

St Michael Fly Fishers Match Report



LECHLADE

With good weather promised for the day
A good breakfast in comfortable surroundings.
A chance to catch up with old friends.
A shared fishing story or two.
Then to the serious business of fishing.

A good days fishing for some and a bit of a struggle
for others, however the weather held fair and gave
us a rare mild February day.

Tom Smith was Day Captain the following is his
report on the day.



Day Captains Report FEBRUARY 2019

A CRACKING START TO THE SEASON WITH 8 DOUBLES BROUGHT TO THE SCALES.

The weather promised fair for this the first outing for 2019; and fair it was. The unseasonably mild weather lasted throughout the day; a little short on breeze perhaps. We foregathered as normal, tackled up, warm drink and biscuits, a quick welcome to the members and our guests for the day from Croxley Green, a briefing on the day and a photo-call and we were on the water for 08.45 as planned.

We all fished all three zones before the excellent breakfast provided by Charlotte, helped by Tim and the lads. Then back on the water for free roaming for the rest of the day. Jug was up to standard with a fish out of the water with his first few casts. We fished to 15.30 when we conducted the weigh in and prize draw.

The figures speak for themselves; 42 fish at an average weight of 8lb 14oz. Eight double figure fish; the heaviest to Brian Maguire at 12lb 15oz. and the biggest bag shared between the Chairman, Geoff Brooks and David Broome both of whom also bagged up with their 4 fish.

A good cheerful start to the year with plenty of banter and camaraderie and everyone looking forward to Duncton Mill in March.

Tom Smith Day Captain

Tribute to George Wilding

If you are ever near enough in Berkshire; perhaps visiting the SPORTFISH Game Fishing Centre near Reading, you are only a few miles away from a recent memorial to our late, much loved Chairman – George Wilding.

Just off the M4 motorway lies Barn Elms Fly Fishing Lakes. Search around the tranquil two lakes! You will eventually find the tribute, placed through St Michael Fly Fishers Ltd, by donation from George's close business colleagues, and workmates from Marks & Spencer. In a commanding position at one of his favourite spots, we like to feel we stay connected.

With great respect. *Geoff Brooks,* Chairman & President St Michael Fly Fishers

HAD A GOOD DAY FISHING ?

If you have had a good days fishing at a fishery that our cub is not visiting this year we would all love to hear about it.

"Share your experience", please send me details and I will include it in the next match report. Perhaps other club members would like to give it a try.

Bill Berloth

REMINDER!! YOUR FISHING LICENCE

It is coming up to that time of year again.

HON SECRETARY'S REPORT

I was so disappointed to have missed the first outing of the season to Lechlade as I deliberately returned from my holiday on the Thursday, and went down with a gastric bug the following day. I gather you all had a pretty good day. My sincere thanks to Tom for running the day.

On the membership front we are pleased to welcome two new members, John Ireland, and Steve Argent, both of whom attended Lechlade, and caught. We look forward to seeing them again at future outings.

We extend our best wishes to Lloyd Simpson who is recovering from a knee replacement, and he hopes to come to Dunton if he is allowed

to drive, even if he is not able to fish.

Also to Carl Bolding who goes into hospital later this month for a long awaited operation. We will however see him at Dunton as it is a few days before his op.

As you will know from the AGM it was decided not to run the season's competition this year. However trophies will be awarded for the following. Best overall bag at Dunton next outing. Best fish at Avon Springs in April. The Pairs Trophy at John O'Gaunt in June. The George Wilding Memorial at Meon Springs in November, and one for the biggest fish of the season. In addition the raffle at each outing will give the lucky ticket holders a day ticket as first prize, and £30 towards your day's travel costs as second prize. In addition we have a few prizes for the secret weight.

I look forward to seeing you all at Dunton on March 23rd.

Michael Littlestone

End of day results **LECHLADE**

Best bag

GEOFF BROOKS & DAVID BROOME

Both with 4 fish @ 32lbs 6oz

Biggest Fish...

BRIAN MAGUIRE fish @ 12lbs 15oz

Total Number of fish caught 42

NEXT OUTING

Dunton Mill 23rd March

Full details to follow

Gallery





With thanks to Joe Tufo for his great photography including some stunning aerial photo's. Check out the rest of his photo's on the club website