



## **ALBURY ESTATE FISHERIES**

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### **FISHERIES REPORT 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012**

#### **How has it been Fishing?**

March offered some excellent fishing, with some beautiful spring like weather and temperatures steadily climbing to around 23c by the end of the month.

Very nice to be out fishing in wall to wall sunshine, but a continued lack of rain during the month looks like having serious consequences for all flyfishers later in the summer. A hosepipe ban comes into force later this week just for starters. In the bright weather, accompanied by cool nights, often producing a frost by morning, fish stayed deep, with no surface movement reported anywhere. Buzzers were hatching off above 10c but, fish were content to stay at some 3-4ft down and munch on the nymph.

So, buzzers and bloodworm scored well, whilst larger flies such as Montana, Cats Whisker and the ever reliable BlueFlash Damsel caught a large proportion of the trout landed.

As ticket credits always run out at Albury at the end of March, the month became steadily busier on the bank, and by the last day, 70 anglers were fishing!

The month produced 1271 rod caught fish, best at 9lb 7oz to Richard Fox, and a very healthy crop of fish in the 6-9lb range, all in fantastic condition.

The last of the winter lake drainage operations was completed by mid-March as Belmont Lake at Vale End came back on stream.

Fishery Catch totals for the period up to 1<sup>st</sup> April: Park 121, Powdermills 227, Vale End 380, and Weston 543.

#### **Of the best bags:**

Powdermills: 6 fish bag for Sean Flanagan; 3 fish for Dave Bridger, Bob Walsh and Graham Burridge.  
Vale End: 10 fish bag for Adrian Berry; 4 fish for J Skidmore,  
Weston: 6 fish for G White, 5 fish for David March, T Beach, Mick Gratrack, Derek Giles (on 3 occasions); 4 fish for Roger Golding, D Anderson, K Brimacombe, S Ashwood, Mr Barnett, Mr Bryne, A Watkins, Mr Burke, Tim Aikens, F Bryant, G Jeal, D South, H Miller, P Easton, J Jenkins and Dariusz Andrzejewski.



David Nutbeam landed this 6lb 12oz rainbow from Weston on 29<sup>th</sup> March to a Black Buzzer



John Whurr used a Red Buzzer at Powdermills for this 8lb 8oz rainbow on 14<sup>th</sup> March



Andrew Smith at Weston, caught this 6lb rainbow to a Fritz/Montana Nymph

#### **Top Patterns at Albury**

Blue Flash Damsel Montana Nymph  
Cats Whisker Bloodworm  
Diawl Bach Goldhead Hare's Ear

#### **Rainbow Captures of 7lbs+.**

Key: AP = Albury Park, PM = Powdermills, W = Weston, VE = Vale End, BFD = BlueFlashDamsel, CW = Cats Whiskers!

9lb 7oz Richard Fox	Cats	PM	
9lb 0oz Angela Ward	BFD	PM	
9lb 0oz David Embleton	Cats	PM	
8lb 12oz Ben Nahum	Black BFD	VE	
8lb 11oz Bill Gaynor	Cats	BFD	PM
8lb 8oz J Duncton	Cats	PM	
8lb 8oz Bill Gaynor	Cats	PM	
8lb 8oz John Whurr	Cats	PM	
8lb 6oz Mick Gratrack	Killer Bug	VE	
8lb 4oz F Weeden	White Nomad	PM	

8lb 1oz Doug Hammond	Nomad	PM
8lb 0oz Peter Ramsay	Orange Ny	PM
8lb 0oz Les Mayhew	BFD	PM
8lb 0oz Peter Ramsay	Cats	PM
8lb 0oz R Waterstone	Cats	PM
8lb 0oz G Burridge	Girdle Bug	PM
8lb Vakis Paraskeva	Black Zonker	PM
7lb 12oz John Rolph	Montana	PM
7lb 8oz David Embleton	Cats	PM
7lb 8oz J Duncton	Cats	PM
7lb 8oz Graham Burridge	BFD	PM
7lb 8oz Les Mayhew	BFD	PM
7lb 7oz W Gaynor	Cats	W
7lb 4oz Chris Dodds	Cats	W
7lb 3oz Jason Nicholls	Montana	PM
7lb 0oz Ian Bushnell	Cats	PM
7lb 0oz Robert Mitchell	Montana	PM
7lb 0oz Robert Walsh	Damsel Ny.	PM
7lb 0oz M Dyakiewicz	Cats	PM
7lb 0oz Alan Avis	BFD	PM
7lb 0oz Graham Burridge	Cats	PM
7lb 0oz Peter Ramsay	Orange Ny.	PM

#### **Prospects for April**

Certainly getting colder for a while, with some northerlies, then expect some showers and generally cloudy mild days with some decent fly-hatch and fish moving a lot closer to the surface than they have been lately. And maybe a shed load of rain, mostly at night time perhaps!

#### **The Windknot**

A fresh edition of our popular newsletter, Windknot, should have arrived on your doormat by now. If not please check our member list and update your records.

#### **Instruction**

Lessons always available, please ring for an appointment to learn from scratch, or, improve your technique. We also give three days of free lessons twice a year at 'Flyfish 12' – next held at Vale End Fishery, 11-13 April, booking essential.

#### **Park Fishery**

A few vacancies on our syndicated water on private lake and river beats. Brownie fishing a speciality. Full Rod offers a guest each day. Full access to the day waters. Please email for a prospectus.

#### **Tickets**

**DAY TICKET CHARGES  
UNTIL 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2013**

Day Membership is £13 for new rods and £11 for existing rods.

Evening membership is only £7 from 5.00pm.

Fish Ticket prices are now  
2 Fish £20 Or 4 Fish £34

**SEASON RODS  
NOW AVAILABLE**

Catch from 10 Fish for £252.50 including annual membership.

**Tony Hern**

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