



The Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs

2010 Newsletter

All the Results – All the Reports – Each Month

Breaking the Rules

I have been a participant, an organiser, or associated with the fly fishing competition scene for nearly thirty years.

During that time I have seen some pretty bad behaviour. Not I add, with some pride, in A.M.F.C. events. (I have also seen some wonderfully helpful and kind behaviour)

Mostly in AMFC events it is just a bit of selfishness, like cutting across other anglers drifts to get back to the top of your drift quicker. Or, having the drogue on the wrong side so that you drift differently than all the other boats. I cannot remember an occasion when the A.M.F.C. Rules were seriously broken.

However during the last match on Rutland that I attended it was clear that anglers were regarding one of the Reservoir Rules as advisory rather than mandatory! Sadly it was so bad that the rangers had to come out to remind anglers of their misbehaviour.

As I explained in the September Newsletter on the Groups One and Two Round Five Match on Rutland, the yacht racing effectively pushed the anglers towards the Dam Wall. Lots of boats stole an extra few yards beyond the 50 metre orange buoys to get to the fish. Understandable but not legal!

Since then I have been wrestling with the problem of

how responsible the organiser of the match is for policing the reservoir rules, as well as the A.M.F.C. Rules.

The only reservoir specific type of rule anglers fishing in A.M.F.C. events are likely to come in conflict are those associated with exclusion areas.

On this occasion all that was needed was a gentle reminder by the Rangers. As far as I could see everyone took the hint. But if anglers persisted in misbehaving the Rangers have the sanction of removing them from the water.

Clearly the A.M.F.C. organisers do not have these sorts of sanctions and are only left with control through the score sheet.

But this raises so many problems that it would be better NOT to go there. In the end I conclude that we cannot have any responsibility for these rules. Of course organisers should gently help the rangers to police these infringements.

So for all those anglers who commented (complained) at the match on Rutland – sorry but I'm not sure we can do anything.

Rutland Water Fly Fishers - 2010 Champions
The four man team at the Autumn Association Match receiving the Association Trophy as overall Winners in Group One and Champions

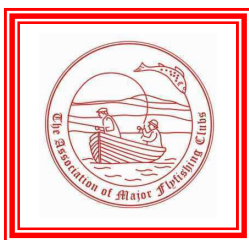
Mike Gunnell

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Challenge Table 2010 – FINAL TABLES

Points scored for:

Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Totals	Position
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Group One

<i>Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'</i>	1	5	2	4	1	5	18	3
<i>Bristol Reservoirs F.A.</i>	3	3	1	1	2	1	11	5
<i>Fish Hawks 'A'</i>	2	2	5	2	4	3	18	4
<i>Hanningfield F.A.</i>	4	1	4	5	5	2	21	2
<i>Rutland Water F.F.</i>	5	4	3	3	3	4	22	1

Group Two

<i>Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'</i>	1	1	5	1	1	1	10	5
<i>Grafham Water F.A. 'A'</i>	2	4	3	5	3	4	21	1
<i>Queen Mother F.F.</i>	5	3	1	2	5	5	21	2
<i>Royal Navy/Marines</i>	3	2	4	4	2	3	18	4
<i>Soldier Palmers 'A'</i>	4	5	2	3	4	2	20	3

By greater total weight throughout all matches

Group Three

<i>Grafham Water F.A. 'B'</i>	2	3	4	1	1	4	15	4
<i>Fish Hawks 'B'</i>	5	5	5	3	5	1	24	1
<i>Invicta F.C. 'A'</i>	4	1	2	5	3	5	20	3
<i>Iver F.C.</i>	3	4	3	4	4	3	21	2
<i>Soldier Palmers 'B'</i>	1	2	1	2	2	2	10	5

Group Four

<i>East Midlands T.F.A.</i>	2	2	3	4	2	0	13	3
<i>England Police F.F.A.</i>	3	3	4	2	4	3	19	2
<i>Invicta F.C. 'B'</i>	1	0	1	1	1	2	6	4
<i>Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.</i>	4	4	2	3	3	4	20	1

All the Group Winners

Group One and Champions - See Page One



**Grafham Water F.F.A.
WINNERS
Group Two**

**Fish Hawks 'B'
WINNERS
Group Three**



**Tunbridge
Wells F.F.S.
WINNERS
Group Three**

Autumn Association Match - Bewl Water – Saturday 2nd October

ALL THE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS Groups 1/2/3

Group One

Name No Weight

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'

Steve Collins	6	10lbs 4oz
Hugh Frew	4	5lbs 13oz
Ray Burt	6	12lbs
Phil Thompson	2	3lbs 5oz
TOTAL	31lbs 6oz	

Bristol Reservoirs F.A.

