

Week ending 25 October 2009

- **Remarkable Ravensthorpe**

Rod average is 5.12 and Northampton's Pat Flynn takes best fish of the week - a Rainbow of 6lb 8oz

- **9lb 2oz Rainbow for Rob at Pitsford Water**

Rob Layton of Holcot, Northampton, weighs in biggest Pitsford Rainbow since May

- **Grafham Water's best Rainbow and best bag for Kevin**

Kevin Appleton of Perry bags 5lb 1oz Rainbow and nets the best bag

- **Don't miss out on our popular Fur & Feather matches - call lodges now to check for availability**

Ravensthorpe Reservoir 1 November (boat)

Pitsford Water 8 November (boat)

Rutland Water 6 December (bank)

- **Anglers are reminded that Thursday 29 October is the final day of the season for Brown Trout. Any Browns caught after this time should be returned safely to the water.**

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Grafham Water

Fish week 407 (season 23,181) returns 120(6,277) rod average 3.39(3.69)

Grafham water has continued to fish well this week for both bank and boat anglers with the vast majority of trout being caught at the surface on buglers, sparkler boobies, minkies, cats whiskers, diawl bachs, crunchers, hares ears and cormorants.

The best rainbow and also the biggest bag caught this week fell to bank angler Kevin Appleton from Perry. Kevin caught 8 fish for 24lb 13oz on a floating line with a green hare's ear. The best trout in the bag was a cracking over wintered rainbow of 5lb 1oz. Kevin caught these fishing from the Harbour to Perry Point.

Boat anglers have had tremendous sport this week by fishing floating lines with minkies, cats whiskers, sparkler boobies, crunchers, diawl bachs, hares ears and cormorants mainly on the western

end of the reservoir (L and H buoys, Mander car park and Lodge frontage). Other areas that have produced consistent fishing have been Gaynes Cove and the southern end of the dam.

Bank anglers have also had some superb fishing this week with once again the Lodge bank being the most productive bank on the reservoir. The main tactics this week have been floating lines with buglers, minkies, cats, crunchers, hares ears and diawl bachs.

Pike and zander anglers have been catching around the inlet on jerk baits fished close to the bottom. Other areas that have produced good catches have been from the inlet to the dam tower, with the predator fish being caught at 50 feet in depth.

Best rainbow 5lb 1oz taken by Kevin Appleton of Perry

Best Brown 4lb taken by Willie Haycox of Hemingford Grey

Best boat areas L and H buoys, West End, Lodge frontage, Gaynes Cove.

Best bank areas West bank, Mander car park frontage, Perry

Mid week boat winner James Woodruff of Fenstanton

Forthcoming events

Anglian Water Rudder match 31 October

Beginners' 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 615(season 42,160) returns 275 (10,943) rod average 2.23(3.85)

Rutland Water is fishing steadily but harder. There have been reports of numbers of fish following and nipping at the flies on some days. Best fish of the week fell to Geoff Allsop from Notts. Geoff netted a 5lb 6oz Brown.

Bank anglers are finding fish close in amongst the remaining weed beds.

Boat anglers are taking fish around the weed beds but there are plenty still out in the open water. However, hopefully as there is little fly life at the moment. Fish will eventually move closer in.

Fish are still feeding hard on corixa, stickleback fry and snails and one or two buzzers. Please remember that this Thursday 29 October is the last day for Brown trout. Any Browns caught after this date must be returned alive as soon as possible.

During November the starting time for boats is 9am not 8am. The half day 4 fish permit is valid all day in November and December (no catch and release). The 8 fish day tickets continue to be available.

Competition news

George Moore Memorial

This popular boat pair's match is judged on the best brace caught. Winning pair was Mike Barrett of Sheffield and Baz Street of Loughborough, Leicestershire. Mike took the best Rainbow of the

match at 3lb 8oz. Gary Gegan had the best Brown at 2lb 14oz.

1st Mike Barrett and Baz Street 6lb 8oz
2nd Wayne Windsor and Alan Taylor 6lb 3oz
3rd Clive Morgan and Gary Gegan 6lb 1oz
4th Ken Merridan and Paul Frith 5lb 14½oz

Best Rainbow 6lb 2¼oz

Best Brown 5lb 6oz

Best boat areas. Around the weed beds for the bigger fish and in open water from the sailing club to the dam

Best bank areas. Normanton, Sykes Lane, fishing lodge frontage, the peninsula, the Dam.

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Theo Mountford of Stanground, Peterborough

Forthcoming events

Beginners' courses; 1 & 21 November.

Fur and Feather (bank) 6 December

Boats will remain on the water throughout November. Please note that November boats go out on the water at 9am. 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 303 (season 17,323) returns 118 (5,295) rod average 2.5(3.2)

On Saturday Pitsford Water hosted the Tom Bilson Memorial Trophy. Tom was the founder of the England Youth Fly fishing team. "This is a new match that will hopefully become a fixture on the annual match calendar at Pitsford", commented Bobbie Worker, secretary of the EYFA. Bobbie, who organised the event made sure that anglers started the day with bacon sandwiches and tea in the comfort of the Hector Woolnough room. 30 anglers of all ages fished to reservoir rules (with the exception of no anchoring) on what was a hard day at Pitsford. They were back in for a barbeque lunch followed by the afternoon session, which ended at 5pm. Star of the show was Carl Malpass of Northumberland who caught six fish for 15lb 13oz, including the best fish of the match a 4lb 10oz Rainbow.

John Mackintosh was second with 3 fish for 9lb 11 oz including a Rainbow of 4lb. Dom Sheratte took the second biggest fish of the day a brown trout of 4lb 4oz. David Moore, now retired from his role as Anglian Water's Recreation Manager, supported the event by fishing but sadly failed to bring anything to the scales!

Boat angler Rob Layton, current Brown trout record holder, caught the best Rainbow this week (since May in fact). Rob rudder fished the main basin with 30 yards of lead core line to bag a stunning mint condition 9lb 2oz Rainbow.

Best methods See report

Best Rainbow 9lb 2oz taken by Rob Layton of Holcott, Northampton.

Best Brown 4lb 3oz

Best boat areas Main bowl, narrows

Best bank areas Gravels, Stone Barn Bay

Mid week boat winner E Morgan of Rugby

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 213 (season 12,676) returns 41 (2,489) rod average 5.12 (5.09)

Anglers are enjoying superb sport at Ravensthorpe with fish now active and feeding in the clear water. Pat Flynn of Northampton took 20 plus fish on black and green fritz lures mid water. Jason Price's bag of 22 fish came partly to stripped fry patterns. Fish are fin perfect and fighting hard with 4lb - 6lb Rainbows showing in the bags.

Mid Northants Trout Fishers held their Fur and Feather on Sunday. 22 anglers took 89 fish for a rod average of 4.0. Richard Webb won the biggest fish prize with a Rainbow of 6lb 8oz. Mike Philpott and Jeannette Church were best boat pair with 12 fish for 22lb 3oz.

1st Les Yarnell 12lb 2oz

2nd Richard Webb 11lb 12oz

3rd Ian Pow 11lb 10oz

Best methods See report

Best rainbow 6lb 8oz taken by Richard Webb

Best boat areas Ravensthorpe shoreline

Best bank areas Platforms 34,69 & 12

Mid week boat winner Pat Flynn of Northampton

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)