



The Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs

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All the Results – All the Reports – Each Month

It is with some trepidation that I publish these figures as this editorial for the June 2010 issue of the A.M.F.C. Newsletter. For a number of years I have calculated the total costs of all the A.M.F.C. matches. A number of factors make these figures only an assessment of the contribution the A.M.F.C. makes to reservoirs; consequently I have only ever used these figures for personal interest. Every year is different. The other day I was asked if I knew these figures – **so here they are for 2010 only!** **One the Day** they are an overestimate. Teams turn up with less than full numbers and occasionally do not turn up at all. It is impossible to calculate the individual match ticket cost for season ticket holders.

However many anglers practice the day before each match and this contributes to the overall costs and my GUESS is that an addition 10% to 12% may be added for practice boats and tickets.

Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs						
2010 Fishing Charges for all Matches on All Reservoirs				Assessed Costs		
Calculation is: Half Boat + Individual Fishing Ticket x No in Team x No of Teams						
All fishing tickets are at Day Prices						
Group One	Round One	Grafham	11.5+20x4x5	£630		
	Round Two	Bewl	13.5+22x6x5	£1,065		
	Round Three	Eyebrook	11.5+19x6x5	£915		
	Round Four	Hanningfield	7.5+27x6x5	£1,035		
	Round Five	Rutland	11.5+20x6x5	£945		
	Round Six	Bewl	13.5+22x4x5	£710		
				£5,300.00		£5,300
Group Two	Round One	Grafham	11.5+20x4x5	£630		
	Round Two	Eyebrook	11.5+19x6x5	£915		
	Round Three	Chew	32.5x6x5	£975		
	Round Four	Grafham	11.5+20x6x5	£945		
	Round Five	Rutland	11.5+20x6x5	£945		
	Round Six	Bewl	13.5+22x4x5	£710		
				£5,120		£5,120
Group Three	Round One	Grafham	11.5+20x4x5	£630		
	Round Two	Pitsford	11+20x6x5	£930		
	Round Three	Rutland	11.5+20x6x5	£945		
	Round Four	Eyebrook	11.5+19x6x5	£915		
	Round Five	Grafham	11.5+20x6x5	£945		
	Round Six	Bewl	13.5+22x4x5	£710		
				£5,075		£5,075
Group Four	Round One	Grafham	11.5+20x4x4	£504		
	Round Two	Bewl	13.5+22x6x4	£852		
	Round Three	Eyebrook	11.5+19x6x4	£732		
	Round Four	Pitsford	11+20x6x4	£744		
	Round Five	Grafham	11.5+20x6x4	£756		
	Round Six	Bewl	13.5+22x4x4	£568		
				£4,156		£4,156
Total costs for boats + day ticket						£19,651
Water Authority Income	Bewl	Anglian	Corus	Bristol	North/land	
Group One	£1,775	£1,575	£915		£1,035	
Group Two	£710	£2,520	£915	£975		
Group Three	£710	£3,450	£915			
Group Four	£1,420	£2,004	£732			
TOTAL	£4,615	£9,549	£3,477	£975	£1,035	£19,651

Eyebrook Remained Difficult for Group One Round Three A Stocking of Smaller Fish Lifts the Average - A Little!

Results

NB. The Eyebrook scales weighed to 1/8th oz. These have been rounded up to 1/4oz. Results unconfirmed.

Name No Weight

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'

Baz Reece 3 5lbs 15.75oz
Nick Cox 3 4lbs 14oz
John Hancock 3 4lbs 7.25oz
John Dunmall 0

TOTAL 16lbs 4.25oz

Bristol Reservoirs

A. Yernshire 2 3lbs 4.25oz
F. Robinson 1 1lb 11oz
J. Sharpe 1 1lb 15.5oz

C. Rolle
S. Blackwood

J. Bowden 2 5lbs 4.25oz

TOTAL 12lbs 2.5oz

Fish Hawks 'A'

Al Grice-Jackson 4 10lbs 2.25oz
David Eames 4 8lbs 9.25oz
Mal Bruce 3 6lbs 7.75oz
Phil Thomas 1 1lb 13.75oz
Ian Lishman 1 2lbs 9.5oz

TOTAL 29lbs 10oz

Hanningfield F.A.

