

Fishery News

Week ending 8 November 2009

- **British record breaking Zander at Grafham Water**

22lb Zander for Michael Dollan of Walsall

- **Terrific tackle sale 14 - 29 November Rutland, Grafham and Pitsford lodges**

30% off all clothing, 20% off everything else!

Some selected items have an even greater reduction

With Christmas coming there won't be a better time or place to grab a bargain

- **Final Anglian Water Fur & Feather match of 2009**

Rutland Water 6 December - book now 01780 686441

- **Fish all day for half price in November and December**

Half day four fish permit valid all day in November and December.

Please note that Brown trout are now out of season and any caught must be returned safely to the water

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Rutland Water 01780 686441; Grafham Water 01480 810531;
Pitsford, Ravensthorpe & Hollowell 01604 781350,
Taverham Mills Fishery 01603 861014; Alton Water 01473 589105
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Grafham Water

Fish week 268 (season 23,994) returns 101 (6,527) rod average 2.65 (3.67)

Grafham Water has continued to fish well this week with once again the vast majority of trout being caught in the top three feet of the water. The fishery has had some exciting news this week with a potential British record - see below

Bank anglers have had some excellent trout fishing this week mainly at Mander car park frontage, Harbour, Perry Point, the Seat and Gaynes Cove. The main methods for the bank anglers have been floating lines with buglers, minkies, boobies, cormorants, crunchers and diawl bachs generally fished with a slow figure of eight.

Boat anglers have also had some cracking sport this week mainly from fishing floating and di 3 lines with boobies, friendly tubes, minkies, diawl bachs and crunchers. The main areas for the boat anglers this week have been the lodge frontage, W buoy, Perry Point, Sludge Bank and Gaynes Cove.

Michael Dollan, from Walsall, West Midlands, fishing with his wife Jane, visited Grafham Water for the first time on Saturday 7 November. On the advice of top predator angler Mick Brown from Market Deeping, Michael fished mackerel dead bait in 46 feet of water at the dam tower. Michael, having just landed a 4lb trout, twitched his other rod and experienced a vicious take followed by a tremendous fight, which resulted in Michael catching his first Zander. **Amazingly this turned out to be a record breaking Zander of 22lb.** When Michael weighed the specimen the scales fluctuated between 22 and 23lb but he was happy to settle for 22lb. At the present time Michael

is waiting to see if this Zander will be classed as a new British record. All of the Fisheries team at Anglian Water pass on huge congratulations to Michael for this amazing achievement - it's no secret that Grafham Water has some huge specimen Zander.

Best Rainbow 3lb 10oz taken by P Grundel of Ware, Herts

Best boat areas Lodge frontage, Gaynes Cove, Perry Point, W buoy, Sludge bank, Gaynes Cove

Best bank areas Mander car park frontage, Perry Point, Harbour, Seat, Gaynes Cove

Forthcoming events - Huge reductions in our Tackle Sale 14 - 29 November

Pike fishing 12 October to 29 November

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

Rutland Water

Fish week 334 (season 43,091) returns 129 (11,351) rod average 2.58 (3.79)

The best Rainbow of the week fell to P North of Gotham, Notts, who took a 6lb 12oz Rainbow whilst boat fishing. There are rumours of a 10lb Rainbow caught from the bank last week, but we are waiting for details. Richard Cross, of Hallaton, hooked a 9½lb out of season brown whilst bank fishing the peninsula. This was returned safely to the water.

Les Dickenson, a season ticket holder from Oakham, recorded an eight fish limit from a boat last Tuesday. Les found fish off the Sailing Club frontage where he witnessed gulls diving into the water feeding on the fry. Les put his boat in amongst them and caught rainbows up to 3½lb on a sinking line and tube fly.

Prospects look good with plenty of food available with Bream/Roach fry and sticklebacks still on the menu with corixa, snails and small buzzer hatches occurring on settled days.

Best Rainbow 6lb 12oz taken by P North of Gotham, Notts

Best Brown 9lb 8oz (out of season and returned safely to the water)

Best boat areas Off the sailing club, fishing lodge frontage down to Fantasy Island

Best bank areas East Creek to the fishing lodge and the peninsula, Fantasy Island and the Dam

Best methods Fry patterns and lures. Nymphs, dries in settled conditions.

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Rutland Challenge 14 November

Beginners course 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.

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Pitsford Water

Fish week 108 (season 17,671) returns 93 (5,515) rod average 1.1(3.2)

Pitsford Water's Fur and Feather boat match was a great success. This pair's match was won by father and son, Gary Edmunds (from Ringstead, Northamptonshire) and Rob Edmunds (South Luffenham, Oakham)

1st Gary & Rob Edmunds 12 fish for 31lb 12oz
2nd Mark Haycock and Graham Pearson 9 fish for 20b 1oz
3rd Mike Smith & Rob Dobson 5 fish for 14lb 9oz

The best fish of the match weighed 5lb 8oz and was taken by Rob Edmunds.

Both boat and bank anglers are taking Pike. The best method at the moment seems to be dead sea bait rather than lures, but this could change if a belt of high pressure moves in.

Best Rainbow 6lb 6oz taken by D Warne of Watford

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner David Newens of Milton Keynes

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1 October to 22 November

Bank fishing 1 November to 31 December

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 30 (season 13,260) returns 24 (2,590) rod average 1.3(5.1)

Cold nights seem to have slowed sport this week. The best time to catch is mid day with early season tactics best. i.e lures in white, orange or green and black taking fish.

Best methods See report

Best boat areas Hickman's and Coton end.

Best bank areas Platforms

Mid week boat winner. S Thomas of Wiltshire.