

Fishing Report - 6th November 2024

What a great fishing season we have had. It has been lovely to see lots of regular faces and many new customers who have now become weekly visitors.

The water levels have been very stable with levels staying above 90% all season. This has certainly helped maintain that crystal clear water quality that we have all grown to enjoy. The fish wintered well due to a mild winter and the catch returns have stayed steady giving a season rod average of 3.91.

The final week of the season continues to fish well with the mild weather being the contributing factor. Boats were busy and our local Police fishing group visited for the final time of the season on Tuesday. See Simon's report on the days fishing below.

10 anglers caught 51 fish, all returned safe and well. A rod average of 5.1 per angler. They were caught on a variety of methods including dries, under the bung, washing line on cormorants and boobies. Every angler caught at least 3 fish, and the best was 9 fish all superb fighting fit fish caught out in open water drifting towards fish tail and stitch plantation. The fish are not deep right up there just under the surface caught on floating lines, midge tips and slow intermediate lines Tuesday also saw our heaviest fish caught by Ian Walker a lovely rainbow at 3lbs 8oz. See photos of some of their catches below.

Wednesday continued the fish well with Mr Elton and Mr Hendry both having 9 fish to the boat. Reports showing that the south end of the water was still producing the best catch rates.

Unfortunately, the later part of the week brought lower catch rates, we put this down to the slight change in weather not just angler luck.

We are now starting to bring the boats off the water and wind down for the Winter season. We have a few dates left this coming week for our Predator fishing, see further details below.

This just leaves us to say a massive thank you for all the support we have been given from all our anglers, clubs, groups and competition organisers.

Also, to Bibury Fish Taxi for supplying the excellent fighting fish which you have all raved about through the season. Not forgetting our amazing staff who have worked incredibly hard all season, we value all of your kind comments via fishing returns and emails from those who have reflected on the quality of our fishery and the support given by our team.

We look forward to seeing you all in March 2025.

Predator Fishing

Following the success of our predator fishing days held at the end of last season, we will be offering a number of days at the end of Fly Fishing season. We had excellent reports with regards to the resident perch with some large specimens being caught. The reports regarding pike were less promising but many visiting anglers feel they experienced follows, pulls and breaks from what could quite possibly have been pike.

There will be 8 days in all with limited number of boats each day so book your tickets to guarantee your visit.

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Rod Average

The rod average for this week was 2.7 with 144 fish caught by 56 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest rainbow was caught by Ian Walker at 3lbs 8oz. This fabulous fish was caught in Fishtail Creek using a popper hopper and small booby.

Methods & Flies

Anglers have mostly used intermediate lines plus Di3, Di 5 and Di7. Most anglers have fished a drift with some using a rudder. Fast retrieve and roly poly method have been popular.

Popular flies have been, pink, black or yellow snakes, pink blob, black & silver Humongous, cormorant, white minkie and cats whiskers have all been popular.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been, Buoys 4, & 5, middle of the water, Stitch Plantation, Fishtail Creek and Dam Wall area. We have also seen interest in Millfields and Brown Ale Bay.

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