair everybody up. You don't have to fish together, but the combined weight of each pair is totaled up, and the pair with the biggest weight will win the Trophy. In addition, the best individual weight will also win a prize. I will be sending out the final details with the pairings the week before, so if you haven't yet already paid a deposit, or said you are coming please let me know as soon as possible. To date we have 19 confirmed. We will be having breakfast at the Crown as usual. Quite a few of our members have been to JOG recently, and all have reported catching large fish so we should have a good day.

I look forward to seeing you at JOG.

Kind Regards

Michael Littlestone Hon Sec.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THE OUTING TO DUNCTON MILL IN OCTOBER HAS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD TO SATURDAY THE 8TH





LAKEDOWN Results and Winners

BEST BAG: Brian Querney:
With the top weight of
10 lb 0oz.
Wins a pair of forceps

Michael Littlestone:
The best fish of the day, a Brown of 5lb 0oz.

Secret Weight:
Steve Price wins £10

Lucky Draw Raffle

Carl Bolding: Day Ticket to Lakedown **Terry Burgess:** Day ticket to Avon Springs
Alan Butler: Travel expenses £30.00

Total No of anglers 24 Total number of fish caught 38

GALLERY



A Little Tip:

Don't leave dry flies in the same place longer than 20 seconds.

It's been reported by several competition fly fisherman that when fishing stillwater's most fly fishermen have a tendency to fish dry flies in the same place for far too long, apparently a better technique is to cast out the flies count to a maximum of 20 then re-cast to a new position.

Try moving your dry flies every 20 seconds if you don't get a take.



GALLERY



My usual thank you to Joe for his photo's and a Special thank you to Summer for stepping in taking photo's for the winners page and others that are included in this report

