

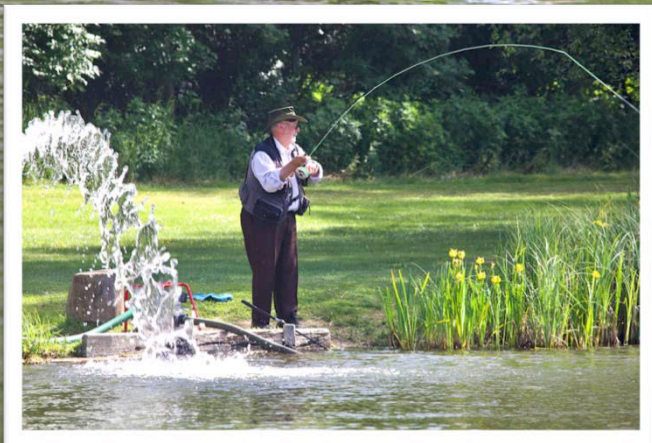


# St Michael



# FLYFISHERS

John O'Gaunt Match Report 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021







## DAY CAPTAIN'S MATCH REPORT



Well what a fine day we were treated to at John O Gaunt, the weather really could not have been finer, however with a full week of extreme heat just past we were treated to the sight [ and sound ] of water sprays on the lower lake for the first time. Prior to this however the full English breakfast taken at The Crown Inn was most welcomed – can't really answer quite why we were accommodated inside, which was a shame as the garden would have been splendid. Perhaps though the neighbours may not have appreciated the fisherman's banter at that time in the morning?

Despite the fact that most of us think we know a bit about the venue, you never really know quite how matters are going to turn out. The usual front section of the lower lake is generally regarded as one of the 'hot' [not pun intended] banks of the lake. This time however this was not to be the case, with only one or maybe two fish coming to the net along here during the day. However, the smaller, gin clear lake ran more or less to form, with areas around the springs attracting fish from the moment go.

By lunch time most anglers appeared to have caught fish, and as usual the afternoon become progressively harder. Still those that persisted until the end did catch fish – the fish remaining sat over the cool uprising springs. On reflection, the day really demonstrated quite why the club now have to take a summer recess, with summers becoming increasingly hotter, unless we can secure a range of cool, spring fed lakes, trout fishing beyond early morning, or into the gloaming is really quite hard work.

As for the results of the double's match, hearty congratulations to Bill and Joe, who, with a combined weight of 24 lbs 9 oz just pipped Linda and David to first place by 2 lbs 11 oz. Having had Bill comment earlier in the day that he usually struggles at John O' Gaunt, I thought it rather ironic, that not only was he part of the winning doubles team, he also caught the largest trout, a fine fish of 7 lbs 10 oz lbs, AND went on to win a prize in the raffle also !

That's the last time I listen to Bill that's for sure! Only joking, well done Bill.

Prior to signing off, one note of clarification. So if I may. There's seemed to be some confusion regarding quite what to do after catching a fish during the 'free roaming session'. Apologies if I did not make the matter clear, but having caught a fish, members are expected to relocate to a different section, or lake. These sections are defined by the map of the venue, copies of which are provided to all members upon starting our day.

Well in signing off until the Autumn, here's wishing you all a fine and peaceful Summer, I very much look forward to meeting up with you all again then.

*Vic Holloway* Day Captain

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



As we enter the Summer break we have at least managed five outings so far the season , all be it two of them social, but I must say extremely well attended. It just goes to show how much we have missed our fishing this past 15 months.

Our outing to Lakedown, despite the weather was great, hard fighting fish in the most beautiful surroundings, and we will certainly return there next season. The midweek trip to Farmoor was probably the most successful reservoir outing we have had for a long time, and it appears members would support at least a couple of social outings each season. We certainly have missed Lechlade for two seasons now, but will return there next season.

The paying for our outings, and raffle in advance by BACS has proved very successful, and on behalf of Tom we thank you all for this. It also enables us to pay the fisheries a couple of days in advance of our visit, all of which makes Tom's job much easier, and he can enjoy his fishing.

We still have to organise the delayed Trophy presentations for last year, and your Committee will discuss the options, and how, and when this will be done.



