



Newsletter 2012

All the Results and Reports

APRIL

New BADGES New PATCHES

Last season there was a number of complains about the Winners Badges. It was felt they were unnecessarily cheap and did not distinguish their function. In the end we re-issued new Winners Badges at considerable cost.

The Committee looked at the whole badge situation. They approached new suppliers with new designs for the Winners metal Lapel Badges. In addition they decided to reintroduce a cloth waistcoat patch.

Each team will be sent twenty waistcoat patches to give to each member who fishes for the team in 2012 and any new members who fish in subsequent years.

So far what! It is clear that many parts of the country are short of water. In FEBRUARY Bewl was lower than it was in 1987, when they had to pump over half the water out to get to the damaged plates after the 'great storm'. Pictures of Pitsford are distressing. So far we have not had a wet spring although there has probably been enough rain to allow some pumping from the catchment areas. The problem is that if too great an area of the marginal banks dry out it can seriously affect the aquatic fly life.

One report I have received from Bewl is that the Spring Natural life is so sparse that the fish are taking anything.

Another factor which has made the start of this season unusual is the constant low temperatures. Even in the sunshine it has felt cold with air temperatures rarely exceeding 7/8 C.

The start to any season is beset by problems. 2012 is no exception! The other day I hooked myself in the skin, past the barb for the very first time – ever!

I know the theory; indeed I have been successful with other anglers. You press the fly downwards and 'jerk' it out in the same direction as it went in.

It is different when you are on your own and the damn thing is stuck deep in the index finger of your left hand. After some silent screaming it did eventually come out but it dripped blood over reel line and rod. To compound the day there was as big a buzzer hatch as I can remember – BUT – with thunder storms weaving their way around the reservoir and big temperature changes as the storms got close, the fish were disinterested. Not a great day!

This year we welcome two new teams. Grey Lags, who are ex. Fish Hawks members, and Foremark Fly Fishers.

Most of the Grey Lags anglers will have fished with us before but for many, if not all the Foremark anglers, the A.M.F.C. will be new.

We hope they enjoy the



competition which we pride ourselves is based on the 'Olympic Ideal' that participation is more important than winning. Not they we don't all want to win, **but not at any cost.**

For most matches there will be a post match meal. Assume there is one unless you are informed otherwise

Spring Association Match

Match Report and Statistics

The match was heavily influenced by the weather and, as a number of anglers have commented, on the 'hammering' the fish had in a small area at Stratford on the practice day, and to some smaller extent, the day before.

Everyone found fish in Stratford on Practice day and EVERY boat headed there as soon as the horn blew for the 'off'.

The fish were still there for the match but very 'spooked' and difficult to hook.

David Lang, who was the top rod, found that the only times the fish stuck was as he was lifting his flies vertically. He did not have a single fish on the normal retrieve. He fished a fast glass with a black booby on the point and black nymphs. (black cruncher – black dawl bach's)

He had seven fish by 11.00am but his last fish took him three more hours to catch.

Eventually a number of boats abandoned Stratford and found both shelter and a few fish behind Denny Island. Here the fish were right into the trees and more confident in their takes.

Vince Brooks, who was the only other angler to catch a limit, found fish drifting out from Wick Green into Spring Creek. He caught three on nymphs but the rest, by his own admission, 'on something horrible'.

David



A bit of a mistake

Sadly the Eddie Grey Cup for the best bag in an Association Match was given to Vince Brooks by mistake. Both the Cup and Plaque will get to David in due course

Vince



The Weather also played a part!

At the start it was overcast with a gentle breeze from the West and South West. Almost perfect conditions!

By the end the wind had strengthened to about 17 mph and gusting to well over 25 mph. and it was very uncomfortable and wet in the boats.

Fortunately any rain was only a shower and not too frequent.

The average weight was excellent but the rod average

indicated how difficult it was for most.

Many anglers reported catching Pike. One member of the Rutland Team boated four.

GETTING HELP AT THE WEIGH-IN

John informs me that the fishery staff were very busy sorting out the boats. This meant that an angler (Chris Bobby) had to do the weigh-in.

This is not unique –although unusual. (We can recall two other occasions) At most of our matches it is normal to have a member of staff available for the weigh-in.

