

St Michael Fly Fishers

Match Report

DEVER SPRINGS



Day Captain's Report

Dever Springs 11th November 2017

"Every time I come here it's raining", were the words that greeted me as a full team of 21 met in the car park to tackle up. True, we started in fairly heavy drizzle which culminated in a downpour at 10.30 as we sheltered in the well-appointed lodge having our hearty breakfast. Thankfully thereafter the clouds lifted and the air lightened as we progressed through the day.

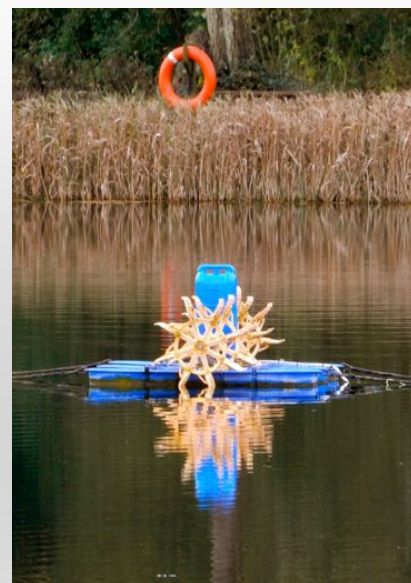
Over the first coffee we learnt of the plan; split into the usual 3 groups and fish an allocated zone rotating on the hooter. The difference was we fished a specific Montana for the first three changes until breakfast time. A prize was awarded for the heaviest fish caught in that period. The honours went to Martin Eastment who pipped David Broome, by half an ounce, with a fish of 8lb 15oz.

It might be said that it is not the fly but how it is fished. Certainly there was no problem for Jugs who netted his first of the day with his second cast using the designated Red Montana.

After breakfast, during which we observed a silence for the fallen, we had three further 40-minute sessions on rotation before free roaming at 13.30. There were some sighs of relief when "Use any fly!" was declared. However, for all Red and Blue Flash Damsels and Cats Whiskers were popular the old Montana came to the fore especially on Spring Lake.

The day's honours went to Martin Eastment with the heaviest fish, 8lb 15oz and the heaviest bag of 23lb. However, the prize was awarded to Iain Laws for his bag of 21lb12oz under the single prize rule. Sadly, a small number blanked but both our guests went home with fish out of the 45 we netted and everyone won a raffle prize!

Tom Smith Day Captain



Not now Joe, Kevin has other things on his mind!!



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Having struggled to achieve sufficient numbers at some venues during the year it was good to see such a good turnout at Dever Springs. I hope as many of you as possible will be coming to Lechlade for our last outing on December 9th followed by our AGM. As the weather turns colder this is one of the best times to fish there with those big Browns, most of them doubles, waiting to be caught. Although this is not part of the season's competition we will have some additional prizes to be won.

I cannot stress enough that if we want exclusive use of the fisheries we visit, we need your attendance to ensure this happens.

My thanks to those who have responded to our request regarding their top venue choices for next year. The list is virtually finalised, and the highlight for next season will see us return to Avington on the 12th May, Mayfly Time. We will also be going to Avon Springs in April, and November. The full list will be published very soon.

Your committee have decided to keep the annual subscription at £40 for next year, and if you introduce a new member next year, and they renew their membership the following year your subscription for that year will be reduced by 50%. We need more members so see what you can do.

I look forward to a bumper turn out at Lechlade, guests are welcome, and I will be e mailing the final details in the next week or so.

I wish you all tight lines

Michael Littlestone

Hon Secretary

NEXT OUTING: LECHLADE AGM

*9th December, full
details will follow in
the secretaries
briefing.*

END OF DAY RESULTS

Winner with the best bag and biggest fish:
Martin Eastment 4 fish 23lbs 0oz.

Biggest fish 8lbs 15oz

*(This was also the best fish caught on the early morning
Montana & won Martin a bottle of wine)*

Club rules apply, so prize for second biggest bag:

Iain Laws 4 fish 21lbs 12oz

Total number of anglers 21

Total Number of fish caught 45 (Just 4 full bags)



Gallery

(With thanks to Jo & Bill)



