

Fishery News

Week ending 19 July 2009

- **Match anglers enjoy marvellous rod average at Pitsford Water**

7.95 rod average for Lexus European individual qualifier

- **Free 'learn to fish' sessions with Anglian Water during National Fishing Week**

- **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

- 686441

- Booking essential

- **Just for Juniors** - have a go fly fishing at Grafham Water

- Thursday 30 July. One hour taster sessions with experienced fly

- fishing coach Peter Hartley. Suitable for youngsters aged 10

- upwards. Pre booking essential - please call Grafham Fishing

- Lodge on 01480 810531

- **Fly fishing for trout at Grafham Water**

- Individual coaching sessions aimed at casting technique. Each

- session lasts 45 minutes. 27 - 31 July. Please call Grafham

- Fishing Lodge on 01480 810531

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Rutland Water

Fish week 575 (season 27,457) returns 262 (6,532) rod average 2.19 (4.2)

Boat anglers are faring best at the moment. Anglers fishing in the Tuesday evening boat league and the Over 50's boat pairs' match were kept busy with plenty of limits. (See competition news for full report). 6,000 Rainbows were introduced mid week with 4,000 more going in this week so prospects look good.

Best Rainbow 4lb 4oz taken by Damian Paddon of Watford

Best boat areas The main basin and bottom of the South arm.

Best bank areas Normanton/Sykes Lane the dam and East Creek to Lodge

Best methods Bank - Floating line with nymphs/dry fly

Boat - Floating lines to Di7, mixture of mini lures and nymphs

Mid week boat winner B Tandy of Sleaford

Fish stocked 6,000

Competition news

Season ticket holder Paul Kirkup of Kibworth won week 8 of the league with 6 fish from the Main basin. Close behind was Paul Wild who also had 6 fish this time from the middle of the South arm

Tuesday Evening Boat League

1st Paul Kirkup 6 fish for 15lb 10¼oz

2nd Paul Wild 6 fish for 15lb 0½oz

3rd Mick Bennett 6 fish for 12lb 15oz

The pressure is on the top three anglers in the league table with only one point separating them.

League leaders after week 7

1st— Richard Cooper 36 points

Keith Jones

3rd Mick Bennett 35 points

4th Phil Longstaff 26 points

5th Paul Kirkup 20 points

6th Si Gaines 13 points

Anglian Water Over 50's Pairs match

This match fished to Loch Style rules, without fly size restrictions, saw the top six anglers take their limits. The best Rainbow weighed 3lb 1oz and was taken by Tim Williams. Ken Moore weighed in the best Brown at 3lb.

1st Jim Watts & Stu Hume 16 fish for 33lb 11oz

2nd Graham Pearson & Mike Barrett 16 fish for 31lb 9oz

3rd Ashley Davies & Gordon Bramwell 16 fish for 30lb 15oz

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 26 July; 2,8,19 & 23 August & throughout the season

Anglian Water Loch Style 4 man team 15 August - call 01780 686441

Grafham Water

Fish week 473 (season 15,015) returns 151 (3,975) rod average 3.13(3.77)

Freddie Brown took the best bag of the week with 8 Rainbows. Freddie (aged 82) lives in Espo, Finland. He caught his 8 rainbows weighing 22lb 6oz from Gaynes Cove by fishing a floating line with a diawl bach and a damsel nymph fished almost static. Fishing Grafham for four days earlier this season Freddy took 8 fish limits every day.

Aspiring anglers of all ages from juniors upwards can get a taste of fishing in one of the many free 'learn to fish' sessions promoted by Anglian Water during National Fishing Week - from 'Just for Juniors' to 'Have a go flyfishing' - see Forthcoming events for full details.

Grafham Water continues to fish well with the majority of trout being caught in the top three feet of the surface. The main tactics this week have been floating to Di 3 lines with either diawl bachs, pheasant tail nymphs, damsel nymphs or vivas on floating lines Tequila blobs, pink boobies and orange blobs on a Di 3 line. Trout are feeding on very small green buzzers, snails and pin fry.

