

Young Duckfly 1918

Brooks went Arrow 1st April. Each day records bitter cold and gales with frosts at night.

2-4th ice in boat. First fly recorded rising on 2nd, (few odd flies hatching).

8th lots of fly hatching in Saudys reeds (the reeds on right hand going into Lough Brick) Full of [indistinguishable] fly, got two fish, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$. Lost another fish only rose for about $\frac{1}{4}$ hour.

You have this sort of [indistinguishable] from day to day, frost, hard north east wind, awfully cold day, not a fish moving.

April 30th [indistinguishable] a note that the may fly was up on [indistinguishable].

Monday May 6th – black east wind with rain, both olive and mayfly well up in Brick, fish taking both freely.

May 9th – Hedges covered with fly, no fly settled on water.

May 12th – Very cold N.N.W wind there was rain in afternoon, bitterly cold, few fly in outside lake, Hollybrook.

13th – Fair rise of mayfly, fish not taking them. Cold North wind, very few fly on outside lake, plenty in Brick, no fish rising.

14th – 18th – wind changed to S.W blowing hard, no fly on outside lake, nothing doing, useless.

22nd – fly over in Brick.

27th – Very few fly anywhere & none on water.

29th – Strong S wind, warm and bright. Lots of fly rising on Drumdoe shore, 4 trout best 6 1/2, 5.

June 1st – Very hot, gentle SE breeze in morning. Strong N.N.W wind in late afternoon quite spoilt the promise of a good evenings sport. (It would if you stuck on Drumdoe shore).

June 3rd – Hot bright day, S.E gentle breeze, hardly any fly in evening, a few spent gnat, fish not looking at them. Fish bulging in schools all over the lake, all over return home.

(The trout were bulging at perch fry)

On young Duckfly - 13 trout, 26lbs, average 2lb, best 3 1/4.

On Mayfly – 27 trout, 90 lbs, average 3.3, best 6 1/2.