



St. Michael Fly Fishers

Avon Springs

Match Report, April 2021



AVON SPRINGS DAY CAPTAINS REPORT

Our first meeting of the year after a weary period of lockdown was held at Avon Springs on 17th April 2021.

The day at the start was a little chilly but the sun came out and it quickly warmed us. After gorging on sausage and bacon baps we were eager to start fishing. In the morning there was very little wind and this added to a problem on the small lake as there was a considerable amount of floating scum.

There were few fish caught in the morning but in the afternoon a light north easterly breeze seemed to encourage the fish and they started to appear near the surface. This did not mean they were willing to take an artificial fly but at least some of them were caught to the relief of the anglers.

There were 19 members and guests present and 35 fish were caught. Apparently the larger fish did not appear. However Joe managed the biggest bag of the day. His best fish was 5lb6oz The second biggest fish was caught by David Broome at 4lb 11oz..

A minute's silence was observed to mark the funeral of Prince Philip.

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Day Captain

End of day results

Joe Tufo: Took the prize for top weight of 12lb 6oz.

Dave Broome: Took the prize for the best Rainbow of the day at 4lb 11oz
(Joe did land the best fish of the day at 5lb 6oz but Club rules apply)

Dave Haskins: Won £10 for being closest to the secret weight of 7lbs 4ozs

Lucky Draw Raffle

Colin Bateman: A day ticket for Avon Springs

Bob Fulton: £30 towards travel costs.

Martin Eastman: Bottle of whisky.

Dave Martin: A bottle of wine.

Total No of anglers 19 Total number of fish caught 35



A Little Tip

If the sun comes out, fish deeper

Where other animals have eyelids they can squint, or pupils that can constrict to help block out bright light, trout do not. They can't squint and their pupils don't constrict.

Their eyes are adapted for lower light levels, so when it's sunny, they don't feel that comfortable and they'll drop through the water layers to find deeper water where less light has penetrated. When the sun comes out, make sure that you try fishing deeper, otherwise the trout may miss your flies.

Hon SECRETARY's REPORT

After what seemed an eternity it was great to see a good turnout at our first outing of 2021. Puzzled for a few moments I did not recognise someone with really long hair, who was it? No I really don't know, have to ask him. Turned out to be Martin Eastment whom was waiting for estimate from his barber. Martin passed me by a few times that day, and I still didn't recognise him at first. APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING. There is photo of Martin receiving a raffle prize on page 1 of the newsletter.

We were pleased to welcome new member Colin Bateman, and past member John Huntley. We look forward to seeing both of them at future outings. As promised, and to make up for those many months we missed fishing, we will arrange a couple of extra social outings, the first of which is to Rockbourne on Sat 1st May with 17 of us going. Depending on the weather I will arrange a trip to Farmoor in June, and will email you once the date is confirmed. The next official club outing is to Lakedown on 15th May, and we have 14 members confirmed so far. We need a couple more so if you would like to come let me know, and if anyone would like to bring a guest they will more than welcome. On behalf of Tom, our esteemed Treasurer, we thank you all for paying in advance by bank transfer, or cheque. The amount of time this saves Tom is enormous, and he can now enjoy a full days fishing with the rest of us.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kindest Regards *Michael Littlestone* Hon Secretary





To see all the great photo's that Joe took on the day in more detail
visit the SMFF web site.