# ST MICHAEL FLY FISHERS

## NEWSLETTER

*John O Gaunt 20th June2015*

***Our day captain Bez giving us our instructions for the day.***

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## SECRETARYS REPORT

As always our yearly visit to John O Gaunt during Mayfly time gives everyone a pretty good chance of catching his or her limit bag. Well not quite everyone on this occasion. Of the 21 anglers there were 11 limit bags, 5 with 3 fish, and 5 with 2 fish. Despite being in a hot spot, and receiving specific instructions from other members our esteemed Treasurer Kevin only managed 2 fish. It was good to see Dave Newman back with us following an operation for a broken hip, we tried to sit him down in one spot, but he was soon off hobbling round the lake, and managed to bag up. Well-done Dave. It was also nice to see my son Josh back on the waterside after nearly two years, he brought his girlfriend with him for moral support, and he also bagged up. Our winner of the day was Ian Mc Gregor with a bag weighing 11lbs 14ozs. Best fish of he day was 3lb 3ozs and was caught by Basher Broome. Several of us adjourned to the pub for a spot of lunch. All in all a most enjoyable day in pleasant company.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

1. **A HEARTY BREAKFAST**
2. **GOOD WEATHER**
3. **VIC HOLLOWAY ARRIVING LATE**
4. **A PROPER PORTER LOO. NEEDED THAT**
5. **WELL-SUPPORTED RAFFLE. THANKS GUYS**
6. **SOME OLD FACES BACK IN THE FOLD**
7. **69 FISH BROUGHT TO THE SCALES**
8. **IAN MAC GREGOR WINNING THE DAY 11 lbs. 14ozs**
9. **BASHER BROOME WITH BEST FISH 3lb 3oz**
10. **LAST BUT NOT LEAST A GREAT DAY HAD BY ALL**

# OUR WINNER ON THE DAY

*WELL DONE IAN YOU SHOULD COME MORE OFTEN*

*GEORGE LOOKING HAPPY AFTER WINNING FIRST PRIZE IN THE RAFFLE*

*PETER WILSON WITH ONE OF HIS 3 FISH*

All Smiles After The Raffle

# Day captains report By Bez Sahami

*23 members, and guests piled in to the Crown Pub for the usual excellent breakfast from mine hosts Terry, and June. Having full tums, buying raffle tickets, and paying their dues to the Treasurer it was off to the fishery over a very bumpy road. After tackling up, and giving my briefing for the day off we went to start fishing. The fishery was divided into 4 sections, three on the large lake, and one on the small lake. 35 minutes per section, one fish from a section. Everyone was given a map of the fishery showing the 4 zones. However it appears some members had difficulty in reading same. Map reading courses are available; please contact the Hon Sec if you would to attend one of these courses!! After the 4 moves it was free roaming, with the proviso that once you had caught a fish you had to move to another section. Well that was what you were supposed to do.*

*It was decided to have the weigh in at 1pm, and any member who had not caught their limit could carry on fishing afterwards though any further fish caught would not count towards the competition.*

*The fishing was not as easy as in past visits, but 11 members had bagged up by 1pm, and another 5 had caught 3 fish. The average fish size was between 2 and 3 lbs., and most were caught on PTN's Buzzers, and Damsels.*

*A total of 69 fish were brought to the scales weighing 173 lbs 6 ozs*

*Top weight Ian Mac Gregor 11lbs 14ozs*

*Best Fish David Broome 3 lbs 3 ozs*

*Ian shows us another*

*Ian catches one*

*Josh with his first trout for nearly two years*

*Linda looking very professional*

*At last Kevin catches a fish*

# Next Event Farnmoor Pairs Sat 19th September

*Hard Fighting Rainbows and some Big Browns waiting to be caught*

*FINAL DETAILS FOR THIS OUTING WILL BE E MAILED TO YOU IN DUE COURSE*
*I HAVE 5 BOATS BOOKED, BUT SO FAR ONLY 9 MEMBERS HAVE SAID THEY WILL ATTEND BEING MESSRS BERLOTH, BROOME, BURDETT, DEE, DOHERTY, I SMITH, TUFO, HARRISON AND RORY MAGUIRE. IF ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO GO PLEASE LET ME KNOW*

*During July, as you will have read from the e mails I sent out, we had two mid week social outings to Avon Springs, and last Thursday to Busheyleaze. The former proved very successful with bags of excellent hard fighting Rainbows many over 4 lbs. I think we all bagged up. Busheyleaze proved far more difficult with just a few fish caught, but it was good to have a relaxing day out during the Summer break from our competition events. We may try and organise another outing this month subject to finding a spring fed water that is fishing OK.*

*On July 11th George and I attended the Fishing For Forces day at Meon Springs sponsored by John Lewis. With over 50 anglers in attendance it was a great day. We all took part in a hours Clay pigeon shooting, lots of sore shoulders the next day, and the fishing was excellent, we both bagged up, and George had the second biggest bag. Breakfast, Lunch, and Afternoon tea were provided. There was also a raffle, and an auction, and I believe they raised about £9,000. The water there on both lakes is crystal clear, and spring fed. You can easily spot the fish. . There is also a catch and release lake once you have bagged up. I am sure when we go there in October we will have a cracking day. Superb facilities, and a super lodge, and tackle shop.*

*A GREAT PHOTO OF OUR MOST SENIOR MEMBER, AND WITH A FULL BAG. YES OF FISH*

# Lymington Sea Fishing - June 19th 2015

We started the day with Bright blue skies and light winds with high hopes and expectations. Manta ray together with their three-man crew was spotless and full of enthusiasm. We set off at 7.30 heading at over 30knots towards the west of the Isle of Wight and the Needles to fish sand banks for the reported shoals of Sea Bass.
The crew at great cost had the previous day driven to Cornwall to collect the highly desired Sand eels that the Bass were feeding on.
By 8.15 we were already fishing for the Bass on a drifting track guided mostly by the tide, the wind was no more than about 5-6mph, initially. Later we found this increased and were also influenced by the rising tide. Both Kevin and I were very excited at having hooked into two wonderful Sea bass after our first drift and we started anticipating large hauls of large bass, what a mistake! However, I was pleased to catch my biggest ever bass just under 10lbs, which was shortly followed by Kevin with a 6-7lb bass.

We continued moving around on various drifts to the south and west of IOW and caught a variety of different species including Kevin's first Thornback Ray. By mid afternoon the winds started to get up to 15knots and we started to find the bass becoming more elusive we caught over 6 plus a variety of other species. By 3.30 with waves over a three feet and George feeling decidedly unwell we started the much slower journey back to Lymington Harbour. All in all most people had a good day and reflected that they would like to return next year.