



South East Fly-Fishers Federation 2012 Rivers Qualifier



4th November, Lower Itchen fishery

The South East Federation had to battle against the elements in its recent Rivers Qualifier on the Lower Itchen, Eastleigh. Although Saturday's practice day had seen the river gradually clearing, heavy overnight rain reversed this trend.

In the morning session the gravel patches, where the grayling lie, were only visible in the shallower sections. Much of the deeper downstream stretches, carrying extra water, were murky. Even so, Baz Reece and Tony Fox each scored five grayling, with Baz finishing just six points ahead of Tony, thanks to a 41cms specimen, the largest fish of the match.

The afternoon saw the river continue to rise and colour up, with the whole match length turning chocolate. It needed considerable persistence to carry on in the hope that something would intercept the flies, and the three who landed fish are to be congratulated. Gavin Walsh, David Drake and Lindsay Simpson all scored, with Lindsay's coming in the last five minutes. The scoring system meant that



their achievement, in the much harder afternoon session, was reflected in the overall placings.



We were pleased to welcome several of the Southern Fly Fishers to this event, which increased numbers to 19, and should see at least the top five or six go through to next year's Rivers National on the Dart.



OVERALL RESULTS

1. Baz Reece	(5 fish)	250pts	AM
2. Gavin Walsh	(1)	53	PM
3. Tony Fox	(5)	244	AM
4. David Drake	(1)	46	PM
5. Lindsay Simpson	(1)	44	PM
6. Bill Rankin	(2)	102	AM
7. Clive Collier	(1)	50	AM
8. John Waters	(1)	46	AM
9. Andrew Green	(1)	44	AM
10=Ray Burt	Nil	Nil	AM
10=Paul Canning	Nil	Nil	PM
10=Cameron Craigs	Nil	Nil	PM
10=Jay Curry	Nil	Nil	AM
10=Andy Ford	Nil	Nil	AM
10=Harry Fox	Nil	Nil	PM
10=Mike Heritage	Nil	Nil	PM
10=Terry Mann	Nil	Nil	PM
10=Henryk Pycz	Nil	Nil	PM
10=Hector Rodriguez	Nil	Nil	AM