



Fishing Report

Monday 7th August 2023

This week has provided an impressive start to August with 22 anglers on the water and 109 fish caught we've seen the rod average increase to 4.9. Once again Fishtail creek has seen a few catches but the most popular areas have been the usual Dam Wall and Middle Reservoir. Some different flies have been used throughout the week, we've seen some anglers succeeding with humungus flies and other with lures and orange cones. There's been some big catches but the biggest have been Mr Savage with a 4.9lb rainbow and Mr Scragg with a 4lb brown.

Mr Fisher made a great start to the week with eleven to the boat. He discovered that sinking tips were the best method to use with the fish still being anywhere between 5-7ft deep. In the past Mr Fisher hasn't had much luck at catching with blobs, however this week he was extremely happy having caught for the first time using an orange blob after another Fishermen recommended blobs and boobies. Mr Forde and Mr Forde were out fishing on the Donegal Hooligans again at the start of the week and managed to return have a caught twelve rainbows between them.

On Wednesday Mr Smith had a 'great day!!' fishing over by The Dam wall, he had four fish to the boat and his boat partner had a further three to the boat. They felt that the most effective method for them was using white lures on a fast strip back whilst drifting.

With very little action on Thursday we saw a huge increase on Friday. Plenty of fish were pulled out, many of which were weighing in at around 4lbs. Phil Harding once again didn't fail to impress, he spent the day with Tony Ball drifting from Buoy 4 to Fishtail Creek. They were fishing intermediate lines with slow retrieving, using pink snakes and Red blobs seemed to be the better flies landing Phil with thirteen rainbows and Tony with twelve rainbows and one brown. Mr Buckley also had a good day fishing with brighter coloured flies and returned having caught five rainbows on intermediate lines with blobs and Humungus as his choice of flies.

To finish the week off Phil Dixon had an incredible Sunday bringing a higher number of returns with nineteen rainbows to the boat and his best fish weighing above 3lbs. He was using intermediate lines with pink blobs and humungus flies on the tip. It was also lovely to see Luke and Matthew Ashcroft visit us after their afternoon coaching with CC fly fishing a couple of weeks ago and even more amazing to see them solely land their first fish.(see picture) They were fishing in Middle reservoir on intermediate lines and orange cones and had a great day we hope to welcome them back again soon.



Rod Average

The rod average for this week was 4.9 with 109 fish caught by 22 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

Our heaviest recorded rainbow was 4.9lbs caught by Mr Savage.

Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using orange snakes, orange blobs and cones, pink snakes and humungus.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been Dam Wall, Bouy 10, Bouy 4, Middle of the reservoir and 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

Sunday 20th August

Sunday 3rd September

Fri 15th September

Sun 15th October

(more dates are advertised on the website)

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.

