

NOVEMBER 2019

# St Michael Fly Fishers

## Match Report

MEON SPRINGS

Day Captain: JOE TUFO



### REPORT BY THE DAY CAPTAIN

I arrived at Meon on a bright autumnal morning full of expectation for a good days fishing with fellow SMFF Members. The weather was very calm with temperature hovering around 4°C and little or no wind through the day. Following ample Tea and coffees we started fishing at 9am for the George Wilding Trophy. This has become an event in honour of our past Chairman George who frequently enjoyed large bright and garish lures that he bragged always caught at Meon. To that end we were each gratefully supplied a Carl Bolding Special fly (not yet officially named) comprising of a short size 12 hook with a Goldhead and wide mix of predominately silver holographic tinsel. This was probably too imitative for George to have used, but in honour of him we all dutifully set off to give it a try for the first hour. To my pleasant surprise, and I have never witnessed 19 Anglers using exactly the same fly all catch a fish in less than an hour! This is spite of little or no fish showing and the middle 100m being very discoloured with the fish down near the bottom. I respectfully have to mention that I was one of the last to catch in the first hour, but having spotted a good swell and movement towards the bottom end of Whitewool Lake. I casted to it and it took on the drop having sunk about 3 feet. After fighting it on a 5lb leader for about 10 minutes I was fortunate and pleased to land a lovely rainbow with a full tail, but with the hook bent back horizontally, my luck was in! The fish was the biggest of the day at 6lb 6oz. We then broke for a hearty breakfast of bacon and sausage baps and filling up on warm beverages and croissants. We recommenced fishing after and those that stuck with the Carl Special continued to attract good fish me included having bent the hook back into a normal angle. Fishing continued well until lunchtime with a number of anglers bagging up with 4 good quality fish. The conditions remained very calm and bright maxing out at 6°C. A variety of flies were used during the remainder of the day, having lost my Carl Special I then caught my remaining fish on a small Cats Whisker and sinking Goldhead Daddy.

Of the 21 anglers we had a return of 80 fish with no blanks and just 3 people not getting their four fish. The total weight of fish was almost 238 lbs which averages out at just under 3lb per fish! Having fished until 3pm we completed the weigh-in to find the biggest bag was caught by Brian Maguire with a total of 16lb 3 oz and his biggest fish of 5lb 2oz meant all his fish were in the region of 4lbs a great average. Second place went to Ian Kelly who had a bag weight of

13lb 6oz. Congratulations Brian on an excellent Bag and all anglers for one our best days fishing of this season. Look forwards to seeing you all again at Avon on December 7<sup>th</sup>

#### Sometimes it can surprise you just what they will take!

Bill Berloth likes to tie flies using a variety of materials leading to some rather unusual patterns and will often try them out at a still water fishery. Working on the principle of "Give them something they have never seen before" he tried this at Meon Springs, the result was two fish taken on a Fluro Rubber, shown here.



JOE TUFO

Day Captain

Next Outing AGM  
7<sup>th</sup> December  
**AVON SPRINGS**  
Full details will follow

## SECRETARYS REPORT

Notice is hereby given, Our Annual General Meeting will take place at approximately 3pm following our days fishing at Avon Springs during which time a full afternoon tea will be served. Should any member wish to put forward a notice of motion at this meeting, I need to receive it in writing by 1st December, duly proposed and seconded, this will enable me to circulate the agenda prior to the AGM.

I list herewith those who say they will be attending.

**Messrs: Berloth, Bloom, Brooks, Broome, Burdett, Burgess, Butler, Eastment, Frost, Fulton, Holloway, Ireland, Kelly, Laws, Littlestone, Maguire, Mann, Sahami, I Smith, T Smith Toogood, Tufo.**

If you are not able to attend please let me know as soon as possible, like wise if you are able to attend but are not on the list please let me know so I can advise numbers for the catering, an email with the final arrangements for the day will be sent out the week before.

There are a few other things to bring to your attention. We still have some of Kevin's tackle and all of Godfrey's tackle to sell. I will shortly circulate list of all items together with prices and these items will be available to view at Avon Springs.

At Avon Springs we will be having a lucky draw. The 1<sup>st</sup> prize a Christmas Hamper, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize a day ticket for Avon Springs, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £30.00 toward travel cost, and a 4<sup>th</sup> prize a fly box with around 50 flies, including a lot of buzzers. There will also be prizes for the best bag and biggest fish.

*Michael Littlestone.* Hon. Secretary

## End of day results

Winner of the **George Wilding Memorial Trophy**  
**Joe Tufo** with a fish of 6lbs 6oz (also best fish of the day)

Best bag of the day... **Brian Maguire** 4 fish 16lbs 3oz

Raffle Prizes  
Day Ticket won by Michael Littlestone  
£30.00 Travel cost won by Brian Maguire  
Enamel mug won by Tom Smith

**Total No Anglers 21**  
**Total No fish caught 80**

## George Wilding Memorial Trophy



**Joe's 6lb  
6oz Prize  
winner**

A great start to the day for Joe who with a Tinsel fly tied by Carl landed a lovely rainbow of 6lb 6oz. We know if George had been looking down on us he would have been delighted that such a good fish had been taken on our 'George Wilding Memorial Day'

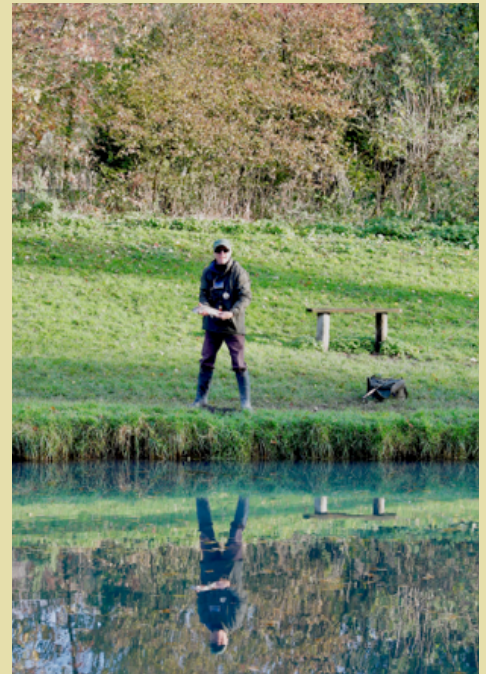




# GALLERY







To view these photo's in more detail see them at the SMFF web page.  
Many thank's to Joe Tufo for his terrific photography.