



St. Michael Fly Fishers



MEON SPRINGS MATCH REPORT

NOVEMBER 2021

DAY CAPTAINS REPORT

A bright day with a gentle breeze greeted the 17 of us on arrival. A welcome mug of coffee or tea with biscuits set us up before the first hour's session when we fished for The George Wilding Memorial Trophy. Everyone was given the same fly, a Mini Lure size 10 Silver Flash (See Photo) to use during this first hour. Simple rule catch just one fish with this fly, return to the lodge, get it weighed in, and wait till 10.00, when whoever had the biggest one would win the trophy. It certainly was a Magic fly, within minutes, maybe seconds, fish were being caught. In fact, everyone caught a fish, first time ever. A cracking Rainbow of 5lb 10ozs taken by Iain Laws deservedly won him the Trophy. Well done Iain. Five fish of 3lb plus were also caught during this session.

Breakfast was then available, Bacon, and Sausage rolls washed down with yet more tea, and coffee. Session 2 on the main lake only, with half of us on each side. Catch one fish only, and swap sides when the hooter sounded, and catch another fish. Many persisted with the same Silver Flash fly which accounted for quite a few more fish, but other patterns including the Blue Flash Damsel worked well. Free roaming then from around 11.45 including the upper lake till we came in for lunch at 1pm, by which time many had caught their limit.

After our lunch break, and being Remembrance Sunday Tom said a few words, and we had a minute's silence before carrying on fishing. As most of us had bagged up we decided to weigh in at 2.30 or maybe it was 3.00, I can't remember (early signs of memory loss) Any way it gave the few still to catch their limit a bit more time, and those whom had bagged up the opportunity to fish the catch, and release bottom lake, I gather with some success.

All in all, it was an excellent day, with 15 limit bags. The fish were in superb condition and fought well. It was a pity we didn't find the other larger fish which Greg had put in for us, perhaps some more authentic patterns might have found them, never mind it was a memorable day enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Greg for his hospitality and making us so welcome. He also donated a 4 fish ticket for our raffle, and a couple of bottles of wine.

I really hope we can have a better attendance next year.

Michael Littlestone

Ps. I have been asked where that fly came from. Fastmail Tackle SKU REF No ML20 Mini Lure SILVER FLASH Size 10.

Did anyone lose a pair of Forceps, also a Bass bag?. Let me know.



SECRETARY'S REPORT NOV 2021

As we approach the end of our season may I remind all members the final outing of the year will take place on Saturday 11th December at Avon Springs where we will also hold our AGM, and therefore give formal notice this will take place at 3pm, during which a full afternoon tea will be served. Should any member wish to put forward any notice of motion to be considered at this meeting it must be sent by email to the Hon Secretary by Friday 3rd December duly proposed, and seconded. No notices of motion will be accepted on the day. The agenda will be emailed to all members 7 days prior to the meeting. Please bring it with you for your reference.

OTHER MATTERS

Our best wishes go to Colin Mann, Bill Berloth, Brian Maguire, and Ian Smith who for various reasons are not able to join us at the moment, we wish them well, and hope to see them very soon.

I look forward to seeing you at Avon Springs on the 11th of December and I will be emailing the details the week before.

Michael Littlestone. Hon Secretary



Meon Springs Results and Winners

Winner of GEORGE WILDING Trophy: Iain Laws with a fish 5lb 10oz

Best Bag: Iain Laws with a bag of 12lbs 12oz wins £10

Best fish: Steve Price: with a fish at 3lbs 12oz wins A knot tying tool

RAFFLE

Steve Price: 4 fish ticket to Meon Springs
Steve Argent, David Toogood, Dave Broome, Tom Smith: A Bottle of wine each

Days Cost of £30 donated back to our club funds

GALLERY 1



GALLERY 2



Thanks once again to Joe Tufo and others for supplying the Photo's for this issue