

# The Flydressers Guild Sussex Branch



## Newsletter

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## Tricorn Day



May 15<sup>th</sup> saw the complex event at Bewl which includes our own Frank Darrah Pairs competition, Ouse Valley's Boat Comp and the match between SFDG and EDFFC. So, if like me and

several others, you belong to Flydressers' and OVFS you end up in a 3 cornered hat!

Most of us came prepared to boil our heads in the forecast bright sun, only to be met by cloud and a sharp northerly wind, which persisted for the whole day in the main bowl of Bewl.

However, most of us had learnt hard lessons in the past about Bewl's contrariness

weatherwise and come prepared with extra layers. On a positive note, the cloud cover, along with a recent stocking helped to produce some very good fishing for those who managed to find the pods of fish which seemed to cling to the edges, particularly near the dam and the sides of Chingley Deep and Woods.

The "main event" saw SFDG triumph over Eastbourne with 26 fish coming to our 4 boats compared to 21 to EDFFC's. The table below shows the final results:

Name	No of Fish Caught	Best Fish lb - oz	Total Wt lb - oz
1 Phil Axell	4	-	-
2 Rob Batten	4	-	-
3 Neil Culmore	4	-	-
4 Caroline Culmore	4	-	-
5 Malcolm Dengate	1	-	-
6 Tim Tyrrell	1	-	-
7 John Harratt	1	-	-
8 Mike Richardson	3	-	-
Total No. of Fish =	21		
SUSSEX FDG RESULTS			
Name	No of Fish Caught	Best Fish lb - oz	Total Wt lb - oz
1 ALAN WELLS	4	-	-
2 STEVE MUSTCHIN	4	-	-
3 ANDY WOOD	3	-	-
4 JOHN DOWLING	2	-	-
5 DES WATSON	4	-	-
6 TONY GODDEN	4	-	-
7 STEVE NICHOLLS	1	-	-
8 ALF PHILLIPS	4	-	-
Total No. of Fish =	26		

However, the table doesn't reveal some extraordinary performances, as C & R saw Tony Godden amass a total of 17 fish and several others went well beyond their 4 fish limit. (Martin Nock of OVFS had 14 fish for example and Steve Mustchin

pulled in 8) Steve might well have had more but we decided after I had bagged up in the early PM, to take our boat up to Rosemary's out of the wind and warm up. We still managed to net 3 more fish between us and dropped several more up there, in a relaxing 50 minute spell, before the long, rather slow chug back to the boat dock. Two of our chaps, Steve Mustchin and Andy Wood, also managed to net two fish on the same cast. All the more outstanding for Andy who was spey casting all

day, due to a nagging shoulder injury. I take my hat off to them, as the fish generally fought well above their weight which is often the case in clear water reservoirs- one of the reasons I love this day. Finally, congrats must go to "Bewl virgin" Steve Matthews, who after a morning blank, stuck at it and took best fish of the day with a hefty 3lb 6 oz blue. He seems to be becoming our big fish specialist after his 6 lb brownie at Lakedown.

As far as the the FD Pairs title goes, I think that despite being in separate boats it should go to Tony and Des, the former also taking OVSF's boat competition title- a clean sweep Tony ... well done and welcome back.

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### **Moorhen announce a new website**

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new website for [Moorhen Trout Fishery](#)! As a premier fly fishing destination nestled in the heart of Hampshire's beautiful South Downs National Park, our updated site now makes it easier than ever for you to learn about our tranquil fishing spot, plan your visit, and book your next adventure.

Explore our crystal-clear waters, home to top-quality rainbow and brown trout, as you relax in the serene surroundings of our three-acre lake. Whether you're a seasoned angler or a beginner, our new site provides all the information you need about our prices, facilities, and opening times.

Check out the [Tackle Shop](#) for everything you need for a perfect fishing day, browse through the Visitor Info section, and stay updated with the [latest news](#) and upcoming events.

Visit us today at [moorhentroutfishery.co.uk](http://moorhentroutfishery.co.uk) to start planning your next fly fishing experience! 🎣

We look forward to welcoming you soon at Moorhen Trout Fishery.

### **Carp on the Fly at Springbarn SATURDAY 14TH JUNE**

Our next event is the popular carp on the fly fishing at Springbarn Fishery near Kingston, Lewes.

This year the cost is £14 cash on the day but please let Tony Woolnough you intend to come by email at [tony@fishways.com](mailto:tony@fishways.com) to avoid overcrowding. This is always an enjoyable if sometimes (for me) frustrating day. Looking forward to seeing plenty of you there.

Also a gentle reminder to those attending - landing net heads are provided at the fishery and no other nets are to be used. So please bring along a landing net handle.

Wayne will be there early to open up the net store.