Mark Stevens	2	4lbs 1oz
Clive Perkins	5	8lbs 1oz
Paul Sharman	4	6lbs 15oz
Tony George (not eligible)		
TOTAL	19lbs 1oz	

Fish Hawks 'A'

Si Morris	2	2lbs 2oz
Phil Thomas	5	6lbs 6oz
David Eames	4	6lbs 6oz
Ian Baker	3	5lbs 5oz
TOTAL	20lbs 3oz	

Hanningfield F.A.

Alan Stern	4	7lbs 4oz
Gary Morris	2	2lbs 6oz
Charlie Abrahams	2	2lbs 14oz
Dave Bromley	5	7lbs 6oz
TOTAL	19lbs 14oz	

Rutland Water F.F.

Mike Gunnell	3	4lbs 9oz
Sean Cutting	5	7lbs 12oz
David Lang	7	10lbs 11oz
Mike Netherclift	4	6lbs 11oz
TOTAL	29lbs 11oz	

Best Bag 12lbs 0oz

Ray Burt (Bewl Bridge 'A')

Best Fish 2lbs 9oz

Ray Burt (Bewl Bridge 'A')

Group Two

Name No Weight

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'

David Crouch	1	3lbs 2oz
Ken Holmes	1	1lb 12oz
Martyn Gray	1	1lb 7oz
James Dench	1	2lbs 5oz
TOTAL	8lbs 10oz	

Grafham Water F.F.A.

Mark Brinkman	1	1lb 3oz
Derek Bravington	7	9lbs 10oz
Richard Kesek	2	3lbs 2oz
Norman Rushton	5	8lbs 12oz
TOTAL	22lbs 11oz	

Queen Mother F.F.

Dave Kidby	3	5lbs 12oz
Brian Robinson	4	6lbs 10oz
Phil Hall	4	5lbs 11oz
Martin Conroy	3	6lbs 5oz
TOTAL	24lbs 6oz	

Royal Navy/Marines

David Morton	1	1lb 6oz
Neil Jones	6	8lbs 15oz
Tony Wilkinson	3	4lbs 10oz
John Honey	4	5lbs 8oz
TOTAL	20lbs 7oz	

Soldier Palmers 'A'

Lindsey Simpson	2	3lbs 5oz
Jim Douglas	6	9lbs 11oz
Garry Cullen	1	1lb 4oz
Graham Lumsden		
TOTAL	14lbs 4oz	

Best Bag 9lbs 11oz

Jim Douglas (Sold. Palm. A)

Best Fish 3lbs 2oz

David Crouch (Bewl 'B')

Group Three

Name No Weight

Fish Hawks 'B'

Andy McKay		
Mark Groves		
Dai Venn	2	3lbs 5oz

TOTAL	3lbs 5oz	

Grafham Water F.F.A. 'B'

Chris Bobby	7	10lbs 13oz
Joan Russell	7	9lbs 9oz
Yusry Smith	1	1lb 2oz
Lianne Frost	7	11lbs 10oz
TOTAL	33lbs 2oz	

Invicta F.C. 'A'

Graham Williams	6	10lbs 2oz
John Mees	7	13lbs 5oz
Keiran Caulfield	5	8lbs 4oz
Mark Searle	2	3lbs 14oz
TOTAL	35lbs 9oz	

Iver F.C.

Simon Newman	8	16lbs 8oz
Clive Collier	7	10lbs 6oz
Andrew Green	3	5lbs 7oz

TOTAL	35lbs 6oz	

Soldier Palmers 'B'

Paul Lee	2	3lbs 1oz
Jim Wright	2	3lbs 8oz
Col Pennington	1	1lb 2oz

TOTAL	7lbs 11oz	

Best Bag 16lbs 8oz

Simon Newman (Iver F.C.)

