

Fishery News

Week ending 26 July 2009

- **Grafham Pike beats the scales**

"My scales bottomed out at 25lb - I estimate it weighed 26-27lb!" Richard Sewell's over the moon with big Pike

- **Tuesday evening tension builds in Rutland Water boat league**

With only one point dividing the top three anglers a close finish in the league is guaranteed

- **Calling all coarse anglers - don't miss Ardleigh's charity match of the year**

Ardleigh Charity Open takes place on 8 August on the Wick Lane lake. Barbeque at 6am, fishing 9am to 3pm. It's always a great day - don't miss out - call Shaun now on 07889 884565 or 01206 870654

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Rutland Water

Fish week 505 (season 27,962) returns 184 (6,716) rod average 2.74 (4.16)

Rutland Water has fished well this week with good numbers of limits coming out - often within three hours in the main basin area. Last Saturday night in particular saw the reservoir alive with moving fish! Anglers fishing in the Tuesday Evening Boat League are enjoying some excellent sport. With three weeks remaining the league is still wide open and it looks like a very tight finish this season. See competition news for a detailed report.

Fly hatches have been sparse with sedge showing late on. However, there have been numbers of buzzers and some quite big hatches in late evening. All methods have worked from lures and nymph combinations to dry fly. Some fish are beginning to feed on this year's fry amongst the weedbeds. 10,000 Rainbows have been stocked in the last 10 days or so and sport in the middle of the south arm (Browns Island to Old Hall) and the main basin has improved for boat anglers. Bank anglers should try

Normanton, Sykes Lane and Sailing Club Bay with fish feeding on small buzzers, daphnia, corixa and this year's fry around the weedbeds. Water clarity is excellent with fish moving on calm days and late evenings.

Rutland Water is a popular competition venue and it is wise to check for boat availability. In the coming weeks we are hosting the RAF versus CEFFA on 1 and 2 August (40 boats booked); The Anglian Water four man Loch Style on Saturday 15 August and the Lexus Team final 21 - 23 August inclusive.

Best boat areas The main basin, middle of the south arm (Browns Island across to Old Hall bay)

Best bank areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, Sailing Club

Best methods Bank - floating lines with nymphs, dries, fry patterns.
Boat - as for bank but include all sinking lines with lures, nymphs etc.

Mid week boat winner D Evans of Swansea

Fish stocked 4,000

Competition news

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Very few points were awarded to the top six anglers in the league, with only Phil Longstaff and Paul Wild scoring points on the night with a second and fifth spot respectively making things even more interesting.

The winner on the night was fishery warden Mick Brooksby who took 6 fish in the main basin for 15lb 2¾oz - although Phil Longstaff weighed in 7 fish for 13lb 5¾oz to take second place.

1st Mick Brooksby 6 fish for 15lb 2¾oz

2nd Phil Longstaff 7 fish for 13lb 5¾oz

3rd Malcolm March 3 fish for 7lb 2oz

Malcolm March had the best fish - a 3lb 1oz Rainbow.

League leaders after week 9

1st= Richard Cooper 36 points

Keith Jones (Wittering) 36 points

3rd Mick Bennett 35 points

4th Phil Longstaff 33 points

5th Paul Wild 28 points

6th Paul Kirkup 20 points

Forthcoming events

National fishing week

Casting sessions (no actual fishing) run daily until Saturday 1 August, 11am to 12 noon

and 2pm - 3pm (pm session not available Thursday 30 July)
Booking is essential - please call 01780 686441 or 01780 686442

Tuesday Night Boat League

Beginners courses 2,8,19 & 23 August & throughout the season

Anglian Water Loch Style 4 man team 15 August. Each angler pays £5 pool money and £12.50 towards boat. Permit £19 (nothing for season ticket holders). The match is followed by a two course meal at the Waters Edge Restaurant at £9.50 per person. To book or make enquiries please call 01780 686441 or 686442.

Grafham Water

Fish week 962 (season 15,977) returns 291 (4,266) rod average 3.3(3.74)

Grafham Water has continued to fish well this week with the majority of trout being caught in the top four feet of the water. The best fish of the week was a superb fly caught Pike taken by Richard Sewell. Richard, fishing with his 11 year old son Robbie says, "It weighed in excess of 25lb. My 25lb scales bottomed out - I estimate it weighed about 26-27"!

The main method for boat anglers fishing for trout has been floating to Di3 lines with an orange blob on the top dropper followed by a viva and a diawl bach and a booby on the point fished at a steady retrieve. The best boat areas this week have been H,J, M,G,D,Q and I buoys, Gaynes Cove, the south end of the dam and the Willows.

Bank anglers have found the fishing a bit challenging this week due to the strong westerly winds that have made most of the best bank spots very hard to fish, but there has been some good sport from Gaynes Cove and the south end of the dam on small nymphs and vivas.

Best Rainbow 4lb 2oz taken by Stewart Watkins

Best boat areas H,J,M,G,D,Q and I buoys, Gaynes Cove, the south end of the dam and the Willows.

Best bank areas Gaynes Cove, South dam

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Norman Rushton of Royston

Fish stocked 2,500

Competition News

Invicta Tuesday Evening Boat League

19 Anglers took part in this week's evening boat league, catching 41 trout, giving a rod average of 2.15. Top place on the evening went to England Youth angler Kieran Bonas with 5 trout.

1st Kieran Bonas 5 fish

2nd = Adam Worker 4 fish

Danny Boatfield

Alan Briggs, Mick Facey, Kieran Caulfield and Chris McLeod weighed in three fish apiece.

Forthcoming events

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Beginners courses - 2,9,16 & 30 August and throughout the season

National Fishing Week

Just for Juniors - have a go fly fishing at Grafham Water Thursday 30 July.

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 564(season 10,914) returns 139 (3,231) rod average 4.0 (3.3)

Anglers have been catching some top quality trout this week from both the boats and the bank. Boat anglers have been catching using floating or intermediate lines with small nymphs or dries. The washing line method has caught some good fish when they have been feeding in the top few inches of the water or a blob with two small nymphs when the fish have been down a bit on an intermediate line. Bank anglers have been catching using floating lines, small nymphs, damsels, red or green diawl bachs and dries.

Season ticket holder Peter Dobbs, of Harlestone, caught five lovely fish from a boat this week - the biggest being 4lb 8oz on an Invicta. Ian Botterill (also a season ticket holder) from Wootton, Northampton, recorded a 10lb Bream on a buzzer from the bank at the Pines.

Best rainbow 5lb taken by R Gamble

Best brown 4lb taken by Alex Billington of Northampton

Best boat areas Dam, boils, main bowl

Best bank areas Gravells, Stone Barn

Best methods see report

Mid week boat winner R Hunt of Irchester

Fish stocked 450

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 10 & 24 August; 7 & 21 September.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 251 (season 9,699) returns 48 (1,818) rod average 5.2 (5.3)

Fish are just sub surface so pulled dries, traditional wets and muddlers are scoring best. Mornings and early afternoon are the best time to fish. Bank anglers are taking fish on dries and damsel nymphs. Olives are also proving successful around lunch time.

Best boat areas Drifts to Island

Best bank areas Dam and Mongers Point

Mid week boat winner S Smith of Stamford