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PFA Autumn Grayling Match 28th October 2018

Dear Member,

The PFA Autumn Grayling match was held on the 28th October on Pickering beck and a total of 15 members and 2 members' guests fished. Included in the competitors were 3 juniors.

The day before due to the amount of snow that fell it was thought that the match would be held in conditions that were cold, wet and miserable.

As it turned out after a cold start except for a few light showers the weather improved considerably and with one exception who measured his length in the beck, most members enjoyed a dry day.

The beck was pegged out once again by Paul Ridley between the second field above Low Mill down to the bottom of Big Crooks.

A total of 41 Grayling and 130 trout were caught. The majority of grayling were caught from 3 pegs.

Interestingly, some of the fish caught were no larger than 2 inches which would appear to suggest that our current policy of stocking only above Low Mill to preserve stocks of fry in the lower reaches of the beck is bearing fruit. This is especially important as all the fish we are now allowed to stock must be non breeding triploids.

The overall winner was Neil May who fishing Cox's hole repeated his victory in the February match returning a total of 10 grayling with a weight of 2lb 10oz.

Missing out on tying for the first place by only 2 ounces but winning the Poor Sods cup with a total of 12 fish was Marc Allison who drew the deep hole on Benny's Bend.

The trophy for the heaviest fish won by Ade Bristow who fished the Stalag and weighed in with a fish weighing 1lb 3oz. Ade also won the Sheep field trophy.

The new Junior trophy kindly donated by Brian and Bev Wray in memory of Christopher was won by Sam May with three fish weighing a total of 14oz in the stretch immediately below Low Mill.

Barry Parsons did particularly well considering his draw in the upper section of the stalag. He was successful in winning the fly trophy with one grayling from what is traditionally difficult water for grayling.

The after dinner match and raffle was held at the Beansheaf Hotel on the Malton/Pickering road where members enjoyed home-made steak pies, good company and a few laughs.

The raffle was made particularly memorable on this occasion by the mystery prize donated by Marc Allison and won by Allan Houghton. To the amusement of all those present, when unwrapped it turned out to be a large, Gaby Brown Trout Fish Pillow that put all those caught during the match to shame – Please see the picture below!

Best wishes to all

Mike Eady



Results

AUTUMN GRAYLING MATCH. 28TH OCTOBER 2018

<u>FLY</u>							
<u>PEG</u>	<u>PEG</u>		<u>GRAYLING</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>TROUT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
1	4	BARRY PARSONS	1	1	FLY	3	
2	XXX	ALLAN OZANNE					
TOTALS			1			3	0

TOTAL GRAYLING

41

TOTAL TROUT

130