



# Newsletter 2012

All the Results – All the Reports

## May

### Post Match Meals

I'm fairly sure that most of us feel that the 'post match meal' is part of the A.M.F.C. experience. And an important one at that!

After only two group matches there have been a disappointingly large number of absences. At the Group One Match only 19 out of 30 anglers stayed for the meal. In Group Three only 15 out of 24. (*The organiser was not informed*)

After the uncertainty about meals last year we are sure that ALMOST ALL matches will have a post match meal. **Assume yes unless informed otherwise.**

Just a reminder of the process! If any member of your team is not staying for the meal you must – **must –MUST** let the organiser know a minimum of three days before the match, in time to cancel it.

If you don't and the caterer insists on payment you must accept responsibly

### Do you know where your tackle is made?

There seems to be a growing tendency not to include the 'country of manufacture' on the packaging of many items.

*All is not lost!*

The first two/three numbers on the 'bar code' indicate the county of origin



In this case the number 50 mean that this item was made in the U.K. The following numbers are the ones you are most likely to encounter:

00 to 09 USA & Canada  
30 to 37 France  
40 to 44 Germany  
49 Japan  
50 UK  
471 Taiwan  
690 to 692 China

So let's buy British!

**Hasn't this been a most miserable Spring?** It feels, and statistically is, one of the wettest and coldest on record. If other people have had the same fly fishing experience as me it has been very unusual.

At one place I fish regularly, where I can guarantee the fish will be in the margins and feeding heavily on buzzer – they have

disappeared out into the middle and not been feeding much at all.

At another I have not caught a single fish on nymphs but only on dries. This has usually been the other way round. Only terrestrials were available.

*I was severely remonstrated* for my quote in the April Newsletter about the 'Spring fly life on Bewl'. I should have been more accurate. My informant commented that on *opening day* 'there was so little spring fly life that the fish took anything'.

My comments were about the probable scarcity of aquatic life later in the year as a result of exposed banks at all our reservoirs thro' the winter and spring.

The report of the Group One Match on Bewl on 8<sup>th</sup> May supports my hypothesis. John Dunmall reported that the fish were 'feeding over the newly flooded shores' What will happen when these are grazed out?

### **IT'S HAPPENED**

*The organiser of the Group Three match on Bewl when only 15 out of 24 anglers stayed for the meal has received a bill for £90.00*

*No other team had informed him of their anglers who were not staying so the bill will have to be paid*

**Let organisers know  
Or PAY!**

# Suicidal Bawl Trout Mean Only One Angler Misses Out On Time Bonus

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## Group One Round Two

### Results

Name	No	Weight
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#### Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'

Rob Barden	8	18lbs 4oz
Nock Cox	8	17lbs 3oz
Martyn Grey	8	20lbs 4oz
John Hancock	8	21lbs 6.25oz
Jim Letham	8	22lbs 13oz
Rob Shaw	8	22lbs 0oz
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>122lbs 0.25oz</b>

#### Fish Hawks 'A'

Phil Thomas	8	16lbs 1oz
Mal Bruce	8	17lbs 0oz
Kerry Richardson	8	20lbs 7oz
Tony Slater	8	22lbs 4oz
Dave Eames	8	22lbs 0oz
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**TOTAL** 97lbs 12oz

#### Grafham Water F.A. 'A'

Steve Ellerbeck	8	20lbs 0oz
Richard Kesek	8	20lbs 11.5oz
Peter Hartley	8	21lbs 13oz
Norman Rushton	8	21lbs 5oz
Nick Preston	8	20lbs 2.5oz
Harley Smith	8	19lbs 15oz
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>124lbs 1oz</b>

#### Royal Navy/Marines

Dave Morton	4	9lbs 6oz
Neil Jones	8	21lbs 5oz
Ron Tutt	8	21lbs 1.5oz
Tony Wilkinson	8	22lbs 3oz
Steve Scott	8	23lbs 5oz
Nick Tompkins	8	22lbs 9oz
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>119lbs 13.5oz</b>

#### Rutland Water F.F.

Mike Gunnell	8	20lbs 4oz
David Lang	8	20lbs 2oz
David Holroyd	8	22lbs 5oz
Mike Barratt	8	18lbs 12oz
Andrew Fliteroft	8	20lbs 0oz
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**TOTAL** 101lbs 7oz

**Best Bag** 23lbs 5oz  
Steve Scott (Navy/Marines)

**Best Fish** 3lbs 1oz  
Harley Smith (GWFFA 'A')



Steve Scott **BEST BAG**

#### John Dunmall Reports

Several people asked me why was it not freezing cold with lashing rain and howling winds? This was not the early season weather that they were used to on Bewl. The lake, now over 65% full, looked better than it had for months. The morning started overcast with a gentle easterly breeze, a



#### **GWFFA 'A' WINNERS**

temperature rising from 12°C and a lovely ripple on the water. Although there was a slight drizzle mid-morning, the day gradually brightened and the wind moved round to the south-west with a pleasant afternoon temperature of 16-17°C.

