

St. Michael Fly Fishers

Match Report

JOHN O'GAUNT PAIR'S

JUNE 2019

Day Captain: Michael Littlestone

DAY CAPTAIN'S & SECRETARY'S REPORT

Flaming June has been flaming wet, but for this outing it was a beautiful day, could it be summer has arrived?

20 of us met at the Crown Inn for an excellent breakfast, then off to the fishery. The fishery was divided into four zones, and everyone would fish each zone once for 35 minutes. I still find it amazing that one or two anglers are unable to read the zone plan. One member said to me "I don't know where my partner is, we elected to fish each zone together, but I haven't seen him at all". No names mentioned.

Map reading lessons will be available next season.

Despite this fish were coming to the net from the word go. The favourite Blue Flash Damsel worked well, as did Buzzers, Pheasant tails, Hares Ears, and I believe Dries also. On the smaller lake fish were rising everywhere, and Eddie Edwards who we insisted stayed in one place, bagged up with 10lbs 10ozs, and even dropped a couple as well. From 11.50 it was free roaming till we stopped for lunch just after 1pm by which time 18 of us had either bagged up, or wanted to weigh in. Congratulations must go to Joe Tufo, and his novice guest partner PJ, each of them bagging up with a combined weight of 23lbs 15ozs. Both of them also caught a fish that weighed exactly 5lb 3ozs. If you remember Joe actually managed to blank last year, so Joe wins the John Fuller Memorial Trophy, and should PJ join the club this season they will be able to share it.

Top individual was Rob Wise with a weight of 12lb 8ozs including a fish of 5lb 8ozs, he was presented with a wooden box of beautifully tied flies. All in all it was a really good day with 16 of us bagging up. We caught 70 fish weighing 179lbs 5ozs. The fish were in excellent condition, and fought hard. It is great to see those members who often struggle sometimes catch their limit, plenty of smiling faces. **Isn't that what it's all about.**

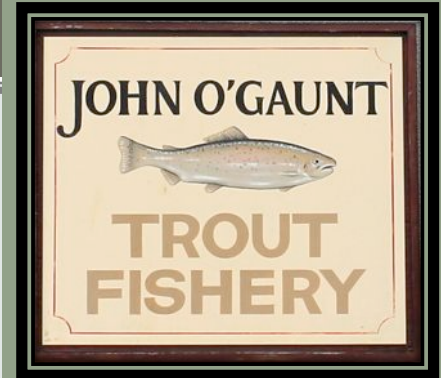
Thanks to everyone who supported the lucky draw. Steve Argent had the first ticket drawn **again**, and won a day ticket for JOG, our esteemed Treasurer Tom had the next ticket winning £30 towards his days travel costs, and guest Steve Carter won a bottle of wine.

Kevin's wife Lizzie had given Joe all his tackle, which he brought along, and members had the opportunity to buy items. All monies raised will go to the hospice where Kevin spent his last few days. I gather some members also gave a donation. There will be a further opportunity to buy items at a future outing, thank you to all those who contributed.

That is about it for now. Lets see how the weather fares over the next couple of month and I will let you know about the proposed outing to Ravensthorpe on 21st September. Between now, and then if it not too hot maybe we can organise a mid-week outing somewhere. If you are going on holiday, have a great time, and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Best wishes

Michael Littlestone.



WELL DONE ALL !

We raised £150 on the day for St Raphael's Hospice, with members buying Kevin's fishing items. I decided to buy a couple of sea fishing items, a rod and a net for £100.00 taking the total so far to £450. I will reissue the spreadsheet to show what is left. Hopefully we will exceed the target of £500.00.

Thank you to everyone that participated or made a donation.

