

Week ending 16 August 2009

- **Final night is a winner for Phil at Rutland Water**
- Phil Longstaff wins Tuesday Evening Boat League

- **Fantastic 5.8 rod average for major anglers at Pitsford Water**
Major Fly Fishing Club's Group 1 match is great success

- **Salmon & Trout Association sponsored tuition for juniors**

Wednesday 26 August at Rutland Water

Thursday 27 August at Grafham Water 9.30 - 12.30 and 1.30pm - 4.30 pm

Only £10 per head - for information or to book, please call Peter Hartley on 07922 126154 or Email Hartley.p@btconnect.com

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Rutland Water

Fish week 1120 (season 31,410), returns 319 (7,576) rod-average 3.51 (4.14)

The rod average is still very high for the time of the year. Boat anglers are faring best; although bank sport has been quiet it has been very rewarding. Sutton Coldfield angler Colin Corbett enjoys his bank fishing and was rewarded with quality Rainbows all over 3lb the best being 5lb 12oz. Small fry patterns fished slowly being the tactic to use.

Boat fishing dominated the week's fishing again with boats fishing the main basin. By mid week anglers fishing down the arms were having some good fish drifting with dry fly and nymphs. On overcast days fish were up until the cloud broke later on.

Fish have been spotted moving around weed beds first thing in the morning and during overcast days, so it's well worth the effort to pay Rutland Water an early morning call!

Fish have been feeding on large red buzzers, small green buzzers, snails, sticklebacks and a mixture of this year's and last year's fry.

Best rainbow 5lb 12oz taken by Colin Corbett of Sutton Coldfield

Best brown 7lb 9oz taken by Neil Squires of Scopwick, Lincoln

Best boat areas The main basin, bottom of both arms

Best bank areas Normanton, Whitwell, Sykes Lane

Best methods Bank - floating line with nymphs, dries and fry patterns. Boat - as for bank but include various sinking lines with mini lures, sparklers etc.

Mid week boat winner Mr Foley of Horbling, Sleaford

Fish stocked 1,950

Competition news

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Tuesday Night Boat League final week

Phil wins final night and the title!

Market Harborough angler Phil Longstaff won the final match to clinch the boat league title. Six anglers were in contention going into the final night. Phil won in style with 7 fish weighing 20lb 1½oz taken from the aerators. Phil also had the best fish on the night with a 3lb 6oz Rainbow.

Over the 12 weeks of this popular league 248 rods managed an incredible 852 fish with a rod average of 3.44 - the most successful ever. The best fish caught during the series was a 4lb 9¾oz Rainbow taken by Hilary Tomlinson in week 6.

Rutland Water warden Nigel Savage presented Phil with a £50 tackle voucher and a free mid week boat voucher. Hilary was awarded a tackle voucher for the best fish. Nigel made special mention of Sid's Fish and Chip shop in Stirling Road, Stamford. Every Tuesday anglers were able to look forward to coming off the water to tuck into fish and chips supplied by Sid.

Final league placings;

- 1st Phil Longstaff 48 points
- 2nd Richard Cooper 42 points
- 3rd Keith Jones 41 points
- 4th Paul Wild 38 points
- 5th Mick Bennett 36 points
- 6th Paul Kirkup 30 points

Anglian Water Loch Style Four man team

60 Anglers in 15 teams battled it out on a very challenging day with a big wind and bright sunshine testing everybody's skills.

Local team Cormorants 1 won the day with 21 fish weighing 54lb 12¾oz. The team included top individual Barry Vaughan from Deeping St James who caught most of his fish down the North arm. Fellow team members were Al Owen, Paul Wild and Dave Summers. ACA's Ron Gent with a 5lb 13oz Rainbow took the best fish. Following this match, anglers enjoyed a two-course meal provided by the Harbour Bar.