Best Fish 3lbs 3oz

Simon Newman (Iver F.C.)



*Simon Newman
(Iver F.C.)*

*Best Fish & Best Bag
Autumn Match 2010*

*Receiving the
Eddie Grey Cup*

All the Individual and Group Winners

Group Four Results

Name No Weight

East Midlands T.F.A.

TOTAL Nil

England Police

Doug Skins	3	5lbs 15oz
Janice Sharpe	5	7lbs 8oz
Chris Reeves	5	8lbs 8oz
Alex Rothwell	4	5lbs 9oz
TOTAL		27lbs 7oz

Invicta F.C. 'B'

David Moore	3	5lbs 12oz
Peter Oldham	3	3lbs 14oz
John Kraling	3	4lbs 6oz

TOTAL 14lbs

Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.

Keith Nicholson	4	5lbs 1oz
Vince Brooks	2	2lbs 11oz
Mick Dwyer	8	15lbs 14oz
Keith Lawrence	4	6lbs 6oz
TOTAL		30lbs

Best Bag 15lbs 14oz

Mick Dwyer (T. Wells)

Best Fish 2lbs 8oz

Chris Reeves (Eng. Police)



*Tony Wilkinson receiving the
East Thames Agregates Shield on
behalf of Ron Tutt
Pictured who was unable to
attend*

Best Fish of Season



*Graham Bodsworth
Wins*

The Lew Cass Cup

*Best Fish of season
in Lowest Group*

Autumn Association Match 2010

Fished at BEWL WATER on Saturday 2rd. October

The closest ever!

Apart from Group Three, where Fish Hawks 'B' had guaranteed their promotion before the match, all the other groups were too close to call.

In group one, Rutland Water F.F. overtook Hanningfield F.A. to become Champions by one point.

Rutland Water F.F. are becoming the team to beat. They have been champions twice in the last three years.

It was even closer in Group Two. Queen Mother F.F. and Grafham Water F.F.A. 'A' had an equal number of points. In this case the TOTAL catch throughout the season is calculated.

<u>Q. Mother</u>	<u>Grafham</u>
85lbs 8oz	70lbs 0oz
58lbs 11oz	58lbs 11oz
34lbs 7oz	49lbs 6oz
84lbs 9oz	113lbs 2oz
68lbs 2oz	46lbs 12oz
24lbs 6oz	22lbs 11oz
355lbs 11oz	360lbs 10oz
Grafham got one more fish to earn the point	

These totals meant that Grafham Water F.F.A.'A' earned themselves promotion to Group One in 2011.

Going into the last match in Group Four, Tunbridge Wells F.F.S. and England Police had an equal number of points. On the day Tunbridge Wells caught one more fish than England police to earn themselves the one point

advantage and will fish in Group Three next season.

If there are no changes in the numbers and names of teams entering the 2011 Challenge Table the Groups should be.

Group One

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'
Fish Hawks 'A'
Grafham Water F.F.A.'A'
Hanningfield F.A.
Rutland Water F.F.

Group Two

Bristol Reservoirs F.A.
Fish Hawks 'B'
Queen Mother F.F.
Royal Navy/Marines
Soldier Palmers 'A'

Group Three

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'
Grafham Water F.F.A. 'B'
Invicta F.C. 'A'
Iver F.C.
Tunbridge Wells T.F.S.

Group Three

East Midlands T.F.A.
England Police
Invicta F.C. 'B'
Soldier Palmers 'B'

The Weather played its part in this match. There was a gradual deterioration as the day progressed. By the end of the match the rain was almost torrential. With the weigh in on the side of the Lodge, rather than under the canopy at the sailing club house, this was also a soggy affair.

Many – many years ago, when the first ever Benson & Hedges Flyfishing Championship International Final was held at

Bewl, Chris Ogbourne the Captain of the successful Bristol Team told his anglers not to spend time over difficult Bewl fish.

He had discovered that there were times when the Bewl fish would simply 'play' with the fly.