J. Stevenson 1 1lb 13.25oz
C. Abrahams 2 3lbs 4.75oz
P. Shawbrown 2 8lbs 9oz
D. Bromley 3 7lbs 1oz

TOTAL 20lbs 11.5oz

Rutland Water F.F.

P. Sissons 4 8lbs 13.25oz
P. Firth 1 2lbs 2.5oz
J. Innes 0
S. Sissons 3 6lbs 7oz
A. Owen 0

R. Taylor 1 1lb 10.75oz
TOTAL 19lbs 0.5oz

Best Bag 10lbs 2.25oz

Al Grice-Jackson (F. Hawks)

Best Fish 5lbs 10oz

P. Shawbrown (H.field)

I would love to be at Eyebrook when this 'lean period' is over. A large number of big fish were leaping out after the adult damsels. When these fish switch on to buzzers/sedges/ there are going to be some memorable catches.

I believe the current difficulties are explained by the spooning from one fish. It was full of bottom food – shrimp/hog lice/small leach. There was no buzzer hatch in the day and no sedge in the late afternoon.

One angler reported catching his two fish on crunchers. Another on a Wickham's.

A few anglers abandoned the 'melee' at the Dam. A few anglers fished dries. These anglers caught fewer fish but, on the whole, better fish. Phil(?) Shawbrown's best fish of the day was caught on a dry fly.

Actually there was little pattern to the day. Very few fish were caught in the first hour and then as a few fish moved up in



Four Members of Fish Hawks 'A'

A stocking of smaller fish a few days earlier, most of whom were in a small area at the southern end of the Dam, increased the average from the previous match – from 0.6 to 1.8.

Inevitably it was extremely busy in this small area, with the pragmatic anglers taking short drifts again and again.

Probably the most successful single pattern was a booby fished fairly high in the water. Blobs caught a few fish. On the whole it was not a day for 'imitative' patterns

the water, probably after the adult damsels, one or two anglers began to catch the occasional fish. It really was a day for 'scraping around' and hoping to get a solid take.



P. Shawbrown – Second largest fish of the season.

<i>Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'</i>	1	5	2			8	4
<i>Bristol Reservoirs F.A.</i>	3	3	1			7	5
<i>Fish Hawks 'A'</i>	2	2	5			9	3=
<i>Hanningfield F.A.</i>	4	1	4			9	3=
<i>Rutland Water F.F.</i>	5	4	3			12	1

One Point Separates Four Teams after a Good Match on Chew. After Two Last Places Bewl 'B' Gets First Win of Season Group Two - Round Three

Results

Name **No** **Weight**

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'

Ray French	8	15lbs 14oz
Ken Holmes	8	15lbs 1oz
David Little	5	10lbs 4oz
Chris Nunn	4	6lbs 12oz
Mike Phipps	2	3lbs 8oz
Ralph Painter	4	7lbs 4oz
TOTAL	58lbs	11oz

Grafham Water F.F.A. 'A'

Harley Smith	5	9lbs 14oz
Mark Brinkman	8	16lbs 5oz
John Batter	3	5lbs 4oz
Norman Rushton	8	17lbs 14oz

TOTAL **49lbs 6oz**

Queen Mother F.F.

Dave Kidby	3	5lbs 11oz
Phil Hall	2	3lbs 15oz
Martin Conroy	5	8lbs 4oz
Al Munn	3	4lbs 10oz
Steve Radcliffe	0	
Mick Hill	6	11lbs 15oz
TOTAL	34lbs	7oz

Royal Navy/Marines

Al Mundy	5	8lbs 12oz
Mark Glass	5	8lbs 1oz
Dave Morton	3	5lbs 7oz
Ron Tutt	3	5lbs 12oz
Nigel Evans	8	19lbs 5oz
Chris Anderson	3	6lbs 10oz
TOTAL	53lbs	15oz

Soldier Palmers 'A'

Lindsey Simpson	5	8lbs
Al McGrory	1	2lbs 5oz
Andy Draper	1	2lbs 3oz
Rob Jackson	5	9lbs 2oz
Mick Angel	6	10lbs 13oz
Andy McKenzie	5	8lbs 3oz
TOTAL	40lbs	10oz

Best Bag 19lbs 5oz

Nigel Evans (RNRMAA)

Best Fish 3lbs 9oz

Chris Anderson (RNRMAA)

Group 2's round 3 at Chew started bright and warm but the predicted cloud cover had not materialised and the minimal breeze did little to raise expectations. Recent reports of fish holding along Walley Bank and the Sailing club saw a majority of competitors heading in that direction at the start of the match with 4 or 5 boats starting in Herons Green Bay which had been fished less due to reports of excessive weed.