Depending on the levels of brightness the fish moved up and down in the top few feet of water, and the preferred lines were neutral density, intermediates and Di 3, many with a washing line of cormorants and a tequila booby

on the point. In the early stages most of the boats congregated around the Playground and Canoe Club areas, later shifting up to around Hook House, Bramble Bay and Stone Bay. The fish were mostly close in to the banks feeding over the recently flooded shores. Surprisingly no-one fished around the Cages or Wards Lane until later on, although there were plenty of fish here too.

28 anglers fished and 27 anglers caught their limit. Nick Tompkins (RNRMAA) getting his by 11.55am. 220 fish were caught with an average weight of 2lb 1oz and a rod average of 7.86.

The weighing in was completed by 5pm, apart from 2 boats, and after the match nineteen of us retired rather unexpectedly early to the Bewl Waterside Restaurant and so had to wait for the chef to arrive to provide us with chicken and mushroom pie with vegetables, apple crumble and custard, all for £8.95 a head. The view over the water from the restaurant is one of the best of any lake! A good day.

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	TOTALS	Position
<b>Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'</b>	1	4					5	4=
<b>Fish Hawks 'A'</b>	5	1					6	3
<b>Grafham Water F.A. 'A'</b>	2	5					7	1=
<b>Royal Navy Marines</b>	4	3					7	1=
<b>Rutland Water F.F.</b>	3	2					5	4=

## Results

Name                      No    weight

### Bristol Reservoirs F.A.

Dan Hurley            5    12lbs 0oz  
A. Wilkes              4    8lbs 12oz  
Mark Stevens        8    24lbs 11oz  
Rick Andrew          5    15lbs 13oz  
Tim Welman          7    18lbs 13oz  
Tony George          8    26lbs 0oz  
**TOTAL    106lbs 1oz**

### Hanningfield F.A.

Vince Howley        8    24lbs 10oz  
Lloyd Pallet          8    24lbs 7oz  
Garry Morris         8    24lbs 1oz  
Tim Joyce             8    24lbs 0.5oz  
Mick Newton        3    7lbs 10oz  
Ray Mellion  
**TOTAL                      105lbs 12.5oz**

### Queen Mother F.F.

Jim Longmore        8    23lbs 2.5oz  
Phil Hall              6    15lbs 6oz  
Graham Herbert     4    10lbs 3oz  
Danny Peat           8    23lbs 12oz  
Mark Conroy         8    20lbs 8oz  
Al Munn                8    21lbs 12oz  
**TOTAL                      114lbs 11.5oz**

### Soldier Palmers 'A'

Tony Hoggart         8    20lbs 5oz  
Ronnie Christie      8    24lbs 2oz  
Pete Mumford        4    12lbs 2oz  
Lindsey Simpson    3    11lbs 0oz  
Paul Kitchon         7    17lbs 6.5oz  
Paul Lee               8    27lbs 0.5oz  
**TOTAL                      116lbs 2oz**

### Tunbridge Wells T.F.S.

Keith Lawrence      8    24lbs 7oz  
Mick Dwyer           1    3lbs 4oz  
Peter Thomason     8    26lbs 10.5oz  
Keith Nicholson     8    18lbs 14oz  
Jeff Latter            7    21lbs 12oz  
Bob Holland          7    17lbs 11.5oz  
**TOTAL    112lbs 1oz**

### Best Bag    28lbs 4oz

**Ronnie Christie (Soldiers)**

### Beast Fish    5lbs 10oz

**Tony George (Bristol)**



# From Siberia to Iberia in 48 hours Group Two Swelter on Magnificent Draycote Water Average Catch 6.3 Average Weight only 3oz short of 3lbs

Only 1lbs 6.5oz separated the top two teams, and only 10lbs 5.5 oz all five teams. This was a very close match. For winners and runners up time bonus was the deciding factor.

