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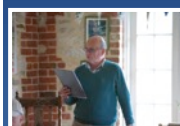


What can I add to Bill's excellent day captain's report? Not much, other than to say I have never received so many positive comments regarding the day, some of which I see

have been added to the Web Site forum. Take a look guys, and add your own if you so wish. To those of you that could not come you missed a good day out.

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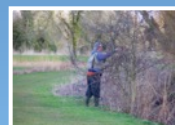
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I have written to Martin at the fishery thanking him, and received a very nice reply. I have asked him to let us have available dates for October next year when the Arctic Char will be well stocked.

The fishery were kind enough to give us a day ticket for our raffle which was won by our newest member Vic Holloway whom we were pleased to welcome to his first outing with the club. It was also good to see Nick Holloway, and Roger Smith again. Steve Robinson from the John Lewis club, and Terry Burgess from Croxley also joined us.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

NO ONE FELL IN!

FLIES Damsels, black and green, black buzzers. tadpoles

Thanks to Martin and Ian of Dunctan Mill Fishery for all of their help and guidance and worthwhile hints and tips.

RAFFLE.

Thanks to all of you we raised a total of £80. Thanks to the fishery for the donation of a day ticket which was won by our new member Vic Holloway.



*Welcome to Vic Holloway-
our latest new member.
Congratulations on your
first arctic char!*



*Best Bag with a weight of 8lb 7oz was won
by Bill Berloth*

*Biggest fish went to Joe with the weight of
2lb 13oz.*





Rose Lake, looking towards the Surrey Hills

Day captains report

By Bill Berloth

I found it quite hard to put this report together without it sounding a bit like an advertisement for the fishery. Simply the best is one of the lines used in the Duncton Mill web site and for me on the day it came very close. From the start we were made most welcome by Duncton's fishery manager Martin for whom nothing was too much trouble. His early morning introduction to the fishery with tips on where and how to catch proved invaluable, and his assistant wandered round the lakes during the rest of the day offering advice and tips to us all.

We started off at 8am and with only 16 fishing on the day between the 4 lakes we had the luxury of being spoilt for choice for pegs to fish. We fished each of the 4 lakes before the call for breakfast at 10.30am giving each of us a some knowledge of the fishing to take out with us after the break. Breakfast was a social and leisurely affair with plenty of hot bacon & sausage rolls, croissants etc after which we set about free roaming with those who blanked going out first armed with the advice of those who had had a bit more luck during the first session.

With the weigh-in set for 4.30 it was down to the matter in hand. Kevin managed his usual trick of hooking tree branches a number of times. Godfrey said he only cast out about five times in all managing a couple before breakfast on naturals (pheasant tails) I had tried to be good using buzzers and nymphs without success and eventually succumb to one of Carl's blue flash damsels and then one of my own subtle yellow and white Cat's whiskers to bag my four. Another member who managed to take a couple of fish in as many cast was Nick Holloway who had almost instant success on both Rosie's lake and Birch lake. Depending on which of the 4 lakes you were fishing the

method seemed to change slightly some kept to floating lines with long leaders while one or two (me included) moved to slow sinking lines with weighted fly's just to get down a bit, this worked well on Birch lake where the water is 30 or so foot deep. However after asking members and guest what they were catching on it was shown that no one particular fly was accounting for the fish taken.

The fishery proved great spot for some and challenging for others this was evident when you look at the final result sheet with just 3 members bagging up. New member Vic Holloway managed a respectable 3 fish including his first ever Artic Char (well done and welcome to the club) two others with Artic Char were David Broom and Godfrey. Though some of the fishing was a bit challenging the enjoyment of the picturesque surroundings was not missed by anyone I spoke to, all said what an enjoyable day it had been, and the weather turning out much better than forecast just added to the enjoyment. The icing on the cake for me was when Martin the fishery manager offered the chance to carry on fishing Alder Lake to any of us who had bagged up for at no further cost. This was the first time in the 25 years I have been fly fishing that I had known this to be made available.

At the end of the day between us we managed to catch a total of 34 fish for **68lbs 10oz** with yours truly taking top spot with a bag of **8lbs 7oz** . Joe Tufo with the biggest fish of the day at **2lb 13oz** and Godfrey taking the prize for the secret weight (**7lb 4oz**).

I look forward to getting back to Duncton Mill next year.

Bill Berloth Day Captain



Next Event BUSHYLEAZE SAT 16th MAY. PRESIDENT'S DAY.



Our thanks to Geoff Brooks for organising the above, hence the title.

Once again we will be welcoming Angus Campbell with a group of young anglers. Let me make it clear these are youngsters who either already fly fish, or are keen to take up the sport. They will join us around 12.30 for a buffet lunch which we will be providing for everyone. This year we are also offering members the opportunity to bring their children, or more likely grandchildren along as well. However we need to know if you are bringing anyone as I need numbers for breakfast, and lunch. Please let me know latest by Friday 8th May. The format for the day will be e mailed to you on Monday 11th May. I also need volunteers who are prepared to look after the youngsters during their afternoons fishing. I already have some names, but need more. Again please let me know ASAP if you would be prepared to do this.

Kind Regards

Michael Littlestone

Hon Secretary