

March 2018

River Taff

The season opened on a cold note but anglers still decided to try their hand. Daniel Popp managed one fish and Ron Jones Troedyrhiw has been out and had several fish when flurries of early Olives were hatching. As Ron explained fish were moving but it was only the odd one that was rising consistently and those were the ones he caught. Rhys Morgan had some good catches and the pictures are below.



The picture top left is the trout Daniel Popp caught. The others are the ones caught by Rhys Morgan. It is great to see the variety of colours that the Trout in the Taff have as part of their make up. These from the main Taff will be in stark contrast to those in the deep gorges of the Taf Fechan. To those of you who would like to, learn about river fishing come and meet us next Saturday March 2th 10am until 12 noon at the railway building on the lake in the park

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The cold weather has come back again and this will slow the early season fishing down. However snow on the mountains means our reservoirs will keep full and give the river the extra water that it can do with over a longer period of time. This will help any smolts that may be in the river Taff to migrate to sea. Sadly the run of Salmon on the Taff in 2017 was at the lowest ever let us hope this is not repeated in 2018. On the 21st April 2018 the South East Wales Rivers Trust will be holding an open day on Radyr weir from 10am until 3 pm to celebrate the Bi annual fish migration day. This will be an opportunity for you to come along and see what work the Trust has been doing to improve fish passage on the Taff system.

Let's open up rivers for more **Happy Fish**
and join **World Fish Migration Day!**



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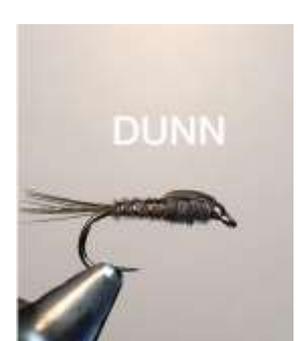
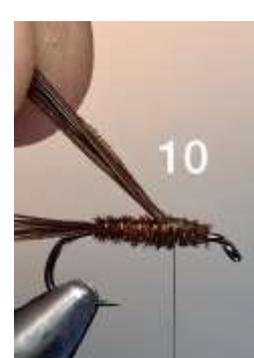
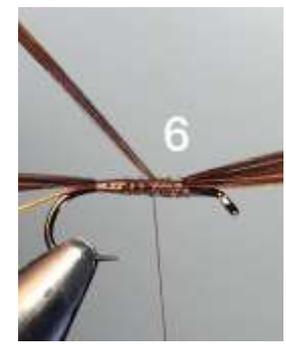
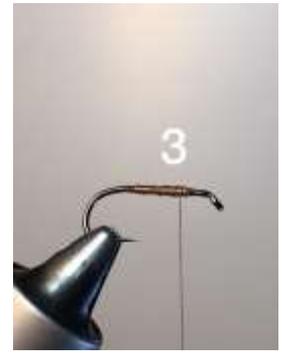
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Page three is a breakdown of the tying of the Pheasant Tail Nymph by Gavin Jehu. One you should keep in your box.

Pheasant Tail Nymph

- 1, Put your hook in the vice and tie on.
- 2, Create a copper underbody .
- 3, Run your silk over for lockdown.
- 4, Catch in 6/8 Pheasant fibres .
- 5, Run it down to the tail section and secure. Leave the waist ends in. Catch in a copper rib and take the silk up to the thorax area.
- 6, Catch in 6/8 Pheasant fibres at the thorax and Run them down to the tail.
- 7, Take your silk back to the thorax.
- 8, Create a neat body.
- 9, Give five even turns of rib.
- 10, Double the waist ends over for the thorax cover.
- 11, Catch in 6/8 Pheasant fibres ready to form your thorax.
- 12, Create the thorax. 13, Create Cover.
- 14, Tidy the head. 15, Whip finish
- 16, Varnish.



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General Matters

The association is still running open days for members and non members who would like to learn about fishing whether it is Game or Coarse. Come and Join us on Saturday 24th march at the Railway building Cyfarthfa Park, the one at the end of the Park Lake from 10am until 12 noon. This Saturday Tom Jehu will be showing how to set up Carp rigs. You do not need to bring anything but if you want to bring some rig making gear then do so. We can also show you rig making for silver fish as well as setting up a pole and putting elastic on a pole

Also river fishing can be covered both Fly Worm and spinner fishing. It is also a great venue for a get together and have a chat. Do not miss out further dates are: 07/04/18 and 28/04/18. After this on Saturday the 05/05/18 will be our first Junior Carp and Bream match. We are running the Junior matches so that the Silver fish matches are separate from the Carp matches.

Last year a decision came from Welsh Water that Talybont and Beacons would be catch and release however this was for day tickets only. Most if not all of our members already practice this method but the occasional one who wishes to take a fish can now do so.

Wayne Ramsey tried his hand on the Ysbytty between the bad weather episodes and came up with the fish below on the Worm as well as a good Chub, all returned:



It has ben a quiet start to the Season due to the weather but can I ask you send me your catches and let me know the details of what you are using. I cannot produce a News Letter without information.