Two days before the match we were still in winter. All changed and the match was fished in total sunshine – temperatures in the high 20's and almost no breeze.

Nevertheless the fishing was magnificent! At the start boats split into two. About half set off for Rainbow Corner and the rest a short distance to drift along the Dam .

The best and most difficult fish were along the Dam Wall.



Rainbow Corner was full of fish (not all small) and by the end of the match only two boats were still along the Dam. (The average weight caught by these boats was 3lbs 3oz) Those who came late to

Rainbow Corner still managed to accumulate good bags.

The incident of the day must have been Tony George's best fish. Not only did he have his



**Soldier Palmers 'A' Team**

5lbs 10oz fish on but had a 3lb fish on the same cast (he landed both – luck or skill?)

There seemed to be a wide variety of successful methods. Probably 'straight through' nymphing was the best method at Rainbow Corner.

Tony George's best fish came to a blob on a DI4. Lots of anglers reported using Cormerants. Nobody went really deep and many anglers used floating lines all day.

After this great day's fishing almost every angler went to the Dun Cow in Dunchurch for an excellent meal.

Group Two's next match is on Haningfield on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>. June. There will be a meal

GROUP TWO	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	TOTAL	Position
<i>Bristol Reservoirs F.A.</i>	4	2					6	3=
<i>Haningfield F.C.</i>	2	1					3	5
<i>Queen Mother F.F.</i>	3	4					7	2
<i>Soldier Palmers 'A'</i>	1	5					6	3=
<i>Tunbridge Wells T.F.A.</i>	5	3					8	1

## Results

**Name                      No    Weight**

### Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'

John Turner            2        5lbs 0oz  
 Peter Radula-Scott    8        18lbs 9oz  
 Micky Phipps        2        4lbs 0oz  
 Ade Neci              8        20lbs 13oz  
 Ian Watts             8        22lbs 14oz  
 Chris Nun            6        10lbs 15oz  
**TOTAL                    82lbs 3oz**

### England Police

Doug Skins            8        16lbs 15oz  
 Chris Reeves         3        6lbs 1oz  
 H. Logan             8        19lbs 12oz  
 Steve Short          6        11lbs 10oz  
 Brian Braun         4        10lbs 14oz  
 Henryk Pyez         7        14lbs 5oz  
**TOTAL                    79lbs 9oz**

### Fish Hawks 'B'

Jason Whyte          2        3lbs 5oz  
 Dai Wenn            2        4lbs 2oz  
 Dean Baker          2        4lbs 11oz  
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**TOTAL                    12lbs 3oz**

### Invicta F.C. 'A'

Keiran Bonas         8        22lbs 4oz  
 John Mees            8        19lbs 0oz  
 Chris McLeod        8        18lbs 4oz  
 Jeff Hickson         6        11lbs 11oz  
 Ron Lusardi         4        10lbs 0oz  
 Mark Searle         8        17lb 15oz  
**TOTAL                    99lbs 2oz**

**Best Bag 22lbs 14oz**

**Ian Watts (Bewl)**

**Best Fish 3lbs 15oz**

**Mark Searle (Invicta)**



# Bewl Provides a Good Day's Fishing For Group Two on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. May

Bewl Bridge F.C. should be congratulated for the fact that they managed to run this match.

David Little, their organiser was in France. He passed the organisation to his number two who had to go to hospital. He passed it onto to number three – who fell in the boat on practice day and broke his wrist. Nevertheless he managed to organise the match and meal. He can be excused for not organising photos. Well done!

Ray French explains all!  
*The AMFC Group three match on Bewl turned out to be 'an organisational' triumph for the Bewl lads that participated and Andy Crossley who organised the day in the the absence of regular manager Dave Little.. On practice day Andy Crossley broke his wrist in the boat, so a big thank you to Mr Reliable Mickey Phipps for standing in at almost nil notice. Also to Ade Necci who stood in for Ray French who had to visit hospital and had in turn stood in for Ken Holmes who had to pull out.*

**We are also indebted to Ray French for his report**

The day turned out to be good conditions with a NNE gentle wind and an overcast start. The boats did spread out a bit but it soon became clear that most of the action was in the area from Hook House to Stone Bay and across. The majority of the bag ups came from this section albeit it took all day for some and many anglers never made it.