Joe Tufo



RESULTS AT THE END OF THE DAY

1st: Joe Tufo & PJ
Combined weight of 23 lbs 15oz

2nd: Jugs & Rob wise
Combined weight of 21 lbs 9oz

3rd: Eddie Edwards & Peter Burdett
Combined weight of 21 lbs 6oz

4th: Terry Burgess & Steve Carter
Combined weight of 19 lbs 12oz

5th: Bez Sahami & Bob Fulton
Combined weight of 19 lbs 10oz

6th: Bill Berloth and Colin Mann
Combined weight of 19 lbs 6oz

7th: Dave Broome and Tom Smith
Combined weight of 17 lbs 9oz

8th: Steve Argent & Brian Bloom
Combined weight of 14 lbs 4oz

9th: Vic Holloway & Gary Mahon
Combined weight of 13 lbs 0oz

10th: Mike Littlestone & John Ireland
Combined weight of 8 lbs 2oz

Best Fish of the day:
Rob Wise with a fish of 5 lbs 8oz

Raffle winners:
Steve Argent won a day ticket to John O'Gaunt
Tom Smith won £30.00 for his expenses
Steve Carter won a bottle of wine

Total Number Fishing 20
Total Number of fish caught 70

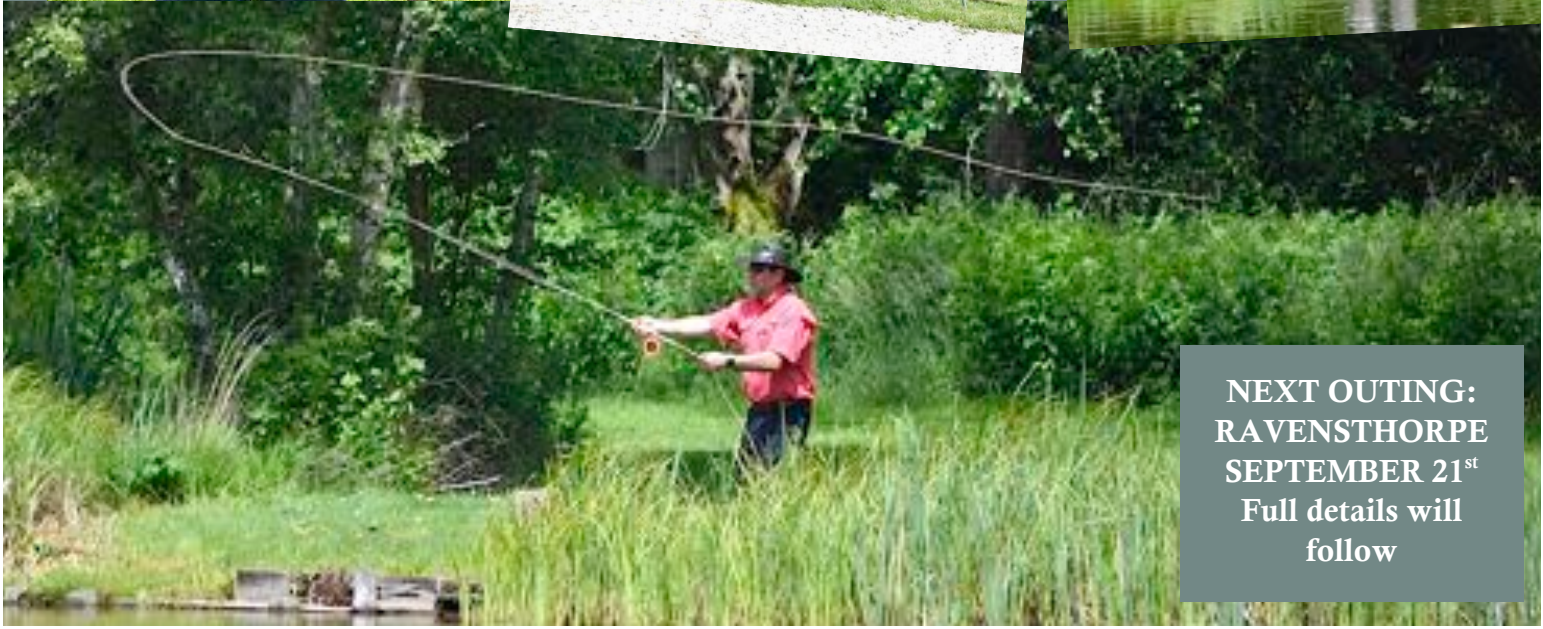


GALLERY

With thanks to Joe Tufo

Follow Joe's link below to see all the J O'Gaunt photo's

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ui8odlnmyrn5aoo/AABtBT324dIdCzsYCc_2KjRDa?dl=0



**NEXT OUTING:
RAVENSTHORPE
SEPTEMBER 21st
Full details will
follow**