

Spider Lake Feb 22

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The CourtJester arrived at the launching bay just ahead of HisRoyalDashness. They were joined by the WelshMan and, much later, junior member, Ethan. There were at least three NCAs on the water. Conditions were good:

water: 5°C, clear, and very high; see the photo section.

air: 5°C, with occasional bright sun but mostly cloudy; a NW breeze was in attendance. In the sun, it was quite pleasant; in the breezy shade, very chilly.

A somewhat slow day. Most of the action was in the NW bay, where Jester took the first trout (12") and had a double-header, losing the second fish. In the end, HRD and WelshMan took two trout each, with some hits/loses. Jester had one other hit in the bay. On his return to the main lake, Jester, after a brief pause allowing the fly to sink, harvested his second fish. Ethan remains unreported.

On the wildlife side, Jester observed a few tiny midges, capturing one on "film"; note the poly-coloured wings, not seen until the picture was enlarged. The beast in question was less than 2mm long. In addition, the water in the NWA bay contained a huge number of small black "animals" that reminded Jester of copepods, except smaller and not red. The avian presence was represented by silent bufflehead ducks and vocal geese. HRD reported an eagle harassing one of the ducks; probably not Arthur, who appears to consider hard work beneath his dignity.

A great start for the season,

TheJester

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