

Day Captain . . . . . JOE TUFO

June 2018



# St Michael Fly Fishers

## Match Report

### JOHN O ' GAUNT

### John Fuller Memorial Pairs Trophy

## DAY CAPTAIN'S REPORT

**Our day commenced with a wonderful breakfast at the Crown Inn, Kings Sombourne. "A great way to start the day".**

As we were fishing today for The John Fullers Pairs Trophy it was important that I had all the pairs rules sheets sorted in preparation for the day's festivities. Unfortunately between printing them all off and the final count on the day I had to change pairings around twice, apologies to members for any confusion or discomfort as a result, especially if your partner changed and he won with his new partner, sorry for possible spoiler!

The weather started very brightly unlike the forecast for cloud cover temperature at 18C with little wind just enough for a small ripple. After the briefing and group photo we set off for the three zones two on the main lake and the small gin clear lake as the third zone. Unlike past years when many caught on one of the first few casts this time out it took a lot longer before word of the first fish to pass around, in fact more than half did not catch on the first zone, very unusual for JOG. There was a wonderful display of a variety of Damsels and Dragonflies on the water with the odd sighting of Mayfly, which boded well for the day's activities.

It was soon clear that a lot of the fish were in fairly deep water on zone three, these were down as deep as 6-8 feet forcing a number to use heavy flies and long leaders. There was, as usual an abundance of advice as to best tactics, especially for those less fortunate that after fishing the three zones, to not have caught their first fish, myself being one of these! The flies used varied from the most common, *of course* being THE BLUE FLASH DAMSEL, through to pheasant tails, daddies, cat's whiskers and the odd buzzer or two. After 4 hours of exhausting my fly box of a variety of light medium and very heavy flies and having been broken twice, it was my first visit to JOG without catching a fish, at least no fish to dispose of, clean or smelly nets!

However unlike past years where everyone bagged up by 1.30 this time only 7 anglers caught their 4 fish, 4 caught 3 fish and the remaining 5 caught only one or two fish. I do not think this was the fault of the fishery but rather the very warm water temperature and bright sunshine.

There was a bit of a mix up during the weigh-in as the Club scales were out of action, but it was eventually sorted out and order was restored. The pairs competition was won by the days new pairing of **Dave Broome** and **Vic Holloway** with a combined weight of 27lb 9oz, they will receive their trophy at the AGM at Avon Springs in December.







## Day Captains Report Cont:

Congratulations to **Jugs** for a fine bag weighing 15lb 12oz and the biggest fish of 4lb 7oz. Jugs took away the day ticket prize for the biggest bag and As he could not win both prizes **Bob Fulton** was the very grateful recipient of the fishing jacket for a nice 4lb 1oz fish.

All in all a great days fishing for the majority of members and back to the drawing board for me, perhaps I will need to wear my headphones next outing to play soothing music. Kevin was unfortunate to be able to make it this outing as he was admitted to hospital the day before, our best wishes for a speedy recovery and that he will be able to hopefully join us for our next mid week outing to Ravensthorpe on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We still have places if members would like to join us we have currently booked 6 boats.

*Joe Tufo* Day captain

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is hard to believe we are already half way through 2108, where does the time go? With five outings completed, and four more to go I will be publishing the season to date positions later this month ,which will be available to read under the member's section of our web site.

As Mike Stephens has resigned as Chairman, having moved to Yorkshire, and with Tom, Joe, and myself dealing with the day to day running of the club, we needed someone to act as temporary Chairman till our AGM in December. We have asked our President Geoff Brooks if would kindly step into this role, to which he has agreed. Geoff having been a founder member since the club was formed some 30 years ago will, I know be more than able to assist us during this time.

With this now in place your Committee will be meeting in the next few days, and one of the agenda items is to look at venues for next year. We appreciate not all members are able to attend every outing, which sometimes mean we cannot meet the numbers for exclusive use. With this in mind we will look at a few fisheries where the minimum number will be around 15. If you have fished any of these smaller waters, and consider them suitable for 15 or so anglers please let me know. We will also consider adding a couple of mid-week social outings during next season, Barn Elms near Reading could be one of them. Obviously where we know we will have sufficient numbers, such as Avon Springs, John O'Gaunt, Duncton Mill, and possibly Avington again, these will be on the list.

I don't know how many of you read Trout Fisherman, they are running a campaign to encourage anglers to fish their local reservoirs. During the summer break is the ideal time with deep, and therefore cooler water. I copy the article herewith.

### SAVE OUR RESERVOIRS

*Calling all fly anglers. It's time to use it or lose it. Our reservoirs are struggling to make ends meet, and need the support of fly anglers if they are going to remain in business. Trout Fisherman Magazine is asking all anglers to make at least one extra visit to their local reservoir every season. This is only a small effort on our part, putting them in a better position to remain open the following year. We have always had good fly-fishing waters in the UK, but we must never take them for granted. Huge efforts are being made by most waters to offer a better service to anglers, let's repay them with our custom.*

### CALL YOUR LOCAL RESERVOIR AND BOOK A BOAT OR BANK TICKET

On that note I end my report, and look forward to seeing some of you at Ravensthorpe on 4th July. By the way we still have room for a few more. To everyone else have a great Summer till we meet again at Farmoor on 15th September.

*Michael Littlestone* Secretary

### Social Outing: RAVENSTHORPE

On the 4<sup>th</sup> JULY More details will follow. If you are going or wish to go please confirm with Michael Littlestone Asap.

## End of day results John O'Gaunt



### PAIRS COMPETITION

**Dave Broome and Vic Holloway**  
**Win the John Fuller Pairs Trophy.**  
**with 8 fish @ 21lbs 15oz**



### THE DAYS BEST BAG

**Jugs wins a day ticket to JOG**  
**With 4 fish @ 15lbs 12oz**



### BIGGEST FISH

**Bob Fulton wins a fishing jacket**  
**With a fish @ 4lbs 1oz**

( Jugs had the biggest fish at 4lb 7oz but Club rules apply so the award goes to Bob for the next biggest fish. )

### SECRET WEIGHT 4lb 12oz

**Winners were Geoff Brooks & his**  
**grandson Bracken with bag of 4lb 13oz**

**Total number of anglers 19**  
**Total Number of fish caught 51**



GALLERY

