

Fishery News

Week ending 18 October 2009

- **Change are the Champions!**

Congratulations to the winners of the Anglian Water Airflo International Final 2009 hosted by Rutland Water. Change Flyfishers `A'Team take home the silver salver, gold medals and a cheque for £1500

- **14 Year old Kieran records Rutland Water's best Rainbow**

Kieran Bonas of Oakley, Bedfordshire, nets superb conditioned Rainbow of 6lb 2¼oz

- **Fly anglers find paradise at Grafham Water**

Rod average of 5.26 and over 20% of trout caught weigh over 3lb

- **Stunning Brown for Stuart at Pitsford Water**

Pitsford Warden Stuart East records best Brown at 11lb 2oz

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Grafham Water

Fish week 1,105 (season 22,774) returns 210 (6,157) rod average 5.26(3.69)

The fishing at Grafham Water this week has been fantastic. This week the rod average has gone through the roof to 5.26. On top of this 20% of the trout caught are weighing over 3lb. Throughout the week trout have been rising throughout the day at almost every spot on the reservoir making Grafham Water a fly angler's paradise.

Bank anglers have had some great sport this week with the west bank and Mander car park frontage producing consistent fishing on floating lines with diawl bachs, crunchers, buglers, minkies, bobbies, hoppers and klinkhammers. Hill Farm and the G bank areas have also produced some excellent fishing when the wind direction has been favourable.

Boat anglers have been having the time of their lives this week with trout rising everywhere all through the day. Most boat anglers haven't got much further than the lodge frontage as moving past rising trout goes against their instinct. The best areas beyond the lodge frontage have been L,H,G,Q and A buoys, Savages Creek, Sanctuary Bay, Hill Farm, Hedge End, Church Bay, Gaynes Cove, Seat and the Dam. Most anglers have been using floating or sink tip lines with red or claret hoppers, klinkhammers, sparkler boobies, pheasant tail nymphs, cats whiskers, minkies, cormorants and buglers.

Competition News

Fry Bashers Day 1 Grafham Water

This is an invitation match, which is fished over two days at Grafham and Rutland Water.

The first day at Grafham Water was exceptional with the 100 anglers catching 526 trout with the average weight per fish of 2lb 7oz. Most of the anglers fished floating lines with boobies, cats whiskers, minkies and cormorants. The most popular areas were the West bank, Hill Farm, Gaynes Cove and the G buoy area. Top rod on the day was Carl Nixon with 8 fish for 24lb. Carl won the match overall.

Best rainbow 5lb 4oz taken by M Cartlidge of Stoke on Trent

Best Brown 7lb 8oz taken by Gary Reeves of Wollaston

Best boat areas Q, A, G and L buoys, Savages Creek, Sanctuary Bay, West Bank, Gaynes Cove, Dam,

Best bank areas West bank, G bank, Hill Farm, Mander car park frontage.

Mid week boat winner P Powell of Ely

Forthcoming events

Anglian Water Rudder match 31 October

Beginner's course -1 November

Pike fishing 12 October to 29 November

Boat fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm (excluding lamprey)

Rutland Water

Fish week 722 (season 41,545) returns 277 (10,668) rod average 2.6(3.89)

14 Year old Kieran Bonas caught the biggest fish of the week whilst bank fishing last Saturday. Kieran, from Oakley in Bedfordshire, netted a superb conditioned 6lb 2¼oz Rainbow using a midge tip line and a diawl bach.

A good number of fish around 4-5lb were caught last week with many being taken around the shoreline/weed beds that are dotted around the reservoir.

Season ticket holders John Maitland and John Wadham, both from Oakham, caught some of the best fish of the week with a 5lb 8oz Rainbow for John Maitland and the best brown of the week at 5lb for John Wadham. Small fry patterns are working with fish feeding on Sticklebacks. However, don't forget to try a bigger version with some browns feeding on 3" Roach fry.

Prospects are still very good. Calm settled weather could see hatches of buzzer around the reservoir with nymphs and dries worth trying.

The Brown trout season ends 29 October. Any Browns caught must be returned alive immediately.

Predator fishing has been steady with Pike up to 23lb taken, whilst numbers of Zander were caught up to 9lb.

