

Fishery News Week ending 12 July 2009

- **Joy for Josh as he lands England crown at Grafham Water**

Josh Fenton wins England Youth National

- **Pick of the Pike at Pitsford Water**

Pitsford Water offers lure fishing for pike from a boat on alternate weeks, Monday to Friday.

Commencing Mondays

13 July & 27 July

10 & 24 August

7 & 21 September

- **Don't miss Anglian Water over 50's match at Rutland Water Saturday 18 July**

Call Rutland Lodge on 01780 686441 for details

- **Countdown to National Fishing week with Anglian Water**

Coarse fishing at Hollowell Reservoir

Coaching sessions Monday 27 July.

Call 01604 781350 for more information and to book a place

Fly fishing for trout at Rutland Water

Coaching sessions from Saturday 25 July to Saturday 1 August

Phone Rutland Fishing Lodge for more information 01780

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Booking essential

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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

Recreation Dept Anglian Water 01572 653021

Rutland Water

Fish week 614 (season 26,882) returns 239 (6,270) rod average 2.56(4.28)

The best rainbow recorded last week fell to Grafham warden Ray Jenkins who fished the bottom of the South arm. Ray netted a superb looking fish weighing 4lb 4oz.

The arrival of cooler weather last week has temporarily affected rod averages despite 1500 stock fish being released.

The main basin fished best generally. However, with south west winds increasing some boats were prepared to fish the bottom of the arms again, which are now gin clear and algae free.

Bank anglers saw little action after the week before of good fish off the Dam and Fantasy Island. One or two fish were taken around Sykes Lane, Stockie Bay area and Normanton.

Best Rainbow 4lb 4oz taken by Ray Jenkins

Best boat areas The main basin, Inmans Spinney, Yellowstone

Best bank areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, the Dam

Best methods Bank - floating line with nymphs and dries
Boat - all methods worth a try

Mid week boat winner Adam Crowe

Competition news

Tuesday Evening Boat League

1st Keith Jones (Wittering) 4 fish for 10lb 2oz

2nd Richard Cooper 4 fish for 9lb 3½oz

3rd Keith Jones (Peterborough) 2 fish for 5lb 1¾oz

League placings after week 7

1st Richard Cooper 36 Points

2nd Keith Jones (Peterborough) 35

3rd Mike Bennett 30

4th Phil Longstaff 26

English Disabled

English Disabled had a challenging day last Wednesday with 26 anglers taking part. Stuart Hume won with four fish. Best fish - a 3lb 4oz Brown was taken by Derek Moore.

Forthcoming events

National fishing week

Coaching sessions run daily Saturday 25 July to Saturday 1 August, excluding Sunday 26 July. 11am to 12 noon and 2pm - 3pm (pm session not available Thursday 30 July)
Booking is essential - please call 01780 686441

Tuesday Night Boat League

Beginners courses 19 & 26 July; 2,8,19 & 23 August & throughout the season
Anglian Water over 50's match - 18 July. 9am - 5pm

Grafham Water

Fish week 841 (season 14,542) returns 264 (3,824) rod average 3.18 (3.8)

Competition anglers turned out in force this week with Grafham Water hosting both the Midland final of the Anglian Water Airflo International and the England Youth National. See competition news for a full report on both matches.

The arrival of cooler weather at the beginning of last week initially made fishing very challenging. As the week went on fishing picked up with plenty of anglers catching on the washing line method, floaters, intermediates and sink tip lines with orange blobs, pink boobies, diawl bachs, crunchers and pheasant tail nymphs fished with a steady retrieve. The best areas for the boat anglers have been Central Drifts, bowl of the Dam, H, G and J buoys.

Bank anglers have had some success at the end of the week along the lodge bank with Perry Point giving the most consistent fishing on small fry imitations and diawl bachs.

Best Rainbow 4lb 3oz

Best boat areas Central drifts, bow of the dam, G,H and J buoys

Best bank areas lodge bank, Perry Point, bowl of dam

Best methods see report

Mid week boat winner Mr Lawson Wight of Cambridge

Fish stocked 2,000

Competition News

England Youth Flyfishing Association

EYFA National

This proved to be a very exciting match with an incredibly close finish between first and second. Josh Fenton of Tyne & Wear was off the water by 1.25pm with his eight fish limit. Josh's fish weighed in at 18lb 14 3/8oz giving him the England title by the slimmest of margins in front of Matthew (son of Simon) Kidd who weighed in at 18lb 13 5/8oz! Ashley Gillies took third place in his first English National, having taken up competition fishing very recently. All of the top placed anglers fished in the middle with orange lures. The top ten will go on to fish for England in the Junior International at Grafham next July.

Local anglers and Invicta club members in the top 10 included Oscar Boatfield, Kieran Bonas and Ryan Worker with Adam Worker placed 14th. Sixth placed Matthew

Holroyd of Newcastle is a GWFFA member. Thanks go to all of the anglers who acted as boatmen.