The top six teams were:

- 1st Cormorants 21 fish for 54lb 12¾oz
- 2nd Hanningfield 18 fish for 42lb 8 3/8oz
- 3rd Greenwell Persuaders 17 fish for 40lb 9 ¾oz
- 4th Team Tightlines 18 fish for 40lb 9 1/8 oz
- 5th Team Vision 16 fish for 37lb 4 1/8oz
- 6th ACA 13 fish for 34lb 3¼oz

Forthcoming events

Lexus European Team final 21 - 23 August all boats booked

Beginners courses 23 August; 6,12,16,19 & 27 September & throughout the season

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Grafham Water

Fish week 319 (season 17,516) returns 134 (4,716) rod average 2.38 (3.71)

John Timothy is enjoying the good fly-fishing at the moment in the Savages and the west end of the lake with two bag limits this week all taken on dries/emergers. This was topped off with the best fish of the week with a stunning rainbow of 5lb 3oz taken on a red emerger.

Bob Wallinger had the best bag of the week with 8 cracking Rainbows for 23lb 14oz taken from the central part of the reservoir all on large lures fished about four feet down.

The fish are still well up in the water with the majority only a couple of feet down. They are feeding on the floating snails that are drifting around or on the still hatching red buzzers. But there seems to be a definite move towards them feeding on the ever growing fry that are now populating the margins of the reservoir.

Best Rainbow 5lb 3oz taken by John Timothy of Milton Keynes

Best boat areas L, H, S, G, D, Q and I buoys

Best bank areas Gaynes Cove, South Dam

Best methods see report

Mid week boat winner R Hudson of St Neots

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Beginners courses -30 August; 13, 23 & 27 September and throughout the season

John Watts Trophy 5 September

Pitsford Water

Fish week 573 (season 12,480) returns 150 (3,728) rod average 3.8 (3.3)

Milton Keynes angler Richard Williams has had a terrific time lately. Fishing on Friday and Sunday he caught over 20 fish per session on the washing line technique with a blob on the top dropper and a cruncher in the middle and a blob booby on the point holding it all up. Richard fished in the main bowl and the tops of the narrows.

On Sunday Pitsford Water hosted the Association of Major Fly Fishing Clubs Group 1. 30 Anglers from five teams caught an incredible 174 trout, which gave a 5.8 rod average. Anglers fished in the main bowl and drifting on to the Pines. Best methods were intermediate lines with slow sink and medium sinking lines with lures like a tequila blob booby and nymphs. Most fished the washing line technique, with anglers catching their 8 fish limits before lunch!

- 1st Fish Hawks A
- 2nd Bewl Bridge FC
- 3rd Hanningfield FA
- 4th Rutland Water Fly Fishers
- 5th Army Soldier Palmers

Bank fishing is still providing sport and top spot is Sermans bank or the Gravels. Dries or lightly dressed nymphs are working the best.

Best rainbow 6lb taken by J Good

Best brown 4lb taken by Will Linnell

Best boat areas Dam and main bowl

Best bank areas Stone Barn Bay, Gravels

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner G Barber of Wellingborough

Fish stocked 1,500

Forthcoming events

Beginners courses 29 August; 5, 9 & 26 September & other dates throughout the season

Pike Fishing at Pitsford Water

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

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 358 (season 10,589) returns 64 (1,981) rod average 5.5 (5.3)

The best fish of the week at Ravensthorpe was a superb Rainbow estimated at 10lb. D Martin of Bedford fished from the bank at Mongers Point with a Diawl Bach and successfully returned this lovely fish to the water.

Floating lines with dries such as hoppers with Diawl Bachs on droppers are most successful. Boats should drift. Some fish are going to crunchers or traditional wets. Bank anglers are finding morning is the best time.

Best rainbow 10lb Estimated taken and returned by D Martin

Best boat areas Coton End

Best bank areas Mongers Point to domes

Mid week boat winner T Eaves of Coventry

Forthcoming events **Phoenix Shield competition** Sunday 23 August, 8 for a 9am start. Call Mick Griffin for details or Graham at Ravensthorpe Lodge on 01604 770875