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St Michael Fly Fishers

Match Report

MEON SPRINGS

Day Captain: Michael Stephens



MEON SPRINGS Day Captain's Report for 14th October 2017

The Club were warmly welcomed by the Meon Springs Fishery staff and started the day with hot beverages and a rather superior class of biscuit. It was a little disappointing that only 16 members could make the day but this allowed us to spread widely as we had the main lake to ourselves for the day.

We began with what is becoming a tradition; fishing a fly our late Chairman George would have been proud to have in his tackle bag. Dubbed the 'Concept Budgie' this fly due, to fishery rules, was tied on a size 10 which was just as well as our Secretary's car boot would not have held 16 of George's usual anchor size hooks. We fished until breakfast with the 'Budgie' with a prize going to the captor of the biggest fish. This honour fell to Bill Berloth who landed a whopping 11lb 12oz rainbow to win the George Wilding Memorial Trophy. Not a bad start to the day, for Bill anyway as some of us struggled to get the 'Budgie' to sink below the surface.

Post our breakfast of bacon butties and more coffee we returned to the lake to fish with our own choice of fly. For some

George Wilding Memorial Trophy



What a great start to the day for Bill. We know if George had been looking down on us he would have been delighted that such a good fish had fallen to the 'Concept Budgie' fly dedicated to his memory.

of us this was a relief as fishing nymphs turned out to be just what the trout ordered. I caught 3 in 25 minutes on a damsel and decided to try a dry fly to slow things down a bit. After 15 minutes and several missed takes I had my fourth fish on the bank well before lunch. Messrs Burdett and Doherty shared my thoughts on the dry fly and this brought them quick success too. Everyone was getting a good number of takes however the difficulty with these fish was keeping them on the hook long enough to land them. Fish after fish was lost with each loss accompanied by what can only be described in polite circles as 'warm language'.

In all a great day with kind weather, excellent fishery staff and obliging fish coming to lures, nymphs and dries. The prizes for the biggest two fish were shared between Bill Berloth and Stephen Jug with Mike Littlestone taking the second biggest bag.

Mike Stephens Day Captain



From Michael Littlestone our Hon Secretary:

Gentlemen, our AGM will be held at Lechlade in December and I have two important request.

1. Please can you return all trophy's to me at DEVER SPRINGS, *(it would be nice if they were cleaned)*.
2. If you have anything that you would like discussed at the AGM please let me know so that I can add it to the agenda.

Next Outing
11th November
DEVER SPRINGS
 Full details will follow in
 the secretaries briefing
 sheet



END OF DAY RESULTS

Winner of the **George Wilding Memorial Trophy**
Bill Berloth with a fish of 11lbs 12oz

Best bag of the day... **Bill Berloth** 4 fish 18lbs 12oz

Biggest fish of the day... *Club rules apply so award and prize to*
Stephen Jug with a fish of 3lbs 14oz

Total No Anglers 16
Total No fish caught 45



GALLERY





Thank's again to Joe Tufo for the great photo's