



The Association of Major Fly Fishing Clubs

2011 MAY Newsletter

All the Results – All the Reports – Each Month

Yet Another Apology!

Not a good start! There were a number of mistakes in the INDIVIDUALS scores in the April Newsletter. Including One Total. These were transcription mistakes and the official score sheets are accurate. All but one my fault! I have a technical glitch in my keyboard. It has got very slow so that if I type the same character twice, quickly, it does not always recognise the second stroke. It often only appears as 1. Sorry and will buy a new keyboard

It is always difficult to find a subject for the editorial in the May issue.

This is particularly so this year because the first of the Round Two matches is so late in the month. By the time I get the score sheet – match reports – photos, if I want to get the newsletter out by the end of the month this Editorial will have to be already written.

However I am on the periphery of a conflict at a small fishery where I get an invitation to fish.

A member sent some photos to the Environmental Agency of

some damaged fish to query a disease. Their response was that the problem was BAD HANDLING associated with Catch and Release.

The Secretary sought advice from me about principles for handling fish. There is a particular problem at this fishery because the banks are steep and you cannot get down to water to extract the hook whilst the fish is still in the water. They HAVE to be netted!

I offered the following as the way I deal with catch and release.

Firstly only use barbless hooks. I know the arguments about them penetrating deeply. But they go in easier and the COME OUT easier. **In all situations!!!**



Lay the fish, in the net, on the bank and cover it with your hand. It is unnecessary to grip the fish. There is often enough damp on the grass, or in the net itself, so you do not need to handle the fish with dry hands.

Put the fish back into the water in the net. By judicious use of the net handle it is ALWAYS possible to hold the fish upright until it swims away.

No hassle – No Damage!

A thief in Paris stole some pictures from Le Louvre

He got past Security. Stole the paintings and made it safely to his van

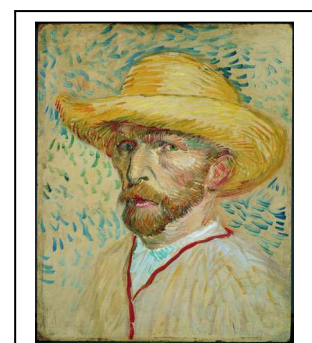
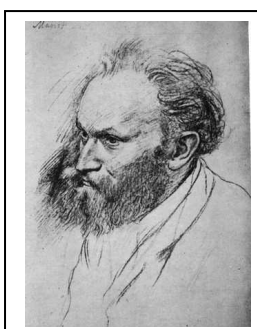
However he was captured only two streets away when his van ran out of gas

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such a silly mistake – HE REPLIED

I had no MONET

for DEGAS

to make the VAN GOCH



Group One – Round Two on Bewl Water A Bit of a Struggle in a Gusty Wind and Fish Well Spread Out

Results

Name No Weight

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'

Steve Collins	6	14lbs 4oz
Nick Cox	2	6lbs 5oz
John Hancock	4	7lbs 8oz
Bill Rankin	8	18lbs 8oz
Phil Thompson	4	9lbs 9oz
Dave Withers	2	3lbs 7.5oz
TOTAL		59lbs 7.5oz

Fish Hawks 'A'

Si Gaines	5	11lbs
Phil Thomas	8	17lbs 5oz
Kerry Richardson	3	5lbs 1oz
Col. Martin	1	1lb 10.5oz
Billy Miller	1	2lbs 1oz
Si Morris	6	10lbs 7oz
TOTAL		48lbs 13.5oz

Grafham Water F.F.A. 'A'

Chris Bobby	4	7lbs 2oz
Richard Kesek	7	11lbs 15oz
Derek Bravington	2	4lbs 10oz
Norman Rushton	4	8lbs 5oz
Nick Preston	5	10lbs 2oz
Harley Smith	3	5lbs 4oz
TOTAL		47lbs 6oz

Hanningfield F.A.

David Franklin	4	6lbs 11oz
Lee Pond	3	5lbs 5oz
Mick Newton	4	7lbs 7oz
Darren Pond	2	3lbs 2oz
Clive Morgan	3	5lbs 5.5oz
Garry Morris	2	3lbs 10oz
TOTAL		31lbs 8.5oz

Rutland Water F.F.

