



Fishing Report - Monday 18th September 2023

Monday was still a warm day and the fish were certainly deep. Mr Savage had success with a few fish caught including a lovely brown weighing over 6lbs.

Terry & Tony had a half day using the rudder drifting across the main basin, 3 fish to the boat in total.

Wednesday was a little cooler and saw a few regular anglers out for some start of Autumn fishing. Lester & Nigel fished dries and drifted across the main basin, they managed a couple of fish to the boat. Paul Pearce caught a few fish around buoy 5 using a Di7 and a snake still trying to reach the cooler water temperatures. Mr Hendry fished a Di8 using the Roly Poly retrieve method. He kept on the move trying many different areas. He had 4 fish in total some were caught on silver pearl tube and others on a black & green snake. He commented that the fish are

'Fine Silver Fighting Fish'

Also on Wednesday Mr Peet and his boat partner fished from the wheelie boat. They had 3 fish in in total and fabulous 6lb 8oz brown, see picture below.

We had many boats out on Friday, the bright conditions had sent the fish down. Weighted daddies, snakes and black & green lures were the order of the day. Some success was seen from the North end on the edge of the weed beds. Chad Critchley was with us coaching on Friday. We had a beginners casting session during the morning where a couple of first time fly anglers were taught the techniques of casting as well as in introduction to fly fishing and fly fishing equipment. During the afternoon one of those participants took to the water with Chad for a Introduction to boat fishing. The feedback from all participants was fantastic, they felt they had really enjoyed the sessions and had learnt lots about the sport and how to fish from a boat.

We have one last session this season running on Sun 15th October. Or you can book a coaching session with Chad via his website CC Fly Fishing.

Sunday saw a group venturing down from the North West, 4 boats in total fishing a friendly competition. Returns were good with many anglers catching 2's and 3's.

A reminder of our Autumn Open competition which will take place on Sat 7th October. Its great to be able to run this competition as last years was cancelled due to the drought. The water levels are holding at 88% so plenty of areas and bays to choose from.

This is a friendly competition so perfect for novice angler or those new to fishing our water.

We have some boats left for this competition, see the link below to book.

The weather isn't looking too great for Tuesday & Wednesday with heavy rain and strong gusty winds forecast. We have made the decision to cancel all boats for Tuesday and will review Wednesdays forecast at mid day on Tuesday. The latter part of the week is looking much more favourable.



Mr Peet caught a cracking 6lb 8oz brown on a humongous at dam, fish return safely to the water.

Rod Average

The rod average for this week was 1.46 with 41 fish caught by 28 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

We had two 3lb 8oz rainbows caught this week by Mr Barlow and Colin Hendry.
Our heaviest brown was caught by Mr Peet, pictured below, it was 6lbs 8oz.
Mr Savage also caught a heavy brown at 6lbs 4oz so almost hit the top spot.

Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using snakes, humongous and fritz
Most anglers have fished on Intermediate and sinking lines on a slow retrieve.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been Dam Wall, Middle of the reservoir, Sailing Club Island, number 2, 4, 5 & 8 buoys and the mouth of fishtail creek.

Casting Tuition for Beginners

These are ideal for someone who wants to get into fly fishing or just have a go at casting. All fly fishing equipment is included in the price of the session. The session is based on land as the aim is to concentrate on the art of casting a fly rod before you before using your new found skills to go out on the water to catch some fish.

The next dates for these sessions are

Sun 15th October

This will be the final session of the 2023 season.

Sessions can be booked directly with Chad via his website CC Fly Fishing.

The cost is £45 per person, minimum age 12 years. Booking is essential as places are limited, click the button below for dates and bookings.

