



Members of the Wild Trout Trust

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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 11th September Guild Meeting - Sam Stork will update us on the last 12 months of her on-going project 'Invasive Species'

Wednesday 9th October Guild Meeting- Chris Muscat of Wessex Water will give us a 'A Whistle Stop Tour of Water Supply in Wessex Water'. A broad overview of the supply business, in particular the water distribution system and how it operates. Included will be some detail on where WW are going in the future - also touching on abstractions around the region and how WWs integrated grid project will be helping to reduce abstraction in some areas.

Advance Notice that our October meeting - Wednesday 9th October - will also be an ***Extraordinary General Meeting*** in order to comply with our Constitution - re proposals for rule changes. Members will be asked to consider the proposal to change Rule 5 to read:-

'All end of year accounts are to be audited by an Auditor appointed at the preceding Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose'.

Members will also be asked to consider the appointment of Mrs Annette Bond as our Auditor.

WINNER of the J. TURK SHIELD at AVON SPRINGS - 23rd June 2013



Maurice with his 8lbs.06ozs. Winning Rainbow.

RESULTS: 1st... MAURICE DYER.....3 fish.....13lbs.00

2nd Robert Eadie.....1 fish.....2lbs.12ozs.

Five Members greeted the breezy, blustery Avon Springs Lakes. Owner Barry advised us to try Damsel Nymphs or something green. As the name implies there are several springs gushing into the main lake. Maurice happened to be fishing near to a spring, and as luck would have it, the trout were only attracted to this spring area and were feeding avidly!

Within an hour or so Maurice had bagged up - three fine rainbows the best being a magnificent 8lbs.8ozs!

By this time our other intrepid fishermen had caught exactly nothing! They were queuing to fish this hotspot which happened to be dead centre of the lake. The wind of course made it difficult to achieve that long cast. Only one other Member caught a fish within the four hours of competition.

Maurice used a dry Shipmans Buzzer and a rainbow beaded black buzzer to easily win the Turk Shield. He also wins the fine bottle of 'fishing plonk'. Congratulations Maurice on a very difficult but enjoyable day's fishing.

FULLINGBRIDGE - JULY 10TH 2013

Eighteen people including some family members, turned up for another splendid BBQ and Fishing afternoon at Fullingbridge Lake. Quite a stiff breeze was blowing down the lake from the right to left towards the dam.

Not so many fish seen feeding on the surface possibly due to the windy conditions, but the trout were quite happy to take nymphs from just below the surface of the clear water.

Fishermen could take the first two fish and then catch and release.

Dark flies seemed to be the order of the day, my fish being caught on black buzzers.

The WWFFG 'Ron Douch' Fullingbridge Tankard was up for grabs and our President Jon beat us all with his brace of rainbow weighing in at 4lbs.3ozs, both caught on the diawl bach fly fished very slowly, almost static. Guild Secretary Roger got the bottle of 'plonk' with a plump rainbow of 2lbs.6ozs. Our Barbeque was very tasty and superbly organised and cooked by Gerry Barnes. Many Thanks Gerry, all in all we had a most enjoyable evening

LADIES NIGHT DINNER

Friday 22nd November 2013, - 7.30 for 8pm.

Please peruse the Menu on pages 4 & 5 and contact **Jon Jonik** with the names and numbers of guests attending and with your Menu choices.

Tickets are £30 per person which includes a glass of wine.

Great value for such a Wonderful Evening!

Cheques to be made payable to 'WWFFG' and send to:-

Mr. Jon Jonik, 16, Pound Lane, Semington, Wilts. BA14 6LP

No later than 8th November please.

The Hotel needs notice of menu choices and numbers attending.

The Shaw Hotel, Bath Road, Shaw, SN12 8EF.

STARTERS

Homemade Soup of the Day.

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Smoked Peppered Mackerel.

Presented on a Tomato and Red Onion Salad finished with a Lemon Olive Oil Dressing.

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Pan Fried Mushroom.

Glazed with a Stilton Cheese Sauce accompanied by Garlic Bread.

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Home Made Smooth Chicken Liver Parfait.

Accompanied by sweet Cumberland Sauce and Melba Toast.

MAIN COURSES

Goujons of Chicken Breast

Coated in a Crispy Batter and accompanied by a Sweet Chilli Sauce and Salad Bouquet.

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Fillet of Cod.

Topped with Sun Dried Tomato with Onion, Basil and Black Olives, baked in Puff Pastry

And served with a Sorrel White Wine Cream Sauce.

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Oven Roast Fillet Steak.

Coated with a Wild Mushroom, Madeira and Tarragon Cream Sauce.

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Escalope of Chicken Breast.

Topped with Smoked Bacon then glazed with Brie Cheese and finished with a Fresh Tomato Basil Sauce.

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Courgette Rolls.

