



## **Fishing Report – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

The week started out cloudy, wet with a brisk north easterly breeze. Many anglers have been practicing for the Grey's pair competition on Sunday. We will have more details on how the competition got on later in the report. I think it's fair to say that the time put in practicing certainly paid off.

On Monday 3 of our regular anglers Mr Duffield, Scragg and Critchley all caught well mostly in Brown Ale bay using a slow retrieve on sinking lines with buzzers. The poor weather report of Tuesday only saw one boat booked Mr Wood braved the elements catching just a couple of fish once again on buzzer. Wednesday was good day with a number of boats recording double figures to the boat, reports of fish all over with black buzzers, leaches and black blobs being the order of the day.

On Thursday the winds stayed strong but produced some great buzzer fishing, many boats kept on the east side in the shelter. A number of large fish were recorded of over 4lbs.

Saturday was the final practice day before the Grey's Pair match. The winds were much lighter and allowed many to fish in Brown Ale bay and around the Osprey Towers. There was a real mix with some anglers catching 20 plus fish and their boat partners catching far less. It amazing how fishing the same methods from the same boat can often produce such different returns. Many were still fishing intermediate and sinking lines on a slow retrieve using black buzzers or black tadpole.

On Sunday we played host to the Grey's Pairs. 15 boats fished the competition with the first boat returning to the lodge after catching their 8 fish in just 45 minutes.

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### **Rod Average**

The rod average for this week was **5.50** with 380 fish caught by 69 anglers.

### **Best Rainbow/Brown**

The heaviest Rainbow was 5lb 8oz caught by Chad Critchley on sinking line, fishing buzzer.

The heaviest Brown was 4lbs 9oz caught by Tony Smith caught in Brown Ale Bay.

### **Methods & Flies**

Fish have been caught using mostly sinking lines on a slow retrieve.

The most successful flies were black & green lures, black tadpoles, orange booby, baby doll, damsels, and black or red buzzers which have been the most popular fly of the week.

### **Top Spot**

The most popular spots have been Brown Ale Bay, Osprey Towers, Millfields, Sailing club island, Fish Tail Creek and Stitch Plantation.

## Grey's Pairs - Carsington Heat

Sunday's heat of the Grey's Pairs qualifier produced some amazing bags and excellent fishing.

Every pair catching at least five fish and best bag weighing over 23lb. Today's winners were Mick McClintic & Gary Owen, they were also the first boat in at 10:45. They caught their fish off the Osprey Poles, fishing di7's and two boobies. Second place went to Lee Cartmel & Pete Evile, catching their fish on di7's again but fishing a single snake fly.

The final place were separated by 5 ounces of which Rens Delrosso & Mike Dixon were on the right side of the result.

Many of the anglers who weighed in earlier in the day went back out to please fish and continued to catch after their 4 fish bag limit.

It was great to play host to this event and we wish the qualifiers luck in the finals later in the year. See overall results and pictures of the 1st & 2nd place pairs. Well done Gary and Mick for bagging up so quickly and gaining 1st place from the off.



### GREYS PAIRS - CARSINGTON TROUT FISHERY 02/4/2023

Position	Name	Fish	Weigh of Fish		Time Finished	Time Bonus		Total Weight	
			lbs	ozs		lbs	ozs	lbs	ozs
1	Mick McClintic & Gary Owen	8	22	9/16	10:45	12	8/16	35	1/16
2	Lee Cartmel & Pete Evile	8	21	9/16	11:45	10	8/16	32	1/16
3	Rens Delrosso & Mike Dixon	8	21	11/16	12:45	8	8/16	30	3/16
4	Bruce Blackshaw & Mark Parsley	8	23	6/16	13:45	6	8/16	29	14/16
5	Riccardo Saccone & Martin Smith	8	24	4/16	14:30	5		29	4/16
6	Paul Hawkins & Ian Whitcombe	8	23	6/16	14:15	5	8/16	28	14/16
7	Simon Thurwell & Bill Braithwaite	8	21		13:15	7	8/16	28	8/16
8	Ben Watson & Martin Griffiths	8	19	12/16	13:45	6	8/16	26	4/16
9	John Brown & Andy Campbell	8	20	4/16	14:30	5		25	4/16
10	Martin Dixon & Mike Mason	8	21	15/16	15:30	3		24	15/16
11	Pete Skelton & Tony Smith	8	22	13/16	16:00	2		24	13/16
12	James Hunter & Malcolm Hunter	8	20	10/16	15:00	4		24	10/16
13	Ian Buckley & Neil Gregory	8	18	2/16	14:30	5		23	2/16
14	Jake Clowes & Ethan Clowes	5	13		00:00	0		13	
15	Ken Moore & Mike Ashton	5	12	14/16	00:00	0		12	14/16

### Spring Open Competition

Our Spring Open competition will take place on Sat 15th April this season.

This is a known pairs competition with prizes for the winning pair, heaviest overall bag and biggest individual fish, the cost is £70 per pair. We currently have 6 boats left so don't miss out on taking part in our friendly, enjoyable competition.

You can find more information on past competition and booking information via the following link.

[Spring Open Information](#)

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### Fly Fishing Tuition for 2023

For the last few seasons Don Stazicker has been supporting us with his fishing expertise, offering fly casting lessons for beginners. Don has a busy year ahead so is unable to join us again this season. We thank him for all his support and look forward to seeing him out fishing for his own pleasure.

Chad Critchley has kindly taken on the role becoming our new fly fishing coach. He will bring a wealth of knowledge, coaching and support. Not only are we looking forward to welcoming novice anglers to the beginner fly casting sessions, but for the first time, with Chads support, we are able to help bank anglers try fishing from a boat in our 'Intro to boat fishing' sessions.

You can follow Chad on his Facebook page **CC Fly Fishing** and see how he is already developing anglers skills this season on river reservoir.

### Casting Tuition for Beginners

These are ideal for someone who wants to get into fly fishing or just have a go at casting. All flyfishing 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 cost is £45 per person, minimum age 12 years. Booking is essential as places are limited, click the button below for dates and bookings.*

### Intro to fly fishing from a boat

Whether you have little or no experience to in fly fishing from a boat. Our 3 hours boat fishing experience sessions will give you a point in the right direction.

Our qualified Game Fishing coach will give an introduction to safe boat driving and boat etiquette. Casting from the boat, fishing at anchor or on the drift plus best of all reading the weather conditions and finding the favoured fishing spot for the day. Hopefully catching a one of our beautiful rainbow trout to complete your experience.

We are able to accommodate 2 people in the boat with our coach on each session. You can choose to book this session on a private basis or share the experience with another like minded angler.

*Each session will last approx 3 hours.*

*The cost is £85 per person or £150 for a private 1 to 1 session, minimum age 16 years.*

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### Fishing Reports

Our weekly fishing reports will be emailed out to those on our mailing list and will be available to view on our website: <http://www.carsingtonwater.com/Fishing-Reports.html>.

If you would like to be on our email mailing list then please let us have your details.

[http://www.carsingtonwater.com/contact-us/info\\_2.html](http://www.carsingtonwater.com/contact-us/info_2.html)

You can also help us with our reports by filling in the fishing catch return forms and putting them in the returns box by the warden's office, plus any pictures are always useful.

**We look forward to seeing you throughout the 2023 season.  
Don't forget to book your boat in advance to avoid disappointment.**

