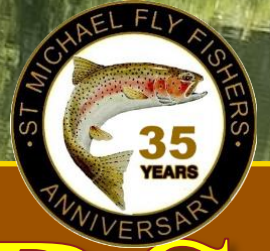




St. Michael



FLYFISHERS

John O'Gaunt
MATCH REPORT 11th JUNE 2022



DAY CAPTAIN'S MATCH REPORT

In every respect, we could not have wished for a better day before we went into our Summer Break.

21 members gathered at The Crown, where we were joined by Rachael our Website Administrator together with her husband Duncan and we enjoyed a hearty breakfast before driving the short distance to the fishery. By this time the weather was warming up nicely, blue skies, with just a gentle breeze creating a slight ripple on the water, and plenty of fish showing.

Regrettably three members who had intended to be with us had to pull out, including Dave Broome, and Lynda who had contracted Covid, I am pleased to say are well on the road to recovery. So that left us with the 21, so I withdrew from the pairs competition leaving 10 pairs competing.

Itching to get started we had a short briefing outlining the plan for the day. Everyone fished each of the four zones, 45 minutes on each, until free roaming began at 12.30. Within minutes fish were coming to the net, and so it continued all morning, some zones fishing better than others, but that's the advantage of moving, giving everyone a chance to catch. It most certainly did, and by the end of zoned period quite a few had caught their limit, and despite the increasing warmth, and bright sun we continued to catch, it was however noticeable that the fish had gone deeper. As for flies, Damsels, Buzzers, Snakes, Montana's, and many others worked. Whilst many of us sat around in the sunshine having caught our limit chatting or eating those still fishing continued to catch.

Having been weighing in steadily from 12.30 I was fairly certain I knew which pair had won the Pairs Trophy, but no, it kept constantly changing, come 5 minutes before we finished and having weighed in all but one pair I knew the winners, but **NO!** I was wrong again, up came Lloyd Simpson, who rarely catches his limit, with 4 fish weighing 12lb 4ozs, which added to Carl's 10lb 5ozs gave them 22lb 9ozs winning the day. Well done.

By the time we finished at 3pm we had caught between us 80 fish weighing 192lb 11ozs, with 19 limit bags, one of 3, and one with 1. Best fish of the day at 5lb 2ozs by Tom Smith. Best individual weight on the day was myself with 13lbs 1oz including two fish over 4lbs. Two nice Browns weighing 2lb 12ozs, and 2lb 11ozs were also caught by Vic.

Final results: The Pairs Trophy **Carl Bolding and Lloyd Simpson**, best individual weight **Mike Littlestone**, best fish **Tom Smith** both of whom won a Fly Box. The secret weight prize of £10 was won by **Carl Bolding**. In the raffle **Peter Burdett** won a day ticket to JOG, **Bez Sahami** won the travel expenses of £40, and three other prizes were won by members.

My sincere thanks to Dave Martin who assisted with the weigh in.

As I said at the beginning a great day's fishing, I am sure enjoyed by us all.

Kind Regards

Michael Littlestone Day captain

SECRETARYS REPORT JUNE 2022

After two years of COVID restrictions it's been good to get back to our regular monthly outings. There is no doubt the majority of members do want to come fishing regularly, and at virtually every fishery so far, we have easily achieved the numbers needed to ensure we can have exclusive use of the venues.

The club sponsored lunch at Rockbourne for our 35th Anniversary was a most enjoyable occasion, and Joe Tufo's sponsorship of the catering at Lakedown was very much appreciated by us all.

Just a thought, if any members would like to donate some money towards a sponsored breakfast, or maybe a lunch let me know, and I will look into it.

I know we were hoping to organise a couple of midweek social outings, apologies it did not happen. I will try to see if we can arrange to do at least one this coming Autumn. Our outing for September to a reservoir is dependent on the weather over the next couple of months, and I will let you know in due course, and if it looks a problem, I will try to find an alternative venue that is spring fed.

I wish you all a good Summer, whether you are having a staycation, or going abroad. Be safe, take care, and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kindest Regards

Michael Littlestone Hon Sec.





JOHN O'GAUNT Results and Winners

John O'Gaunt Pairs Competition:

Trophy winners:

1st Place: Carl Bolding & Lloyd Simpson:

With a combined weight of 22 lb 9oz.

2nd Place: Steve Price & Bob Fulton

With a combined weight of 21 lb 8oz.

3rd Place: Summer DeGraffham & Bill Berloth

With a combined weight of 19 lb 1oz.

Michael Littlestone:

The best Bag of the day
4 Fish at 13lb 1 oz

Tom Smith:

Biggest Fish: at 5lb 2oz

Both win a Fly Box

Lucky Draw Raffle

Peter Burdett:

Day Ticket to John O'Gaunt

Carl Bolding:

secret weight prize £10

Bez Sahami:

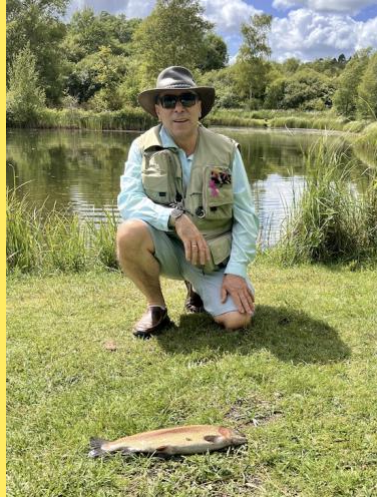
Travel expenses £40.00

Three other prizes were won
by members.

Total Number of anglers 21

Total number of fish caught 80

GALLERY



A Little Tip:

MAKING THE BEST USE OF YOUR FLY COLOURS

There are various theories about what colour flies work best under certain days - dark day, dark fly, bright day, bright fly, etc. However, fish don't read rulebooks, and these are not always the case.

Where the water is stained or murky, start off with something dark, especially in still waters, as dark flies create a silhouette which is easier for trout to see.

If that fails, try a light fly - maybe something beige or something white. If that doesn't work, go for something bright. The classic bright flies are the orange blob, the yellow dancer and the cat's whisker.

To make it easier to find out what colour works, and if the rules allow try using a bright fly on the point and drab patterns on the droppers.



GALLERY



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

