



The rather foggy drive to the fishery was soon forgotten after a good breakfast, it was then down to the serious business of catching fish. Avon Springs as always throws up a surprise or two, with the smaller lake unfishable at the start of the day due to weed bloom, a quick reshuffle of the day's rules meant the committee members and three volunteers stood back on the first session. Richard Harrison was our Day Captain, the following is his account of the day.



Day Captains Report AVON SPRINGS

Day Captain..... Richard Harrison

Another opportunity for me to be the day captain at the SMFF trip to Avon Springs in Wiltshire.

Twenty-three anglers met for breakfast with the weather slightly overcast and the air a little muggy with the forecast for a warm sunny day. In fact Joe had an "app" that suggested there would only be a 10 minute window of opportunity to fish... he (it) was nearly right!

Avon springs has two lakes, Willow Lake of about 3 acres and Club Lake which is about 5 acres, both spring fed. Unfortunately, this time Willow Lake was suffering from a large weed bloom which made the lake virtually unfishable and we had to amend the fishing zone rotation, with Willow Lake being removed from the initial zone rotations. Club Lake therefore took the brunt of the early fishing, which due to the warming weather made for a very challenging morning of fishing.

As per the previous occasion on these lakes, all the members were given 3 Montana flies (Red, Yellow and Green) to use in the designated zones during the morning. This would apply for the first rotation and I am pleased to report that a number of members had success with each or all of the flies respectively. One or two members even having success with the Montana's on Willow Lake when the wind had cleared some of the weed bloom.

After the strictures of Montanas everyone was free to use whatever fly they wanted, and the usual gamut of flies were used including dry flies. The days fishing produced a total of 41 fish to a weight of 173lbs. This was considerably below last year's performance on what was a really tough day for fishing, due in part to the bright sunny weather. Sadly, a number of anglers struggled to catch any fish and only 2 limit bags were achieved, with Bez Sahami both bagging up and the biggest weight of fish at 17lb 10oz. The biggest fish of the day came to Ed Komoroswki which was a wonderful rainbow, weighing in at 11 lb 14 oz.

Everyone commented on how much they enjoyed the days fishing, even with the weather being against us and the lack of really being able to fish Willow Lake. Avon Springs continues to be a firm favourite in the SMFF calendar..

Richard Harrison Day Captain



SECRETARY'S REPORT

As you will have read in my recent email we have decided to cancel the family day at Bushyleaze on Saturday May 13th, however we will still have a normal days fishing there. We need a minimum of 25 anglers to ensure exclusivity. Would everyone please e-mail me to advise their attendance. Guests are more than welcome to attend.

At our last Committee meeting we discussed using social media to attract more members via Facebook, and Twitter. We already have a Facebook page, although it is very much out of date. Does any member who is conversant with these feel they could help us with the project?

Please let me know, so we can discuss the matter further.

Michael Littlestone Club Secretary

NEXT OUTING

Bushyleaze **13th May**

Full details will follow



End of day results

Winner: Best bag

Bez Sahami 4 fish @ 17lbs 10oz

Biggest Fish...

Ed Komorowski fish @ 11lbs 14oz

Secret weight 7lbs 6oz

Joint winners Godfrey Cotton & Ian Laws

Total number of anglers 24

Total Number of fish caught 41

Gallery

With thanks to Joe Tufo