*Ian Watts*  
**Best Bag 22lbs 4oz**



## GROUP THREE                      Rd1   Rd2   Rd3   Rd4   Rd5   Rd6   TOTALS   Position

<b><i>Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'</i></b>	2	3					5	2
<b><i>England Police</i></b>	1	2					3	4
<b><i>Fish Hawks 'A'</i></b>	3	1					4	3
<b><i>Invicta F.C. 'A'</i></b>	4	4					8	1



## Results

Name            No    Weight

### Foremark FlyFishers

Dixie Baxter        6    17lbs 9oz  
 Ricardo Saconne    6    12lbs 7oz  
 Malcolm Sargent    8    17lbs 4oz  
 Jody Younger        4    10lbs 4oz  
 Dave Coates        3    5lbs 4oz  
 Barrie Lord         8    23lbs 7oz  
**TOTAL**                **86lbs 3oz**

### Grafham Water F.F. 'B'

Kevin Appleton     8    22lbs 4oz  
 Derek Bravington   8    17lbs 8oz  
 Chris Lane         5    10lbs 8oz  
 John Weaver        4    11lbs 8oz  
 Y. Smith            8    19lbs 0oz  
 John Vincent        8    20lbs 1oz  
**TOTAL**                **100lbs 13oz**

### Greylags

Si Morris            8    22lbs 0oz  
 Henry Reynolds     8    17lbs 6oz  
 Nigel Sudborough   8    19lbs 0oz  
 Peter Gover         8    16lbs 6oz  
 Al Grice-Jackson    8    27lbs 12oz  
 Colin Faires        8    25lbs 6oz  
**TOTAL**                **127lbs 14oz**

### Invicta F.C. A'

Keiran Caulfield    8    24lbs 14oz  
 David Moore        8    19lbs 4oz  
 Steve Middleton    8    20lbs 9oz  
 Alan Prevost        4    8lbs 2oz  
 John Brown         8    19lbs 12oz  
 Peter Alberry-King  8    16lbs 9oz  
**TOTAL**                **109lbs 2oz**

### Soldier Palmers 'B'

Mark Rose           8    23lbs 9oz  
 Tug Lawson         8    20lbs 5oz  
 Andy Everett        8    24lbs 12oz  
 Peter Harris         8    19lbs 12oz  
 Dave Joyce         8    23lbs 0oz  
 Algy Caldwell       8    20lbs 0oz  
**TOTAL**                **131lbs 6oz**

### Best Fish    6lbs 3oz

**Dixie Baxter (Foremark F.F.)**

### Best Bag    27lbs 12oz

**Al Grice-Jackson (Greylags)**

### Average Weight of Fish

**2lbs 3oz**

(7 fish over 4lbs were weighed- in)

# Group Four Find Pitsford in Generous Mood for Round Two Average 7.2 fish per angler

### *Kevin Appleton Reports:*

A full field of 30 anglers set out at the start with most having set up on sinking lines with blobs and boobies with the occasional nymph in between. Despite the warmer weather than the last few days only one or two decided to fish floating lines and buzzers.

At the start, about half the boats headed for The Gravels and Stone Barn Bay. The rest headed up the narrows to The Cliffs, Brixworth Bay and the Pines.

Those boats that went to The Gravels soon found fish deep down. Using Di7's with blobs and a slow stroked retrieve. There were plenty of rods bending very quickly as most boats found these fish drifting along the Gravels towards Stone Barn Bay.

Whilst the boats at The Gravels continued to catch the boats that had headed further up the Reservoir were also having some great action on sinking lines with nymphs and buzzers retrieved slowly. The best bags were to come from Pitsford Creek and The Pines area with anglers from Greylags and

Foremark coming in later in the day but with heavier bags. At the end of the day there were 23 limits including the whole teams from Greylags



and Soldier Palmers. (Picture above) 30 anglers caught 216 fish giving a rod average of 7.2.

Best fish of the day was caught by Dixie Baxter, Foremark, with a magnificent Rainbow weighing in at 6lb 3oz.



**Is this the Low Cass Cup Winner? 6lbs 3oz only ever been beaten once.!**

GROUP FOUR	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	TOTALS	Position
<i>Foremark Fly Fishers</i>	3	1					4	5
<i>Grafham Water F.A. 'B'</i>	4	2					6	2=
<i>Grey Lags</i>	5	4					9	1
<i>Invicta F.C. 'B'</i>	2	3					5	4
<i>Soldier Palmers 'B'</i>	1	5					6	2=