Paul Sissons	5	8lbs 2oz
Sue Sissons	4	8lbs 6oz
Sean Cutting	6	10lbs 9.5oz
Dave Lang	2	3lbs 5.5oz
Mike Barrett	4	6lbs 4oz
Mike Gunnell	6	12lbs 15oz

Best Bag 18lbs 8oz

Bill Rankin (Bewl Bridge)

Best Fish 3lbs5oz

Nick Cox (Bewl Bridge)

John Dunmall reports that it was overcast and cloudy all day, with a stiff South Westerly of around 17 knots, gusting to 24.knots.

The resulting wind chill meant that the expected 13 degrees C. felt more like 10/11. This made the fishing 'hard work'!

The home team took all the honours with a team win – best bag – best fish



Bill Rankin–Best Bag

The fish seemed to be widely spread with most of the main area providing catches, albeit not in large numbers.

Bill's best bag came from two long drifts from Beaunman's Point to the Dam (six fish) and the remaining two drifting closer in on the Chingley Bank.

His method was to roly-poly a DI3 with a pair of Cormorant droppers and a Boodlace Boby on the point.

In direct contrast, Nick Cox's Best Fish came from the bottom of Hook Straight. There was a hatch of tiny midge going on and Nick scaled right down as small as 20's. He fished a floater and varied figure-of-eight retrieve. His 3lbs 12oz fish came to a size 16 Black Boobied Pheasant Tail nymph.

Bill's time bonus and Nick's Best Fish helped Bewl to take first place, even though they had fewer fish than Rutland Water F.A.

The average catch was 4 fish per angler and the average weight 11bs 14oz.

With only two anglers finishing and no blanks it was a good match.

Once again the Group decided to have a Post Match Meal and retired to the Swan in Lamberhurst, where they had a two course meal £8.00 a head.



<i>Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'</i>	1	5					6	3
<i>Fish Hawks 'A'</i>	5	3					8	1=
<i>Grafham Water F.A.</i>	2	2					4	4=
<i>Hanningfield F.A.</i>	3	1					4	4=
<i>Rutland Water F.F.</i>	4	4					8	1=

**Group Two – Round Two
On Chew VALLEY lake
on THURSDAY 26TH mAY**

The first match in the Associations History to be

Blown off the Water

After reports of a boat sinking!

Rescheduled for Wednesday 16th. June

A Good Day for All on Bewl Water for the GROUP THREE Round Two Match

Results

Name No Weight

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'

Bob Shaw	8	18lbs 8oz
Ken Holmes	4	7lbs 6oz
Chris Nunn	3	4lbs 7oz
Ralph Painter	8	19lbs 10oz
John Binford	2	3lbs 6oz
Richard Denny	8	17lbs 9oz
TOTAL	70lbs	14oz

Grafham Water F.F.A. 'B'

Peter Hartley	7	10lbs 11oz
Steven Ellerbrook	8	14lbs 7oz
Chris Lane	4	7lbs 9oz
Lianne Fox	5	7lbs 10oz
Sheena Goode	7	12lbs 6oz
Kevin Appleton	8	16lbs 5oz
TOTAL	69lbs	3oz

Invicta F.C. 'A'

Graham Williams	6	10lbs 2oz
Chris McLeod	6	9lbs 12oz
Mark Searle	8	17lbs 10oz
Gary How	4	6lbs 5oz
Ron Lusardi	6	12lbs
Lawson Wight	7	12lbs 13oz
TOTAL	68lbs	10oz

Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.

Vince Brooks	8	18lbs
Keith Nicholson	8	18lbs 15oz
Mick Priest	4	6lbs 6oz
Richard Lovell	8	15lbs 13oz
Scott Benton	6	10lbs 11oz
Bob Holland	6	10lbs 5oz
TOTAL	80lbs	2oz

Best Fish 3lbs 4oz

1. Sheena Goode (GWAFFA)
2. Richard Denny (Bewl)

Best Bag 19lbs 10oz

Ralph Painter (Bewl)

Ralph Painter of Bewl Bridge 'B' Team finished after only an hour and a half collecting 6lbs 8oz of time bonus. The total number of fish caught by all the other teams was greater than that of Bewl, but Ralph's bonus meant they came within 4oz of first place and managed to come second.

