



# St. Michael



# FLYFISHERS



**LAKEDOWN  
MATCH REPORT  
11<sup>th</sup> May 2024**



## DAY CAPTAIN'S MATCH REPORT

**Once Again, we were back down to the beautiful scenic venue Lakedown in East Sussex. Probably the prettiest venue we attend as a club. 20 Members and with a couple of guests, Ludi & Andy. All 4 lakes just for us. Happy Days!**

The day started at 8.00 am meet and being spoilt with the usual bacon & egg rolls and jumbo sausages. Just what we need before the start full bellies. Fishing commenced at approx. 9.15 after a few fishery rules from Ted (Fishery Manager) The lake maps / zones were handed out for the rotation of the lakes with the usual 45 minutes per zone/lake and free roaming after lunch.

We had been informed the lakes were stocked well, with the possibility of the odd lump up to 7lb in weight. Again, Ted informed us small patterns being best. We were also blessed with a sunny hot day (not ideal for fishing) Which made the fishing a little trickier and more of a challenge. The fish seemed to be up in the top section of water Small Black / red fritz Montana and a cruncher pattern seem to work best with a medium to slow retrieve for me.

12.15 was Lunch, everyone met back at the lodge for a Beer/soft drink. Most anglers had caught a few fish by then. After the relaxing break we headed back out.

The days fishing ended at 4.30 with refreshments again and a welcomed Walnut or slice or two of Lemon cake 😊. There was an area reserved outside for us to do the raffle and prizes. As the Tap room punters had started arriving.

A total of 52 fish were caught, with most around 2lbs in weight. Unfortunately, a couple of members did not catch. 😞 There were 3 fish between 3-3.3lb landed. One of those being mine. However, Lou Fine was blessed with a nice Brown for the of heaviest of the day and Don Garner took the heaviest bag of 8.6 lb. They both received a nice fly box and some flies. (Great Fly Boxes Mike good choice). I won the Travel expenses (Happy Days). Terry Burgess won another free day ticket to his collection, kindly provided by Jamie Daltrey. Geoff had some new Club hats and some prints of previous work drawn by Charles Jardene along with a few other bits, proceeds all going to his charity.

All in all, everyone enjoyed the day, tranquil scenery, good weather great company and hospitality provided by the Lakedown team, I hope to see you all on the next trip.

The venue is yet to be confirmed.

*Colin Bateman* Day Captain.

# SECRETARYS REPORT 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

In addition to Colins Report we thank him for being our Day Captain for which he did a great job.

A special thank you also to Cathy not only for the great breakfast but also waiting for us later than she expected to serve our afternoon cake, and tea.

To Jamie for his donation of a day ticket, and a case of beer from their microbrewery towards our raffle. I can't remember who won the beer.

We were pleased to welcome guests Andy Banting, and Ludi Dent both of whom enjoyed the day, and are who are taking up membership. We wish them both a long and happy association with St Michaels.

It was also good to welcome George, and Stuart Farmer, past members, who joined us for the day. It was great to see them again, and we were also delighted to see Alan Martin following his cancer treatment. and his dog Sid. Alan managed to fish for a little bit. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him again soon at the waterside.

## NEXT UP SAT 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE FARMOOR RESERVOIR.

With lower temperatures so far, and a deluge of rain its fishing well, and water levels are excellent. So, I have booked 8 boats for this outing. I need to know ASAP who would like to come so I can confirm the boats. If you don't like boats you can fish from the bank which is also very productive at the moment, just let me know if boat or bank. Approximate cost will be £40 if you are boating incl a 6 fish ticket, plus catch and release. On the bank £30 same 6 fish ticket plus catch and release.

If we have a good attendance I will see if I can get the café to open early so we can have breakfast before we set off.

SO DON'T DELAY REPLY TODAY PLEASE. I will send out a final email with all the arrangements next week.

*Michael Littlestone* Hon Sec.

## LAKEDOWN Results and Winners

### Don Garner:

**Biggest bag of the day.**  
With a weight of 8lb 6oz.  
Wins a fly box with flies

### Lou Fine:

**The best fish of the day.**  
With a Brown of 3lb 4oz.  
Wins a fly box with flies

### Lucky Draw Raffle:

**Terry Burgess:** Day Ticket to Lakedown    **Colin Bateman:** Travel expenses £40.00

**Other anglers won prizes that had been kindly donated.**

**Total Number of anglers 20    Total number of fish caught 52**

*SORRY, BUT PHOTO'S OF THIS ISSUES PRIZE WINNERS WERE NOT  
AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION*

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## A little tip

**Casting:** Try not to make too many false casts. This excessive movement not only means trout can detect us more easily, and all this rod action wears out fly lines more quickly. Try to cut down on false casts (no more than 3-4 false casts) and aim to shoot line at the correct moment. Bi-coloured fly lines help here as the colour change can help determine the optimum time to release our fly lines.

**Your Leader:** I tend to err on the side of caution preferring a stronger leader. If retrieving quickly then for me, fluorocarbon, in the 6 to 10lb range. If you go on dries, only then would I go below 6lb!

**Tapered leaders:** You may also want to consider tapered leaders, short 9ft ones. It can be windy at times here in the UK and most trout will be on the downwind shore so casting weighted flies maybe a problem. A tapered leader will help massively. The taper will allow you to punch that fly hard and low into the wind cutting through it far better than a length of single strength leader.



My thanks to Joe for the photos.  
You can see these in more detail on the SMFF web site.