If match organisers want help with the weigh in, please confirm that someone is available before the start of the match

GROUP	Rod Average	Average Weight
ONE	3.5	2lbs 8oz
TWO	3.2	2lbs 10oz
THREE	2.25	2lbs 10oz
FOUR	2.1	2lbs 1oz

Spring Association Match

Group ONE & TWO Results

Group One

Name No Weight

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'

Ray Burt	4	9lbs 13oz
Baz Reece	1	1lb 12oz
Bob Shaw	1	2lbs 8oz
Phil Thompson	5	12lbs 7oz
TOTAL	11	26lbs 8oz

Fish Hawks 'A'

Paddy Mounter	2	5lbs 11oz
Phil Thomas	7	18lbs 2oz
Dave Newing	5	12lbs
Al Gamble	4	8lbs 5oz
TOTAL	18	44lbs 2oz

Grafham Water F.F.A 'A'

Chris Bobby	6	12lbs 12oz
Norman Rushton	3	9lbs 10oz
Peter Hartley	1	3lbs 4oz
Steve Ellerbeck	4	8lbs 1oz
TOTAL	14	33lbs 11oz

Royal Navy/Marines

Neil Jones	4	11lbs 12oz
Ron Tutt	2	5lbs 8oz
David Morton	3	7lbs 6oz
Tony Wilkinson	5	13lbs 2oz
TOTAL	14	37lbs 12oz

Rutland Water F.F.

Mike Gunnell		
David Lang	8	24lbs 10oz
Paul Sissons	3	6lbs 6oz
Sue Sissons	2	5lbs 5oz
TOTAL	13	36 lbs 5oz

Best Fish

David Lang (Rutland) 3lbs 9oz

Best Bag

David Lang (Rutland) 24lbs 10oz

Group Two

Name No Weight

Bristol Reservoirs F.A.

Dave Drake	6	14lbs 12oz
Andre Wiles	3	10lbs 2oz
Alan Williams	4	7lbs 5oz
John Humphrey	6	16lbs 3oz
TOTAL	19	48lbs 6oz

Hanningfield F.A.

Leigh Pond	4	9lbs 8oz
Daren Pond	3	7lbs 6oz
Vince Howley		
Julian Weddle	4	10lbs 6oz
TOTAL	11	27lbs 4oz

Queen Mother F.F.

<i>Dave Kidby</i>	3	<i>7lbs 8oz</i>
Steve Radcliffe	1	2lbs 13oz
Al Munds	1	2lbs 8oz
Mick Hill	7	17lbs 3oz
TOTAL	12	30lbs

Soldier Palmers 'A'

Jamie Thomas	3	9lbs
Tony Hoggart	1	2lbs 9oz
Paul Calvert		
Paul Kitchen		
TOTAL	4	11lbs 9oz

Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.

Vince Brooks	8	23lbs 10oz
Jeff Latter	3	7lbs 3oz
Simon Newman	5	18lbs 3oz
Keith Nicholson	1	2lbs 14oz
TOTAL	17	49lbs 14oz

Best Fish

Simon Newman (T. Wells) 7lbs 1oz

Best Bag

Vince Brooks (T. Wells) 23lbs 10oz

Dave Kidby informs us that his weight should be 8lbs 8oz. This does not affect the Match but may affect the count back at the end of the season

All the Winners



*Best Team Performance
And Winners of the
Kew-Queen Mother Plate

Tunbridge Wells Fly Fishing
Society
Group Two
17 fish for 49lbs 14oz*

*Group One Winners

Fish Hawks 'A'
18 fish for 44lbs 2oz*



*Group Three Winners

Invicta F.C. 'A'
12 fish for 31lbs 6oz*



*Winners of Group Four

Grey Lags
Who did not stay for the meal so there is no photo
11 fish for 28lbs*

All the Results

Groups THREE & FOUR

Group Four

Group Three

<u>Name</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Weight</u>
<u>Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'</u>		
David Little	3	10lbs
Ray French	4	8lbs 14oz
Chris Nun		
Rob Toptalo		
TOTAL	7	18lbs 14oz

England Police

Jon Corner	2	4lbs 9oz
Mick Arrowsmith	1	2lbs 12oz
Martin Barrett	2	5lbs 12oz
Mike Healy	1	2lbs 12oz
TOTAL	6	16lbs 13oz

Fish Hawks 'B'

Keith Gilchrest	4	11lbs 12oz
Wayne Ketchell	4	9lbs
Billy Miller	2	5lbs 8oz
Dai Venn	1	2lbs 6oz
TOTAL	11	28lbs 10oz

Invicta 'A'

Chris McLeod	4	9lbs 13oz
Michael Facey	3	7lbs 5oz
Gary How	1	2lbs 12oz
John Mees	4	11lbs 8oz
TOTAL	12	31lbs 6oz

Best Bag

Keith Gilchrest (F. Hawks) 11 lbs 12oz

<u>Name</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Weight</u>
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Foremark F.F.

