

St Michael Fly Fishers Match Report



DEVER SPRINGS



DAY CAPTAIN'S REPORT

'Why does it always rain on me –when we come to Dever' was the almost universal lament first thing in the morning. There was no doubt that it was one of the wettest days the club had experienced this season. However, although the sun's marmalade fingers never quite got to poke through the grey and the drizzle to spread any warmth, the far end of Willow Lake was spreading a lot of happiness in the shape of some good fish. There seemed to be quite a hotspot and where there's a hot spot there's a queue of anglers to jump in as soon as a fish is landed.

The smaller Spring Lake was not as productive and for the first session only a couple of fish were taken. We were not the happiest group as we squelched into breakfast but the catering staff made sure we were completely fed up by the time we left for our next session. A cracking breakfast and the round of applause for the providers was certainly heart (and gut) felt. A lesson was learnt by those on my table. Do not challenge Richard Harrison to a toast eating competition; you will lose.

As the day progress the temperature soared to above 13 Celsius and layers were divested only to be put back on again when the rain reappeared. Being a hardy bunch we pushed on towards lunch with the killer flies being yellow damsels and any black and green pattern. Plenty of fish were appearing on the banks but no Dever monsters were tempted. A huge brownie was spotted by a number of us but he resolutely refused anything offered.

We gave the water another rest during lunch. We also drew the raffle and the process went on for so long due to the large number of donated prizes that our secretary, fearing that we would be beaten by darkness, ended up throwing prizes at those few who didn't have a winning ticket.

The lack of really heavy fish didn't dampen the day any further than the weather had already as the total catch far exceeded last year's haul.

The star of the day was Joe Tufo, biggest bag, 24lb 2oz, and joint biggest individual fish with Martin Eastment at 6lb 12oz.

Michael Stephens Day Captain



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Another great turnout at Dever Springs. With the influx of new members this past few months we are getting the numbers attending to ensure exclusivity at our venues.

On the subject of new members we were pleased to welcome Jug's to Dever as our guest, and he has now asked to join. We look forward to officially welcoming him next month at Lechlade.

Our thanks to Mike Stephens for being day captain at Dever, his report on the day is included with this newsletter, and the final results are available to see in the member's section of our website, as is the final season to date chart.

So this coming 10th December we are at Lechlade for our last official outing of the season, and our AGM. All being well George's wife Barbara, and daughter Sarah will be joining us for the AGM, and be presenting the trophies in memory of George. We look forward to welcoming them. Lets try and make it a bumper turnout.

I look forward to seeing you all then.

Michael Littlestone

NEXT OUTING:

10th DECEMBER

LECHLADE & AGM

Full details will follow in the secretaries briefing.



END OF DAY RESULTS

Winner best bag:

Joe Tufo total of 24lb 2oz

Winner biggest fish:

Martin Eastment Joint biggest fish of 6lb 12oz

Total number of anglers 20

Total number of fish caught 54

Total weight of fish caught 277lb 12oz



Photo's With thanks to Joe Tufo.