Filled with Cream Cheese, Pesto and Sun Dried Tomato baked in Fresh Tomato Basil Sauce.

The main courses are all served with a selection of potatoes and fresh vegetables.

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Salad.

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Hazelnut Meringue filled with Raspberries and Whipped Cream.

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Soft Centred Chocolate Pudding accompanied by a Sweet Brandy Cream.

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Baked Alaska with Home Made Baileys Ice Cream drizzled with Chocolate Sauce.

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Ice Cream or Sorbet

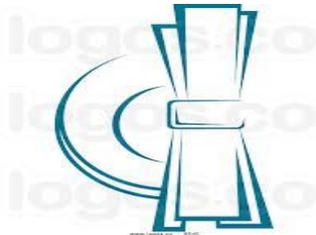
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Cheese and Biscuits.

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Filter Coffee.

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This Menu can also be found on our WWFFG Website on the 'Activities' page.

The **ANNUAL GRAND RAFFLE** will be drawn at this evening's Dinner.

The PRIZES are as follows....

1st Prize - A days guided Fly Fishing for One Rod with Jim Williams of the Wiltshire Fly Fishing School.

Jim is a popular speaker at our Guild evenings, and the lucky winner is certain to enjoy an entertaining days fishing in his company.

The day is to be taken on a mutually agreed date during the 2014 season.

2nd Prize - An Orvis Battenkill Bar Stock II Reel, with Titanium finish, suitable for Fly Line Weights 3 to 5 .

Usual retail price - £109. Made out of solid high quality aircraft grade bar-stock aluminium, CNC machined and perforated for lightness - combining physical strength with durability.

This Reel boasts the most time tested drag system ever produced.

3rd Prize a landing net with a long extendable handle.

Raffle Tickets will be on sale at the Guild Meetings from September onwards OR you can e-mail Gerry Barnes (peebug@madasafish.com) and he would be happy to reserve tickets for you.



September Fly Hatches

Hatching throughout England, Scotland, Ireland & Wales will be Large Dark Olives, Pale Wateries and Blue Winged Olives (and remember Blue Winged Olive Spinners) on rivers. Green Sedges or Rhyacophila will be hatching until Mid-October on rivers and Stillwater's. Buzzers will be all over the lakes, as will beetles, and do not forget daddy longlegs and pin fry fished along the margins of Stillwater's.

Possible September Stillwater Rig & Technique

With buzzers prevalent, a great Stillwater technique is to use a three dropper rig using Tapered Droppered Leaders with a Goddard Green Caddis on the top dropper, an Emerger on the middle dropper with a Flashback Buzzer on the point. Simply cast and twitch this rig gently along the surface for 18" to 24", stop and wait for 10 to 20 seconds allowing the buzzer to drop then repeat. This technique lifts the buzzer in and out of the feeding zones and it is a great technique to use at this time of the year. Rainbows could well hit all 3 flies. The sedge twitching acts like the natural sedge and this fly also acts as a superb bite indicator!

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Woodford Lodge.

On Saturday 31st August we held the final **Chew Valley Boat League Competition**. As usual the winner was dependant on the results of this the last of the ten contests. Fishing started at 1pm and finished at 8pm and 25 anglers went afloat filled with optimism as the Lake had been fishing very well over the past week.

Although the fish were feeding well, being a 'floating line only' competition made things tricky in the sunshine. However 131 fish were caught with 7 anglers completing their limit bags. Martin Burgess was top rod closely followed by Tony George, Alan Williams, John Bowen, and John Sutton.

When the final points were counted and Martin Burgess had pipped Tony George by just a single point (95) to become League Champion for second year in a row.

Bob Handford

FROM ROGER - Fishing at TELLISFORD



"This photo, taken at the end of August in the evening may encourage members to go down to Tellisford for the last few weeks of the season - this was a superb fish, over 13" long and deeper than the photo shows, it weighed 1lb 2oz. I caught it on beat 4 - 'high bank' in the deep water on the bend. That stretch always looks good - but the fish have always eluded me in the past so I thought I'd try a fast sinking nymph (3mm tungsten bead) at dusk - and on the 3rd cast it worked! I had to get through the 6' 'stinger jungle' and slide down the bank on my backside to get to the water but I've no complaints - though the laundry lady might".

3rd Decade Booklet

Colin and Robert would be very grateful if all current holders of trophies and shields would contact them a.s.a.p. with the names engraved on the sides of the items for ALL winners from the year 2000 to 2011. This is to allow a summary of all this information to be entered in the forthcoming 3rd Decade Booklet.

Also any details of large and/or memorable fish they have caught; or they know have been caught by modest fellow members within this period. Facts, weights, date of capture would be warmly welcomed. Any amusing anecdotes regarding the same subject, within this period would also be gratefully received.



HAPPY FISHING.....BOB

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