The total number of fish caught
 Tunbridge Wells 40
 Grafham Water 39
 Invicta 37
 Bewl Bridge **Only 33**



Conditions were good for the start of the match with light South Westerly winds, which became stronger as the match progressed.. Blue-sky gave way to patchy cloud as the

wind increased.

The main drifts were on the maim bowl, especially drifting along Chingley. The first two hours were the most productive, and as so often happens, when a lot of boats fish the same area, it became more difficult as the day progressed.

At the start of the match the fish were high in the water, with floaters and slow sink lines the most effective. The washing line, used by many anglers, kept the flies high in the water.

A few fish were caught on nymphs but David Little's report indicated that boobies and blobs were the most productive flies.

Tunbridge Wells T.F.S. are already on a roll with two first places. They have a big pool of seriously good anglers and it is possible to see them having a clean sweep of first's (never been done before)

This group had decided before the season that they would have a post match meal. They even managed to find more people for the meal that anglers who fished.

Name of Team	Rd1	Rd2					Total Pts	POSITION
<i>Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'</i>	2	3					5	2
<i>Grafham Water F.A. 'B'</i>	1	2					3	4
<i>Invicta F.C. 'A'</i>	3	1					4	3
<i>Tunbridge Wells T.F.S.</i>	4	4					8	1

GROUP FOUR hits Pitsford on a remarkable day for the Round Two Match ** Rod Average 7.1

Results

Name No Weight

East Midlands T.F.A.

Mick Facey	8	23lbs 4oz
Ian Pow	3	8lbs 8oz
John Clarke	8	18lbs 7oz
Ashley Cooper	7	13lbs 6oz
Alan Sefton	7	14lbs 2oz
Tony Dighton	8	18lbs 12oz
TOTAL		95lbs 1oz

England Police F.F.A.

Brian Braun	4	9lbs
Mark Mathieson	8	21lbs 11oz
Gary Huskins	8	18lbs 9oz
Ian Frazer	8	20lbs 6oz
Russell Logan	8	24lbs 7oz
Dave Summers	8	22lbs 7oz
TOTAL		116lbs 8oz

Invicta F.C.

Steve Middleton	7	13lbs 4oz
Simon Sells	4	9lbs
Alan Prevost	4	7lbs 7oz
John Caldwell	8	19lbs 6oz
Peter Oldham	8	22lbs 1oz
Mike Smith	8	15lbs 4oz
TOTAL		86lbs 6oz

Soldier Palmers 'B'

David Froggatt	8	15lbs 4oz
Andy Croucher	8	22lbs 4oz
Peter Harrop	8	22lbs 11oz
Andy Draper	8	21lbs
Brian Perryman	8	17lbs 4oz
Graham Ferguson	8	16lbs 10oz
TOTAL		115lbs 1oz

Best Bag 24lbs 7oz

Russell Logan (Engl. Police)

Best Fish 4lbs 5oz

Andy Croucher (Soldiers 'B')



As so often happens when almost everyone catches their limits, time bonus was the deciding factor. With each angler catching a limit it looked as though the Soldier Palmers 'B' had done enough to win.

buzzers to midge tips and Kelly greens, successful flies being blobs and boobies

(tequila variety), buzzers and diawl bachs.

A couple of boats went to the



In the end the results revealed that England Police, who had four fewer fish, had beaten them by 1lb 7oz. The Police time bonus of 23lbs 4oz, compared with the Soldier Palmer's of 17lbs was the deciding factor.

Sailing Club where fish were deeper and were caught using boobies and fast-sink lines..

The Coach and Horses at Brixworth provided the post match meal of chicken curry or

beef and ale pie, followed by rhubarb and apple crumble and custard – a really enjoyable day.

Russell Logan (Best Bag)

The wind, south westerly, was benign for the most part although picked up in strength throughout the day.

At the off most boats simply headed for the shallow water on the bank of the Holcott Arm opposite the lodge and anglers were into fish straightaway. First to eight was Mick Facey at 11 o'clock with Dave Summers close behind at 11:10.

A variety of methods were working, from floating line and



Totals after Round Two

East Midlands T.F.A.	4	2				6	1=
England Police F.F.A.	2	4				6	1=
Invicta F.C. 'B'	3	1				4	3=
Soldier Palmers 'B'	1	3				4	3=