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FLYFISHERS

HOLBURY MATCH REPORT
30th SEPT 2023

HOLBURY LAKES
— Trout Fishery —





DAY CAPTAIN'S MATCH REPORT

As a regular, for many years fishing Holbury Lane lakes near Romsey, it was fantastic to see such a good turnout at the end of September.

This was the club's first visit to this picturesque fishery, with four lakes, crystal clear water, and different challenges for fishing. There were rainbows, blues, sandys and browns. The day started with a bacon and sausage roll, with tea and coffee in the fishing hut. Tea and coffee were available throughout the day in both the fishing hut and the lodge on the hill.

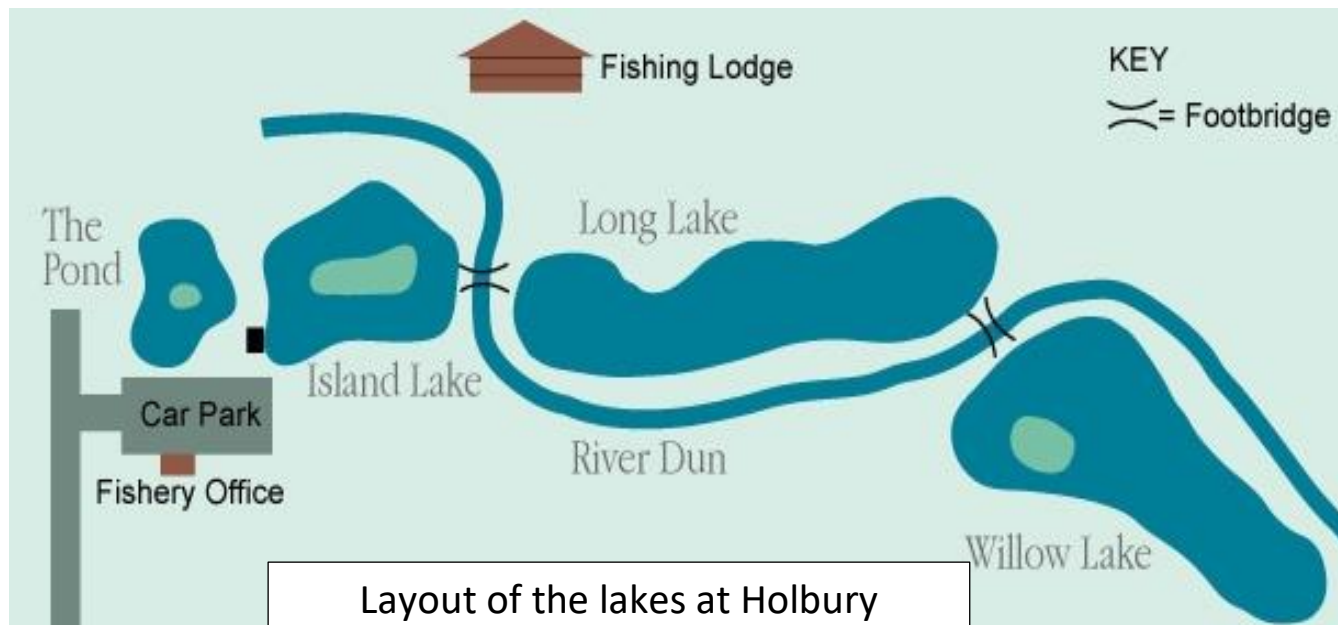
Everyone was allocated a starting lake for the first three quarters of an hour, then free roving, catch a fish then move. We also had the use of the river Dunn (tributary to the Test) after we caught our limit. The river holds a good head of wild brown trout up to pound and half. Catch and release only. The fishery is predominately a nymph and dry fly, with sight casting in the clear gin water.

The weather stayed warm and dry for us, with good fishing. I did make a birthday cake to celebrate Alan Butlers 90th, but unfortunately Alan was unable to come. In his absence we wished him a happy birthday.

After a long summer break and the disappointment of J.O.G. it was good to be back fishing again. Holbury fishes all year around with the inlet from the river Dunn, which is fed from an aquifer about a mile upstream, given a constant temperature and flow to the lakes. George the fishery manager (ex Avington) looked after us well throughout the day, making sure we all had tea and coffee. It was pleasing to hear so many positive about the fishery, which I passed on to Roger Henderson the owner, who I spoke with while he was walking around the fishery on the day. We ended the day with the draw and prizes at the lodge on the hill.

Tight lines.

Dave Cross Day Captain



SECRETARYS REPORT

My thanks to Dave Cross for his Day Captains report included with this newsletter. I would like to add, despite being out on my feet having had just a couple of hours of sleep on the Friday night it was a pretty good day on our first visit to Holbury. Everyone appeared to enjoy the day, and indicated they would like to go back next year. We were certainly well looked after, the fish were in superb condition, and fought well.

The 20 of us attending managed to weigh in 51 fish with a total weight of 142lbs 12ozs. There were 9 limit bags, 3 with 3 fish, 1 with 2, 4 with just 1, and regrettably 3 blanks. Best bag of 15Lb 1oz went to Dave Cross including one of 5lbs. As he could only win one prize, the next best fish of 3lbs 9ozs was caught by Ian Smith who was awarded the prize.

I gather some bigger fish were lost during the day, and some of those who had bagged up took the opportunity to fish the river Dunn on a catch, and release basis.

Michael Littlestone Hon Sec.



HOLBURY Results and Winners

Dave Cross:

With the top weight of 15lb 1oz.

Wins a £10 Note

Ian Smith:

The best fish of the day, a Rainbow of 3lb 9oz.

Wins a £10 Note

Lucky Draw Raffle

Charlie Thomas: Day Ticket to Holbury **Terry Burgess:** Day Ticket to Holbury

11 other anglers won prizes that had been kindly donated.

Total Number of anglers 20 Total number of fish caught 51

GALLERY





My thanks to Joe for the photos.
You can see these in more detail on the SMFF web site.

