St Michael
Fly Fishers

John O'Gaunts
July 9th 2016

John O'Gaunts – Fuller Pairs

"Most Anglers bagged up by Lunchtime"

The day got off to a great start with a Hearty and pleasant breakfast at the Grosvenor Hotel, unfortunately we were originally promised a speedy buffet breakfast so this delayed us getting away until 9am, sorry guys we will try to ensure this does not happen again.

The Days fishing

Following breakfast in Stockbridge we made our way to JOG. After the brief, briefing we got off to a fine days fishing with the fishery split into 3 zones. Main lake zones 1 & 2 and the smaller Spring lake as Zone 3. As this was our Fullers pairs Trophy event we were randomly split into pairs to ensure a degree of fairness. We were also joined by two new members making their debuts with us, Don Pope and Paul Hayes, both of whom did well on the first event, welcome guys.

Figure 1Team briefing – Joe Tufo

We kicked off at 9.40 fishing each zone for 45 minutes then moving after the 3rd zone for free roaming. As we were delayed starting we decided to finish for the weigh in at 2pm. As per usual there were a number of members that caught finish within the first 10 minutes with many more following in the next 30. There were a variety of patterns used but the outstanding fly for the day was the Blue Flash Damsel with the majority tied by Carl Bolding – Thanks Carl. The main lake as usual was a dark chocolatey brown but the spring lake was crystal clear both succeeded in providing ample fish generally in the range of 2 - 4 lb. However the outstanding fish of the day was caught by Dave Newman a beautiful specimen of 5lb 9oz, other notable fish were caught by his fishing partner Vic Holloway who caught a wonderful brown trout- see photos attached and on our Gallery.

Other flies were used through the day including success from Daddies, Green and Blacks and Cats Whiskers.

The Pairs trophy was won by Dave Newman and Vic Holloway with a combined bag of 22lb 13oz. The biggest fish prize was caught by Dave Newman at 5lb 9oz and as Dave had won this prize and can't be awarded both (his was the biggest bag at an outstanding 13lb 11oz) , this prize was therefore awarded to me with the second largest bag weighing in at 11lb 6oz. the writer and Dave were grateful to win a further selection of flies tied by Carl!

Next event will be September 17th at Chalk Springs, anyone wishing to join us sea fishing at Lymington the day before please contact me, 07725556000. Have a great Summer in the meantime.

More photos in the Gallery visit http://www.smff.co.uk