

Salmon School 2008

Glyn Freeman taught Spey casting using the different techniques - right handed and left handed, single and double - necessary because the wind kept swirling in all different directions, over Monday and Tuesday. River conditions were good, it was only the wind that hindered, but we did not catch fish, despite a LOT of fish showing.

Then Matthew Silcock caught his first ever salmon under Mark Bowler's expert guidance up in Jimmy's stream at Cleughhead. Further downstream Ueli Zellweger caught and returned one on the same day. Later Mark too had one.

Nigel Fitzroy caught a beautiful big brown trout, in Gosselins at Kirkwood but otherwise was unlucky having a few knocks but nothing stayed on. Likewise Peter Gavan and Ben Mason had two big pulls but, again, the fish did not stick. Husband Allan the same. Neil Patton caught a good fish in the boat pool at Kirkwood which was eaten for dinner on Saturday night - 6 lbs. Andre Bourquin and John Williams were unlucky although John played one for several minutes before it came off.

Tony Jeffries, David Fletcher, Kevin and James Burnside arrived on Thursday. They fished Kirkwood Friday and Cleughhead Saturday but by then the water was too big for fly really.

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