Merv. Amos	3	6lbs
Mark Redfern		
Riccarro Sacocone	3	6lbs 4oz
Malcome Sargent	1	2lbs 14oz
TOTAL	7	17lbs 12oz

Grafham Water F.F.A. 'B'

James Britton	3	7lbs 12oz
Tony Sterling	4	10lbs 1oz
Chris Lane	2	5lbs 6oz

TOTAL	9	23lbs 3oz

Greylags

Dai Davis	3	8lbs 6oz
Roger Thom	1	2lbs 8oz
Si. Morris	6	14lbs 10oz
Mark O'Neil	1	2lbs 8oz
TOTAL	11	28lbs

Invicta F.C. 'B'

Keiron Caulfield	3	6lbs 5oz
David Moore	1	2lbs
Fen Oakley	4	9lbs 4oz

TOTAL	8	17lbs 9oz

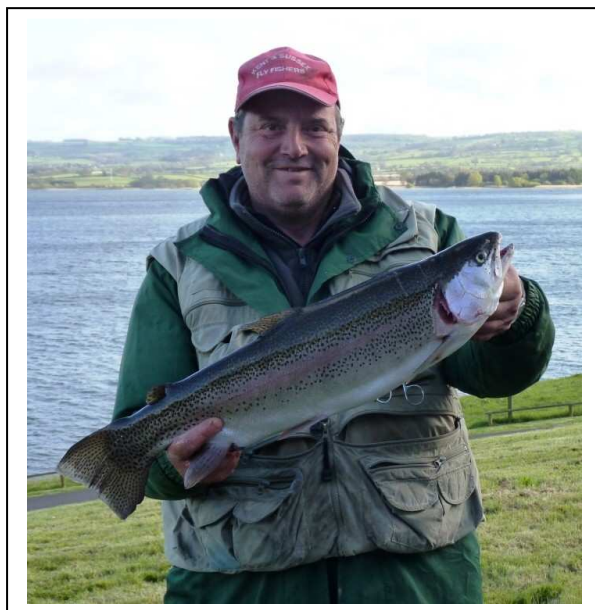
Soldier Palmers 'B'

John Gamon	2	4lbs 1oz
Eric Bennett	1	3lbs 7oz
George Bascope		
Tommy Lowndes		
TOTAL	3	7lbs 8oz

Best Bag

Si Moors (Greylags) 14lbs 10oz

Have we got the Largest Fish of the Season So Early?



Simon Newman (Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.) 7lbs 1oz

*The table below shows all the 'Best Fish of the Season Winners'
7lbs 1oz has only been beaten three times*

<u>Date</u>	<u>East Thames Aggregates Shield</u>	<u>Lew Cass Cup</u>
1996	Bill Rankin (Bewl) 8lbs 0oz	
1997	Julie Emerson (Mid Northants) 3lbs 14oz	
1998	Martyn Adams (Mont. & Shrops S.T.A.) 6lbs 2oz	
1999	Peter Johnson (Bewl) 4lbs 13oz	
2000	Graden Smith (Invicta) 6lbs 8oz	Mark Searle (Invicta) 4lbs 7oz
2001	Peter Wyles (Crawley) 6lbs 9oz	Doug Head (Invicta) 5lbs 12oz
2002	Rick Pritchard (Soldier Palmers) 8lbs 0oz	Bob Wilson (Hanningfield) 4lbs 4oz
2003	Mel Parrot (East Midlands) 6lbs 14oz	John Wood (South. Fed.) 4lbs 1oz
2004	Mark Rooney (Hanningfield) 6lbs 5oz	Time Leach (E. Midlands) 5lbs 11oz
2005	Alan Taylor (Invicta F.C.) 11lbs 12oz	Mark Glass (Navy/Marines) 6lbs 8oz
2006	Brian Calvert (Grafham Water F.A.) 5lbs 1oz	Stef van Furens (Crawley) 5lbs 5oz
2007	Baz Reece (Crawley) 5lbs 8oz	Dave Eames (Fish Hawks) 4lbs 12oz
2008	Jock Benning (Soldier Palmers) 6lbs 6oz	John Mees (Invicta) 4lbs 2.5oz
2009	John Hancock (Bewl 'A') 7lbs	Nick Preston (GWAFFA) 3lbs 13oz
2010	Ron Tutt (Navy/Marines) 6lbs 9oz	Graham Bodsworth (GWAFFA) 4lbs 12oz
2011	Mark Searle (Invicta A) 6lbs 14oz	Mike Smith (Invicta B) 5lbs 13oz