



# St Michael



# FLYFISHERS

**AVON SPRINGS  
MATCH REPORT  
12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**





## DAY CAPTAIN'S MATCH REPORT ( Joe Tufo)

**My solo day**, *(Mike and Colin on Hols, Tom with Covid and Vic making the most of the last weekend of course fishing)*, started with a crisp clean Avon Springs air of optimism, having had some heavy rain the night before, the air was clean and fresh. I arrived at 7.58 with all, but a couple of anglers already tackled up, such enthusiasm for our most regular fishery. The weather was fine but a bit blustery, temperature ranging from 7-12C, this later became very windy with gusts up to 40mph! A few anglers felt the wind was becoming a bit overwhelming and finished the day at lunchtime. Breakfast as usual by Anne Marie was a wonderful treat all enjoyed it and we showed our appreciation to them at the end.

The fishing initially started a bit slowly, with one of the early fish being a gorgeous brownie (see front page photo) caught by our life President Geoff Brookes weighing in at 6lb 10oz in the bottom corner of the main lake. This was caught on a small black and green. During the first period about half the anglers, me not included, caught good quality fish.

As the wind got increasingly strong those fishing the smaller lake – “Zone 2” started to pull out some good fish. Whereas in the afternoon the hot spot was at the far end of the main lake where most members caught at least one of their fish, one or two *(who should have known better)!* were reminded to move on after catching a fish in the hot spot area. Bez caught nice fish in this zone and having attempted to dispatch it several times including seeing red, the bass bag being unzipped allowed the fish to escape!

Carl came to the fore once again with one of his unique Meon glitter tinsel flies which upon seeing me struggle he gave one to me and unsurprisingly after two casts gained me my first fish of the day in my third zone. Later I moved to the bottom lake and noticed Summer also finding it difficult having caught her first fish early on, I gave her one of Carl's Meon flies and she also caught on third cast. Other flies noted for the day were hares ears and Green and blacks including Montana's.

The day finished at 3.30 with most having caught and a total of 49 fish The biggest bag of 11lb 6 oz was won by David Broome winning a trophy, largest fish 6lb 10oz was won by Geoff Brooks for his fabulous brown see photo. Summer with a rainbow trout of 6lb 3 oz came in second with a good bag of 10lb 11oz.

**Joe Tufo** March 12th 2022



**NEXT OUTING  
ROCKBOURNE  
9TH APRIL**



THERE IS NO SECRETARYS REPORT THIS MONTH AS MICHAEL IS AWAY ON HOLIDAY



## Avon Springs Results and Winners

**Dave Broome:**  
With the top weight of  
11lb 6oz. Wins a trophy

**Geoff Brooks**  
The best Brown of the day  
6lb 10oz. Geoff won £10 but left early without his prize

### Lucky Draw Raffle

**Peter Burdett:** Day ticket for Avon Springs

**Steve Price:** Travel expenses £30.00

**Total No of anglers 21**

**Total number of fish caught 49**



# GALLERY



## A Little Tip:

**Using a sinking line to fish deeper and faster could improve your catch rate.**

If the fish are deep down because it's sunny cold or both try a weighted fly, count it down on a floating line. However, when you retrieve the fly will rise up through the water away from the fish, the faster you retrieve the further up in the water column the fly will rise.

Try fishing an intermediate or sinking line like a Di3 or Di5 this will get your fly to the right depth quicker, and you'll be able to keep it in the zone longer. Try using a faster retrieve to see if that induces a take, fishing a faster sinking line also changes the angle of which the fly will come back to the surface and that's often really effective in encouraging a trout into following the fly and then smash it at the end of your retrieve.

**Using a sinking line means you can cover depths for longer.**





# GALLERY



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