Competition news

Fry Bashers Day 1 at Grafham Water, Day 2 at Rutland Water

110 Anglers fished this two-day invitation match with day one at Grafham Water and day two at Rutland Water. Carl Nixon was top rod at Grafham Water with Graham Pearson recording joint top weight at Rutland Water with Andy Boylan at 19lb 12½oz. Carl's Day 2 weight of 16lb 15½oz

helped him retain his first day lead for victory at 40lb 15½oz for the two days over Graham's total weight of 39lb 13½oz.

East Midlands Trout Fishers Association

18 October

Rob Edmunds' team won this bank match. Best bag went to Mick Facey with 8 fish for 21lb 4½oz.

Best Rainbow. 6lb 2¼oz taken by Kieran Bonas of Oakley, Beds

Best Brown. 5lb taken by John Wadham of Oakham

Best boat areas. Sailing Club to the Dam in the open water. Browns Island, south arm, the tower, North arm, plus around the weed beds.

Best bank areas. The peninsular, Sykes Lane, Whitwell, Normanton, Sailing Club, fishing lodge frontage.

Best methods. Fry patterns and dries around the weed beds. Boats - open water with mini lures, boobies, gold and silver sparklers.

Mid-week boat winner. A Viney of Consett

Fish stocked. 1,100

Forthcoming events

Anglian Water Rudder match (George Moore Memorial Trophy) 24 October

Beginner's courses 1 & 21 November.

Fur and Feather (bank) 6 December

Boats will remain on the water throughout November. Please check availability before starting your journey.

Pike fishing 12 October to 29 November

Boat fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm (excluding lamprey)

Pitsford Water

Fish week 368 (season 17,020) returns 160 (5,177) rod average 2.3 (3.3)

The highlight at Pitsford Water this week was the Anglian Water versus the Environment Agency match. 40 Anglers fished this event with Anglian Water winning. This annual match has been running for over 30 years. It fished well with some excellent quality fish coming to the scales. The Anglian Water team weighed in 83lb against the EA with 63lb.

Top individual was Paul Frapwell from Tunstead in Norfolk. He was the only angler in the match to catch the 8 fish limit (perhaps this was because his boat partner was Pitsford Senior Warden Nathan Clayton!). Paul used a slime line with a brown minky booby to catch four fish in the main bowl then moved to the Narrows to catch his last four fish on daddy long legs. Darren Smith also from Norfolk was second, catching 5 fish for 14lb 3oz. Third was Mark Benstead, Pitsford part time warden, also with five fish for 13lb 13oz. This match is used as a qualifier for the WIGFIC bank match next year those that qualified were Paul Frapwell, Darren Smith, Adam Moxon and Richard Slaughter.

Pitsford warden Stuart East was Pike fishing on Wednesday, catching a brown trout of 11lb 2oz. Stuart photographed this fine fish and returned it to the water. It was caught very deep in the main bowl using a silver lure. "It's been a long time since catching a fish gave me such a rush of Adrenalin!"

Some good bags recorded for the week included M Tinald with 8 fish for 18lb and Stan King who bagged up 8 fish for 16lb 12oz. With autumn well under way the trout are feeding heavily on the

fry. The main bowl is the place to head for. Look out for the Seagulls giving away the location of fry feeders. The Narrows is also worth a go with some good fish caught on nymphs and dries drifting using floating lines.

Best methods See report
Best Rainbow 5lb 8oz
Best Brown 11lb 2oz taken by Stuart East
Best boat areas Narrows, main bowl
Best bank areas Narrows
Mid week boat winner R Timothy of Ampthill

Forthcoming events

Beginners course 7 November.

Fur and Feather (boat) 8 November

Pike fishing

Boat fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm (excluding lamprey)

1 October to 22 November

Bank fishing 1 November to 31 December

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 70 (season 12,331) returns 39 (2,448) rod average 2.4(5.0)

Most fish this week have been taken with lures orange and white being best. Boats are best drifting. Bank anglers should head for the platforms.

29 Rods fished in the Northampton Anglers FFF match.

1st Adrian Brewer 11lb 13oz

2nd Mick Griffin 11lb 6oz

3rd Pat Flynn 10lb 2oz

Best methods See report
Best rainbow 5lb 4oz taken by season ticket holder Mick Griffin from a boat with humungus.
Best boat areas Drifts
Best bank areas Mongers Point
Mid week boat winner J Kirkup of Swindon

Forthcoming events

Fur and Feather (boat) 1 November

Pike fishing 26 October to 22 November

Boat fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm (excluding lamprey)