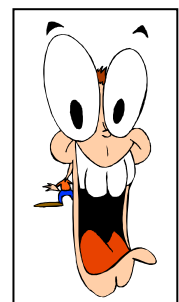
They would suck at it, nudge it, even knock it with their tail, but almost never take it and be hooked.

I gather that this was the case during the Autumn Match. One report said: 'Although there were lots of fish showing at various times, they proved very difficult to catch and many got very frustrated trying'.

In the end only two Bewl regulars, who probably know more than anyone else about catching in these conditions, Simon Newman and Micky Dwyer were the only two anglers to catch a limit. Mick finished at 3.0 pm and Simon an hour before the end.

With so many fish showing on the surface dries and small nymphs did well. With the dries a small movement away from the first rise was the most successful way to get the fish to grab. But it was not guaranteed.

That's another season over folks!!!!



Results in Order

Name	No	Ind.	Pair
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GWAFFA Farmers

Chris Bobbby	3	3lbs 12oz	
Pete Waterhouse			9lbs 6oz
Steve Ellerbeck	4	11lbs 5oz	
Chris Lane			12lbs 13oz
TOTAL	22lbs 3oz		

Invicta F.C. 'B'

Chris Mc Leod	7	7lbs 8oz	
John Mees	1	1lb 9oz	9lbs 1oz
Graham Williams			
Mark Searle	3	7lbs 2oz	7lbs 2oz
TOTAL	16lbs 3oz		

Hanningfield F.A.

Alan Stern	2	4lbs 5oz	
Nigel Argus	1	4lbs 4oz	8lbs 9oz
Dave Bromley	1	2lbs	
Tim Joyce	2	4lbs 5oz	6lbs 5oz
TOTAL	14lbs 14oz		

Invicta F.C. 'C'

Ian Wilson	1	2lbs 5oz	
Dave Prevost	3	7lbs 2oz	9lbs 7oz
Arthur Sexton	1	1lb 14oz	
Alan Taylor	2	3lbs 12oz	5lbs 10oz
TOTAL	15lbs 1oz		

GWAFFA 'G Buoys'

Mark Brinkman	2	5lbs 4oz	
***			5lbs 4oz
John Weaver	1	2lbs 10oz	
Tony Starling	1	2lbs 3oz	4lbs 13oz
TOTAL	10lbs 1oz		

England Police

Chris Brook			
Jason Ruff	1	2lbs 5oz	2lbs 5oz
Mark Mathiesson	2	3lbs 2oz	
Mick Harby	1	1lb 11oz	4lbs 13oz
TOTAL	7lbs 2oz		

Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.

Bob Holland			
Richard Lovett	2	3lbs 9oz	3lbs 9oz
Scott Benton			
Alex Nicholson	1	2lbs 4oz	2lbs 4oz
TOTAL	5lbs 13oz		

Invicta F.C. 'A'

Mike Smith			
John Caldwell	1	1lb 10oz	1lb 10oz
Bob Ayres	1	4lbs 3oz	
Steve Middleton			4lbs 3oz
TOTAL	5lbs 13oz		

Invicta F.C. 'D'

Garry How			
Keiran Caulfield			
Mathew Willatt	1	2lbs 4oz	
David Moore	1	1lb 7oz	3lbs 11oz
TOTAL	3lbs 11oz		

East Midlands T.F.A.

Graham Bodsworth	1	2lbs	
***			2lbs
Lloyd Chantrell			
Neil Young			
TOTAL	2lbs		

Fun Day Sunday 10th. October at Pitsford



The day began overcast with a gentle breeze and most fish were caught early on. The Narrows seemed to be the favourite spot although a few fish were caught by the tower next to the dam. After an hour the cloud disappeared - there really was not a cloud in the sky! Also the wind strengthened considerably and we all know how tough bright sun and strong wind can be! One or two boats packed up early rather than continue flogging a dead horse to wait for the excellent reception at the Overtone Manor.



**Steve Ellerbeck
(GWAFFA Farmers)**

**Best Bag
1lbs 5oz**

**Nigel Angus
(Hanningfield)**

**Best Fish
4lbs 4oz (Brown)**

(The new law allows Brown Trout in enclosed still waters to be killed at any time)



**Grafahm Water F.F.A. 'Farmers'
WINNERS**

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