The main areas that have been producing the best sport for the boat anglers this week have been the Boils, Gaynes Cove, L,H,S,G,M and J buoys.

The most successful area for bank anglers this week has been Gaynes Cove which has produced some good fishing on small nymphs and vivas on floating lines.

Best Rainbow 4lb 8oz taken by Keith Hazell

Best boat areas L,H,S,M, G and J buoys, Gaynes Cove

Best bank areas Gaynes Cove and Lodge bank

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Michael Love of Bedford

Fish stocked 2,000

Competition News

Invicta Tuesday Night Boat League

25 anglers took part this week, catching 77 trout for a rod average of 3.08. Top place was shared by brothers Adam and Ryan Worker of Oakley, Bedford who both managed to catch 13 trout each by fishing on the boils with Di 3 line with sparkler lures. Adam, Ryan and Kieran Bonas are promising young international anglers.

1st= Adam & Ryan Worker 13 fish

3rd Chris Williams 7 fish

4th = Kieran Bonas, Dave Burgess, Tom Angel 6 fish

Forthcoming events

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Beginners courses - 24 & 29 July; 2,9,16 & 30 August and throughout the season

GWFFA Floating line match - 26 July

National Fishing Week

Just for Juniors - have a go fly fishing at Grafham Water Thursday 30 July Taster sessions of one hour with experienced fly fishing coach Peter Harley. Suitable for youngsters aged 10 upwards. Pre booking essential - please call Grafham Fishing Lodge on 01480 810531

Fly fishing for trout at Grafham Water

Individual coaching sessions aimed at casting technique. Each session lasts 45 minutes. 27 - 31 July. Please call Grafham Fishing Lodge on 01480 810531

Pitsford Water

Fish week 372 (season 10,350) returns 110 (3,092) rod average 3.3 (3.3)

Last Saturday Pitsford Water hosted a heat for the Lexus European individual fly fishing championships - an incredible match averaging 7.95 per rod!

20 anglers caught 159 trout with an average weight of 2lb 5oz.

The boats were concentrated in the main bowl throughout this match, with strong North westerly winds and a combination of wind and sun. Methods varied from lures pulled to the more traditional. Irish angler Mick O'Farrell opted for traditional methods taking second place with 16 fish (8 killed and 8 released) all on a claret dabbler on the top dropper! Frantisek Hanak of the Czech Republic won this match with 19 fish for 41lb 12oz (8 released and rest returned) he caught on a di3 line and fast glass lines with a flash attack tequila blob and booby. Third place was taken by Ron Gent who took the largest trout at 4lb 3oz

Both Frantisek and Ron Gent have already qualified for the final at Chew Valley Lake in September so the second qualifying spot goes to Ed Foster manager of Elinor trout fishery. Ed took the second best fish so because Ron Gent had qualified already Ed got the wild card and goes through to the final at Chew.

The qualifiers going forward from Pitsford are

Mick O'Farrell

Vladimir Sedivy

Ed Foster

"Fishing the main bowl on a drifting boat is the ideal way to enjoy the best trout fishing around, Pitsford is fantastic at the moment" said Pitsford Senior Warden Nathan Clayton.

John McLellan of Weston Favell has enjoyed three boat trips to Pitsford recently taking an 8 fish limit on each occasion, each bag weighing over 25lb!

Best rainbow 5lb 7oz taken by P Watson

Best brown 5lb taken by R Line

Best boat areas Dam, Boils, main bowl

Best bank areas Gravells, stone barn

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner J Robus of Wellingborough

Fish stocked 900

Forthcoming events

Beginners courses 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 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 266 (season 9,448) returns 64 (1,770) rod average 4.1(5.3)

Anglers continue to enjoy plenty of good sport at Ravensthorpe.

Best Rainbow 6lb 4oz taken by Dave Simms of Stoke

Best boat areas Island to air line

Best bank areas Dam and platforms

Mid week boat winner T Ellis of Milton Keynes

Fish stocked 815