



St Michael Fly Fishers

Chalk Springs Match Report September 2016



Day Captains Report

As Day Captain it was a pleasure visiting Chalk Springs after a few years absence. The weather was a little erratic gusty breeze (15-25mph) mostly cloudy and temperatures of 19-20C.

As part of my day captains duties, I explained that this would be a difficult venue as the water throughout is gin clear and if we could see the countless fish they could see us, it was very well stocked. I mentioned that we should not cast randomly into the water, but to target and cast to specific fish, not always the ones that got to the fly first though. The aim of this was to keep the water from becoming too stressed and to give everyone a chance of catching a fish, as it turned out this time just two anglers failed to catch unlike last time when they were about 8 or 9. Only three got their bag limit of 4, John Huntley with a bag of 8lb 13oz, David Broome with 8lb 0oz and the second placed winner Bill Berloth with 9lb 8oz. The overall winner with a single outstanding Rainbow of 8lb 3 oz was Richard Harrison with a bag of 13lb 3 oz for just 3 fish! As Richard took the best fish prize, Bill was awarded the best bag prize.

The flies used varied greatly ranging from Damsels, Hares Ears, Pheasant Tails, Daddies and Cat's Whiskers all in a variety of colours, Bill caught most of his fish on dry flies so I switched to a sedge dry fly and grabbed one on the drop just as it landed on the nose of an unsuspecting rainbow. We chose

to come back to Chalk Springs as it is unique in that the water temperature is kept cooler because it is entirely fed by its chalk springs so the very warm weather of the preceding days did not unduly affect it unlike most of our regular venues. I hope the members that attended also enjoyed themselves and the barbecue organised by Mike Littlestone and Richard Harrison with very big thank you to his very accommodating wife who prepared a lot of the food and also Andy Nash for his help with the Barbecue. I shall look forward to the challenge of Chalk Springs in 2017. See you all at Avon Springs Next month.

Secretary's Report

After the Summer break it was good to get back to our fishing at Chalk Springs. The week started off with a heat wave, but by the Saturday Autumn weather prevailed. For the first time we provided a BBQ lunch on the day, which I know everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks to Richard, and his wife Donna for providing some extra treats. Joe's report on the day follows. We are delighted to formally welcome two new members Paul Hayes, and Don Pope. We wish them tight lines, and a long, and happy association with the club. The good news is we have another guy who is also keen to join, and all being well, will join us at a future outing this season. We have had new leaflets printed, and I handed out some at Chalk Springs, the object being to display them at venues we fish, and those where we don't, but individual members do, and also your local tackle shop. I will bring them along to our next outing at Avon Springs. Your committee has finalised the venues for next year, and they have all been booked. I will advise the dates to you when I send out the e-mail for Avon Springs.

Michael Littlestone

Chalk Springs Match Results

RICHARD HARRISON

Heaviest bag. Total 3 fish 13lbs 3oz

With the biggest fish of the day 8lbs 3 oz

(Although Richard had the biggest bag, under club rules as he had taken top spot with the biggest fish he could not also take the prize for biggest bag)

BILL BERLOTH

Runner up. Total 4 fish 9lbs 8oz

TOTAL No. ANGLERS 19

TOTAL No. FISH CAUGHT 34

TOTAL WEIGHT 83lbs 15oz

Joe Tufo (Day Captain)



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NEXT OUTING

*Avon
Springs*

15th October. With fish ranging from 2lb up to double figures be sure not to miss it.
Full details will follow shortly before the day in the
Secretary's briefing sheet.