

## Spring Salmon Season Syndicate – Wyebank, Courtfield, Thomas Wood & Home Fishery

Unlimited access for Courtfield, Wyebank, Thomas Wood & Home Fishery from 3<sup>rd</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> June inclusive. Rods can be purchased direct from Don Macer-Wright or from the Wye and Usk Foundation. Although fish are caught all through the salmon season, due to the popularity of the coarse fishing season, season rods are not available from 16<sup>th</sup> June but day tickets are available after 16th June through the WUF.

There have been sea trout reported, however it is believed that these very small, (even down to 1.5lb fish) are grilse. The ones reported are completely silver with very few spots and are invariably caught from Wyebank. In 2012 there were half a dozen of these small fish caught which were not recorded.



**Willow Run**

**Wyebank** offers wonderful fly fishing water throughout its length with half a dozen fish over 15lbs to fly in 2012 & 2013 and one to fly in 2014, just short of 20lbs. A 20lb and 30lb lost twenty minutes later to an angler spinning the wharf pool in 2005, shows the potential of this beat. Although only about 400 yards, including the bottom 175 yards of Courtfield, there is a chance of taking a fish anywhere throughout its length, with most fish being caught downstream from the steps. There are two good cribs, a natural groyne and numerous lies and also a good holding pool at the bottom end.



**Wyebank Pool**

**Courtfield** is the beat for large springers over 20lbs, with the willow run proving a prolific catch and salmon showing pool, where fish of 27lbs, 25lbs and 24lbs were caught in 2012 and the Wood stretch above producing a 27lb fish in 2012 and an estimated 30lb plus another huge fish lost to Don Macer-Wright in 2013. Legg Meadow pool above the alders has an old lie, which produced a 32lb fish in 2013, and 22lb and 25lbs in 2012. The biggest fish on the Wye of 28lbs was caught on Courtfield right bank, Home fishery, in 2010.

**Home Fishery** involves a lot of walking but has the Shut stream and Swan pool at the top end, which although difficult to access, can be fished at low water by wading and off the swan crib. At the bottom end the island pool and runs were famous for fish in the past. The Ferry pool produced one of the Wye 50 pounders.

**Thomas Wood** also involves a lot of walking which is well worth it for the spinning with three great pools including the fabulous Thomas Wood pool which is where most of the salmon were allegedly caught in the past.

These beats are open access, Wyebank and Courtfield are natural first choices, so fishermen are expected to fish in the true spirit of game fishing gentlemanly conduct and organise themselves accordingly. The number of rods is limited to 10 in total. These are currently some of the most under-fished beats on the Wye where a total catch of 30 (14 from Wyebank) was made in 2013, 5th out of 47 fisheries, 2 fish behind Cadora and in 2012 the same catch of 30 fish (14 from Wyebank) was made.



**Thomas Wood Crib Low Water**