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Over 60's competition winner Dennis Morris with his monster of a rainbow weighing 14lb 10oz caught on a cats whisker

On November 24th the day dawned bright but with a winter coldness and windscreens having to be scraped. Twelve intrepid anglers pitched up on this chilly November morning for Papermill's first over 60's competition of the season. At least the heavy rain of the beginning of the week had finally relented. Coffee, rules and banter were exchanged with much being made of the age of the elder statesmen amongst the competitors who were ultimately to have the last laugh. First pegs were drawn, to be redrawn every forty five minutes, and fishing began. The action was slow at the start but seemed to pick up as the autumn sun warmed the proceedings, although no individual was taking an unassailable lead. By the breakfast break Dennis Morris had two decent fish and at his next peg almost immediately caught his third to be very well placed. Then after five minutes came the highlight of the competition. Dennis had another 'take' but this was very different and created a great deal of interest in those nearby. After a prolonged fight the Rainbow was landed and weighed in at 14lb.10oz. which on its own was enough to win the competition. It proved to the dismay of some of the competitors in their early sixties that, like some fine wines, anglers can improve with age. Next over 60's competition December 15th

1st Dennis Morris, (Nearly 70) 4 fish 22lb 9oz
including the biggest fish 14lb. 10oz Rainbow

2nd Dave Blake 4 fish 10lb 5oz

3rd Jeff Kyte 3 fish 9lb 7oz

The rest of the week

At Papermill this week there are some good fish coming out, plenty of 3 and 4lb trout and a few doubles, and there are quite a few browns starting to show. The best fly this week has got to be the cats whisker a cracking 14lb 10oz rainbow was caught on a cats whisker, and many more fish have been taken on the deadly fly. Intermediate line has worked well this week, and also a lot of fish have been taken on a bite indicator with a blob pattern, but also change your fly's regularly and try different depths. With the cold weather definitely here which trout love, the anglers are saying how hard the fish are fighting