

2008

Salmon Report

The 2008 season will again be remembered as a very wet summer with some very big water and even a flood here on the 5th September interspersed with a few periods of very low water. The River Usk was never truly settled and at a good height but 33 salmon were caught but not as many as previous seasons. We can only assume that the big water must have taken a lot of fish upstream to the spawning redds which can only bode well for the future.

Trout Report

A difficult year for trout fishing with often a very cold wind and high coloured water throughout the spring and summer which had an adverse effect on the fly life. There were however some good rises when conditions were right and some excellent baskets were taken. Contrary to normal Usk practice the use of very small or even tiny daytime sedge patterns in either grey or grey/brown proved to be very effective and it is certainly well worth trying when the trout are not being cooperative. The early spring hatches of grannon continue to be truly spectacular with great clouds of countless millions of flies hatching through the day.

Sea Trout/Sewin

The Usk carries a reasonably good run of sea trout which unfortunately are seldom targeted for true night fishing forays. This is a pity because anglers on other beats, fishing at night, seem to do very well and at least one angler from St Davids passes all the great West Wales rivers to night fish here! There is definitely a late summer run of very large sewin (witness last years 14Lb fish from Llwyn Corner)