Moving on, hopefully the remainder of our outings will go to plan, being Duncton Mill in October, Meon Springs November, and Avon Springs, and our AGM in December. As far as September is concerned it is likely to be a reservoir trip, but we need to see how the summer weather goes, and take a decision later on. I will keep you posted

I am pleased to say Rachael our website administrator, some of you will have met her at Lakedown, has made a lot of improvements to the site, and is really keeping it up to date, as well as our Facebook page. So if you haven't looked at it recently, please do. You can post news, story's, tackle you want to sell etc under the Forum tab.

Finally we send our best wishes to Carl following his operation, Brain Maguire receiving treatment, Colin Mann waiting for a prognosis with his walking, and Brian Quearney with a back problem. We wish them all well, and hope to see them at the waterside soon.

All that remains for me to say is have a good summer where ever, and what ever you will be doing.

*Michael Littlestone* Hon Secretary.

## John O'Gaunt Results

PAIR No	NAMES	Number of fish	Total Weight lbs	ozs	Heaviest Fish lbs	ozs	PAIR No	COMBINED WEIGHT lbs	ozs	PAIRS POSITION
9	Joe Tufo	4	9	9						
9	Bill Berloth	4	15	0	7	10		24	9	FIRST
1	Dave Broome	4	11	0	3	12				
1	Linda Foster	4	10	14				21	14	SECOND
3	Bez Sahami	4	11	0	3	15				
3	Geoff Brooks	4	10	11	3	9		21	11	THIRD
8	Bob Fulton	4	9	9						
8	Colin Bateman	4	10	5				19	14	FOURTH
5	Mike Littlestone	3	7	3						
5	Brian Bloom	4	9	12				16	15	FIFTH
4	Peter Burdett	3	8	9						
4	Terry Burgess	3	8	4				16	13	SIXTH
7	Vic Holloway	4	9	12						
7	Iain Laws	2	6	2				15	14	SEVENTH
6	Dave Martin	4	10	15						
6	Alan Butler	2	4	2				15	1	EIGHTH
2	Dave Haskins	2	6	14	3	12				
2	Lynne Haskins	0	0	0				6	14	NINTH
	Tom Smith	0								
		59								
No OF ANGLERS		19								
TOTAL FISH CAUGHT		55								
TOTAL WEIGHT		159 lbs	5 ozs							
AVERAGE FISH WEIGHT		2lb 11oz								
AVERAGE FISH PER ROD		3.1								
Bill Berloth and Joe Tufo win the John Fuller Pairs Trophy										
Bill also won a set of leaders for best individual top weight										
Bill also had the best fish but he cant win both prizes, so Bez with a fish of 3lbs 15ozs won a pack of flies										
The secret weight prize of £10 was awarded for the smallest bag which was Alan Butler with 4lbs 2ozs										
LUCKY DRAW RAFFLE										
£30 towards your days expenses Bill Berloth. GOOD DAY THEN BILL										
Day Tickets For John O Gaunt were won by Dave Haskins and Dave Martin										
Day Ticket for Lechlade was won by Colin Bateman										
A day at Farmoor with boat, and two 6 fish tickets won by Michael Littlestone										



Sorry, but no Photo's featuring the prize winners on this occasion. Our esteemed photographer had left a little earlier and I was unable to use my mobile to take photos as my battery had run flat.





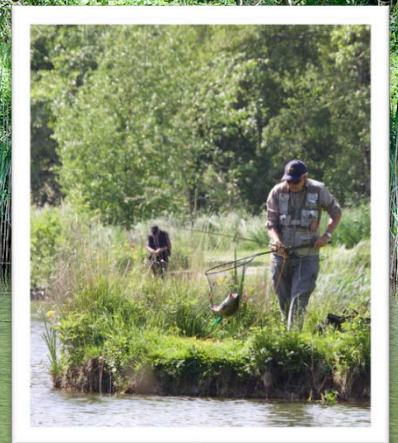
## A LITTLE TIP

### Scale your fly size down

If the fishing is really tough and the fish are turning their noses at up at all of the flies you chuck at them, then scaling down your fly size can be really effective.

Most stillwater fly fishers use flies in the range of size 8, size 10 or, at the smallest size 12. Scale down to a size 14, 16 or even 18 nymph or dry and you may be surprised at the results. Sometimes, scaling down to a tiny fly makes all the difference.





Please visit the SMFF web site to see these and more of Joe's great photo's in more detail