- 1st Josh Fenton 8 fish for 18lb 14 3/8oz
- 2nd Matthew Kidd 8 fish for 18lb 13 5/8oz
- 3rd Ashley Gillies 8 fish for 15lb 11 5/8oz
- 4th Carl Malpass 7 fish for 15lb 10 7/8oz
- 5th James Atkinson 7 fish for 13lb 12 1/2oz
- 6th Matthew Holroyd 6 fish for 12lb 13 1/2oz
- 7th Oscar Boatfield 5 fish for 11lb 9 7/8oz
- 8th John Macintosh 6 fish for 11lb 8 7/8oz
- 9th Kieran Bonas 4 fish for 9lb 14 3/4oz
- 10th Ryan Worker 4 fish for 8lb 15 1/2oz

Anglian Water Airflo Midland final 6 July 2009

Ospreys FFC took top spot at the first English regional final, with 14 fish for 29lb 11oz.

The forecast didn't bode well for match day with sunshine, showers, strengthening westerly wind and a chance of a heavy thunderstorm all on the cards. However this did not deter sixty-six of the best Midland anglers who arrived on the pontoon for what turned out to be a hard fought very close match.

The boats nearly all headed towards the south end of the dam where the fish were known to be deep down. A few boats opted for the west end in front of the nature reserve. From the previous practice weekend, all the anglers knew that they had to make the most of the first couple of hours after which, the fish seemed to go off the feed.

The anglers that stayed at the west end of the water started on the washing line method with the fish only a couple of feet down from the surface, whilst the anglers heading towards the dam and the central areas were armed with Di7s or Di8s.

Paul Davison the Captain of the Osprey FFC had recorded blanks on both his practice days with not even a pull to inspire him. After a short time Paul brought his first fish to the boat and things continued well from there with Paul taking 5 five in all for 11lb 11oz to become the eventual top rod of the day. Two other outstanding performances both with 5 fish were Si Gaines (Fish Hawks A) and Tony Hoggart (Soldier Palmers).

The winning tactics for all of the qualifying teams was to fish deep with a single booby on a short leader of about 6 to 8 foot and just keep up with it only moving it on occasions as the boat drifted.

Only 95 fish made it to the scale for a rod average of 1.44

Best fish a 3lb 7oz rainbow went to David Hoppe of Team Rio Draycote Flyers
Best bag of 11lb 11oz was taken by Paul Davison of Ospreys FFC

The top four teams have qualified for the International Final at Rutland Water in October.

Team Results

No. of Fish	Total Weight	lb	oz
1st Ospreys FFC	14	29	11 7/8
2nd Loop UK	12	27	6 5/8
3rd Fish Hawks A	12	25	11 3/4
4th Greenwell Persuaders 'B'	10	23	2 3/4
5th Greenwell Persuaders 'A'	9	23	1 1/8
6th GWFFA	8	18	5
7th Soldier Palmers	8	18	3 3/8
8th Draycote Flyers	7	17	5 7/8
9th Hot Rods	7	16	0
10th Orvis Team Rutland	6	14	0
11th Fish Hawks B	2	4	10 7/8

No. of Fish Caught 95
Rod Average 1.44

Forthcoming events

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Beginners courses - 18, 24 & 29 July and throughout the season

Anglian Water Airflo International Midland final - 20 July

GWFFA Floating line match - 26 July

Pitsford Water

Fish week 281 (season 9,978) returns 138 (2,982) rod average 2.0(3.3)

Fishing has picked up this week end as anglers have been taking good numbers of fish up in the main bowl. Sunday saw lots of limits for our regulars who fished small flies on the washing line to catch some good quality rainbows.

Some fish have been taken on dry flies with patterns like claret hoppers and daddy longlegs.

Bank anglers have still managed to catch this week as the wind was in the south west it made it easy to fish the gravels. Dry flies and lightly dressed nymphs are keeping flies up in the water with one angler taking 5 fish on a daddy long legs.

Graham Whittaker of Holmer Green, Buckinghamshire took this week's best Rainbow a fish of 4lb 4oz.

Best rainbow 4lb 4oz Graham Whittaker

Best brown 3lb 6oz

Best boat areas Main bowl, boils and Pines

Best bank areas Farm Bay, Pines, Gravells

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Mr G Hickman of Newbold Verdon, Leicester

Fish stocked 1,000

Forthcoming events

Beginners courses 15 July; 1,5,15 & 29 August & other dates throughout the season

Pike Fishing at Pitsford Water

Pitsford Water offers lure fishing for pike on alternate weeks, Monday to Friday. Week commencing Mondays 13 & 27 July; 10 & 24 August; 7 & 21 September.

National fishing week

Hollowell coarse fishing day on Monday 27 July - open to all ages. Two sessions are planned one in the morning from 10.30am to 12.30pm and another from 2pm to 4pm. Bookings will be taken via Pitsford Fishing Lodge on 01604 781350.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 208 (season 9,182) returns 54 (1,706) rod average 3.85 (5.38)

Local angler Terry Thomas of Daventry won the British Float Tube competition on Sunday with two fish for 7lb 6oz. Terry fished thin damsel nymphs on a floating line.

1st Terry Thomas 7lb 6oz

2nd Craig Primmer 6lb

3rd Tony Parker 5lb 8oz

Fish moving in the surface layers have proved difficult to tempt this week. However, some boats have caught well by frequently moving around and changing patterns. Lures and damsels fished deep and slow on Hi D lines are also taking fish.

Best flies have been green holo buzzer, skinny damsels, red/brown crunchers and hoppers.

Fish stocking this week will include some 5kg fish.

Best Rainbow 5lb 4oz taken by Terry Thomas of Daventry

Best boat areas Coton shallows and main bowl

Best bank areas Dam wall

Mid week boat winner M Morris of Luton