Although fish were taken

slowly or static, resulting in some savage takes. The most successful flies were diawl bachs and nymphs predominantly in olive and green patterns.

The catch rate started to drop off as it neared midday and the wind increased slightly but gusted enough to make drifts inconsistent and still the

promised cloud remained absent. Several boats then started to move around the lake seeking more productive areas



Bewl Bridge 'B' - Winners

between the Dam and the Sailing Club it proved slow going which could not have been aided with the significant boat pressure. Meanwhile in Herons Green bay on the SW bank where the weed beds drop off anglers immediately started catching with nymphs on floating lines, midge tips and slime lines all taking fish. Initially pulling tactics were the most successful with several anglers having double hook ups but struggled to land the fish. After about an hour things slowed up and fish began to come more regularly to floating lines fished very

but seemed to migrate back to where they originally started when it became obvious there were few hot spots. By 1300 the first bag limit was taken by Nige Evans fishing in Herons Green on nymphs fished static on a floating line.

As the afternoon progressed the fishing never really picked up despite several anglers commenting on missed takes and losing fish. Those that persevered managed to winkle out the odd fish here and there and still the most successful patterns were green nymphs.

<i>Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'</i>	1	1	5			7	5
<i>Grafham Water F.F.A. 'A'</i>	2	4	3			9	2=
<i>Queen Mother F.F.</i>	5	3	1			9	2=
<i>Royal Navy/Marines</i>	3	2	4			9	2=
<i>Soldier Palmers 'A'</i>	4	5	2			10	1

A Recent Stocking of Larger than Average Fish Makes life easier for some in Group Three Round Three on Rutland

Results

Name No Weight

Grafham Water F.F.A. 'B'

Chris Bobby	8	21lbs 8.25oz
Steve Ellerbeck	8	19lbs 6oz
Chris Lane	1	1lb 13oz
Nick Preston	3	6lbs 10oz
Gordon Alleyne	2	4lbs 13.5oz
Terry Starling	1	1lb 15.5oz
TOTAL	56lbs	2.25oz

Fish Hawks 'B'

Keith Gilchrist	8	15lbs 4oz
Keith Jones	8	14lbs 15.5oz
Garry Holdsworth	1	2lbs 6oz
Dave Graham	8	19lbs
Andy McKay	3	6lbs 11.75oz
Lee Radcliff		
TOTAL	58lbs	5.25oz

Invicta F.C. 'A'

Graham Williams	3	5lbs 0.5oz
Alan Taylor	2	4lbs 1oz
John Caldwell	4	10lbs 4.5oz
Kieran Caulfield	2	3lbs 6oz
Mike Smith	2	5lbs 12.75oz
John Brownbridge	6	11lbs 13.5oz
TOTAL	40lbs	6.25oz

Iver F.C.

Ray Simpson	2	4lbs 5oz
Pete Andrew	1	1lb 13.5oz
Ron Lusardi	8	16lbs 3oz
Eddie Gray	6	12lbs 3oz
Dave Rekkitt	4	9lbs 14oz
Andrew Green	3	6lbs 4.5oz
TOTAL	50lbs	11oz

Soldier Palmers 'B'

Dave Hussain	1	2lbs 7.25oz
Peter Harrich	5	12lbs 9.5oz
John Gammoin	1	2lbs
Dave Froggatt	2	4lbs 0.5oz
Paul Lee	2	3lbs 14.25oz
Tim Wright		
TOTAL	24lbs	15.5oz

Best Bag 21lbs 8.25oz

Chris Bobby (Grafham)

Best Fish 4lbs 4oz

Chris Bobby (Grafham)

Rod Average 3.5

Strong overnight winds gave way to mainly warm and sunny weather conditions with temperatures of up to 20 deg C, patchy cloud cover and a steady North Easterly made fishing conditions wholly comfortable and pleasurable.

a deserved bag limit. Well done Ron and in the true spirit of the league he even shared his sarnies with me.

Other productive drifts came from the close proximity of 16 buoy, East Creek and New Zealand Point. S



Top rod went to Chris Bobby of GWFFA B with a fine bag weight of 21lbs 8 ¼ ozs. Included in his bag was a fine specimen of 4lb 04 oz to also produce the largest fish of the day.

I have always considered the focus of the AMFC to be of a fishing first, competing second. This was typically displayed by all team members to provide a fine day's fishing capped by an excellent meal prepared by the staff, above the lodge at Castaways Restaurant.

Chris's tactics for the day was to fish a straight DI5 with a set up of two Cormorants in between two Booby's fished 6ft down. Fish were not particularly fussy and came to all 4 flies on drifts from inside the Sailing Club Bay

Another noteworthy individual performance should go to Ron Lusardi. Following a two week nightmare, including an unheard of blank from Ron in the Airflo competition at Grafham, he was back to business as usual and produced

We have all heard of the phrase 'taking your boat partner off the fish'. An unnamed member of the Fish Hawks squad, fed up with being smashed twice, motored his partner back to the lodge to buy stronger nylon and more flies. Well I suppose it was his 'two hours' to go where he liked - wasn't it!

Report by:-
Keith Jones (Fish Hawks)

Grafham Water F.A. 'B'	2	3	4				9	3
Fish Hawks 'B'	5	5	5				15	1
Invicta F.C. 'A'	4	1	2				7	4
Iver F.C.	3	4	3				10	2
Soldier Palmers 'B'	1	2	1				4	5

Group Four Grind out a Difficult Day at Eyebrook In their Round Four Match 0.6 Average

Results

Name **No** **Weight**

East Midlands T.F.A.

Mick Facey
John Duffield
Bill Knight 1 3lbs 15oz
Tim Leach 3 10bs 4oz
Ashley Cooper
John Clarke
TOTAL **14lbs 3oz**

England Police F.F.A.

Andy Ross
Mick Cartlidge 2 6lbs 6oz
Chris Reeves 1 2lbs 9oz
John Goodwin 1 2lbs 1oz
Tony Smith
Mark Mathieson 1 4lbs 7oz
TOTAL **15lbs 7oz**

Invicta F.C. 'B'

Alan Prevost 1 3lbs 1oz
Bob Ayres 1 3lbs 10oz
Gary How
Simon Jells 1 2lbs 13oz
John Brown
TOTAL **9lbs 8oz**

Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.

Peter Thomason 2 5lbs 1oz
Keith Nicholson
Vince Brooks 1 1lb 9oz
Jeff Latter
Mick Dwyer 1 4lbs 10oz
Richard Lovett
TOTAL **11bs 4oz**

Best Bag 10lbs 4oz

Mick Facey (E. Midland 'B')

Best Fish 4lbs 10oz

Mick Dwyer (Tun. Wells)



I have always found Eyebrook an enigmatic water! When it is good it is very good and when it is bad it is horrible.

It was pretty horrible for the Group Four Round Three match on Friday 1th. June.

It was difficult to understand why it was so bad. Weather conditions were almost perfect. A breeze (with perhaps a bit too much north in it) cloud cover until late afternoon and average temperature. A small yet adequate buzzer hatch and even a few sedge after 4.00am. Yet the fish sulked away somewhere.



Not surprisingly with so few fish caught there was no pattern to the fishing. Except that Dry Fly was the most effective. Neither was any one area best, although from about 4.00pm the Hawthorne Bank gave up a few fish.

During the day most boats concentrated in the area from The Willows and into Stoke Dry. Peter Thomason caught one of his two fish against the Dam on a buzzer four feet

down under a bung. Chris Reeves caught his two fish in the latter part of the day on damsel nymphs.

There was no pattern when the fish were caught! Three anglers associated with the match caught three fish. All these bags were caught in a short time and all on dries. Mick Facey caught in a twenty minute period in the morning. Dave Summers, who was organising the match although not in the match in a similar period at about 1.00pm and the President who was there to take photos between 4.00 and 4.20pm.

The one thing you can say is

that the fish were in excellent condition and with an average weight of 3lbs 2.25oz Big!



Tim Leach - Best Bag

East Midlands T.F.A.	2	2	3			7	3
England Police F.F.A.	3	3	4			10	1=
Invicta F.C. 'B'	1	0	1			2	4
Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.	4	4	2			10	1=