

# Fishery News

Week ending 2 August 2009

- **Limits galore at Rutland Water**

Boat anglers are having a great time with most methods working.

Yet more limits taken in this week's Tuesday Evening Boat League with competition hotting up for the finale in a few weeks time

- **Anglian Water Loch Style four man team 15 August**

Rutland Water hosts this popular event on 15 August. Call the lodge on 01780 686441/686442 to enter

- **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 754 (season 28,716) returns 170 (6,886) rod average 4.43 (4.17)

Boat anglers at Rutland Water took "limits galore" last week with most methods working. The main basin saw the bulk of the sport with fish in and around the aerators and the Normanton bank. The bottom of the South arm provided action with dry fly and nymphs being the best methods. Boat tactics for the main basin varied from floating lines to Di3 sinking lines. Limits were caught quickly with 6 limits in less than three hours during the Tuesday Evening Boat League. The best fish of the week was a 4lb 8oz Brown taken by Keith Jones of Northborough, Peterborough, fishing the bottom of the south arm using a Di 3 and boobies. The best rainbow of the week was taken by Paul Baker of Spilsby, Lincs. Grown on fish were caught mainly down the South Arm with Martin Cottis, fishing with fellow Bristol Reservoirs angler, Pdraig Munroe, taking an excellent bag of fish on Martin's preferred method of dry fly.

Best rainbow 4lb taken by P Baker of Spilsby

Best brown 4lb 8oz taken by Keith Jones

Best boat areas Around the aerators, Normanton bank, fishing lodge frontage, bottom of the south arm.

Best bank areas Fish are amongst the weed beds feeding on fry, corixa, snails, insects in the evenings

Best methods Bank - Floating line with nymphs/fry patterns/dries  
Boats - As for bank but include sinking lines (various) with mini lures

Mid week boat winner D Ince

Fish stocked 3,000

### **Competition news**

#### **Tuesday Evening Boat League**

Gary Cooper of Empingham won last week's boat league by a mere ½oz from Paul Wild in second place. Gary weighed in 8 fish for 18lb 5½oz

1<sup>st</sup> Gary Cooper 8 fish for 18lb 5½oz

2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Wild 8 fish for 18lb 5oz

3<sup>rd</sup> = Keith Jones 8 fish for 16lb 14½oz

Mick Brooksby

This result has seen Keith Jones go to the top of the league. With two weeks remaining the league is wide open to many competitors.

### **Forthcoming events**

#### **Tuesday Night Boat League**

**Beginners courses** 8,19 & 23 August; 6,12,16,19 & 27 September & 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 for non 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 715 (season 16,692) returns 172 (4,438) rod average 4.15(3.76)

Grafham has continued to fish well this week with the majority of trout still being caught in the top three feet of the water on floating to Di3 lines with blobs, boobies and claret hoppers or dabblers.

The boat anglers have had some tremendous sport this week by fishing boobies or blobs on the washing line at a steady retrieve on either floaters or Di3's or by fishing red or black dries on floaters. The main areas producing the best sport this week have been L,H,S,I,Q,D and G buoys. Bank anglers have once again found the fishing a little challenging due to the brisk westerly winds but Gaynes Cove and the South dam have

produced some good sport mainly on dries or small vivas.

Best Rainbow 4lb

Best brown 4lb 12oz taken by John Timophy 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 A Coates of Bishop Stortford

## **Competition News**

### **Grafham Water inter club floating line competition**

On Sunday 26 July Grafham Water Fly Fishing Association held the annual inter club floating line match with teams representing GWFFA, Invicta, Mid Northants and the England Ladies Fly Fishing Association. All competitors had to fish with a floating line but were able to use weighted flies. The main areas where the angler fished were G and D buoys and the western end of the reservoir L,H and S buoys with either blobs or boobies or red or black dries.

1<sup>st</sup> Invicta 42 fish for 90lb 2oz

2<sup>nd</sup> GWFFA 2 38 fish for 88lb 15oz

3<sup>rd</sup> GWFFA 1 36 fish for 79lb 2oz

4<sup>th</sup> ELFA 34 fish for 77lb 6oz

5<sup>th</sup> Mid Northants 23 fish for 52lb 10oz

Best bag Richard Kesek of GWFFA 2 8 fish for 20lb 5oz.

Best fish 3lb 14oz taken by Kieran Bonas fishing for Invicta

### **Invicta Tuesday Evening boat league**

22 Anglers fished this week's boat league catching 74 trout giving a rod average of 3.36.

1<sup>st</sup> Andy Newman 8 fish

2<sup>nd</sup> = Mark Searle, Peter Waterhouse, Gary How, Mick Facey, Chris McLeod all with 7 fish

## **Forthcoming events**

### **Tuesday Evening Boat League**

**Beginners courses** - 9,16 & 30 August; 13, 23 & 27 September and throughout the season

## **Pitsford Water**

Fish week 521(season 11,435) returns 187 (3,418) rod average 2.7(3.3)

Ray Buckland and boat partner John Castledine fished together on Saturday. They drifted the main bowl and Ray caught his 8 fish and released 7 more! John caught 8 and returned four. The pair used three flies, with a cruncher on the top dropper and a damsel on the point. They found the best method was to cast quickly once they saw a fish move, retrieve immediately and the fish would then follow and take.

### **Mid Northants Fun Day**

15 members turned out for this event, which they fished from 9am to 2pm followed by a barbeque lunch. Anglers caught plenty of fish on various methods mainly near the surface in the main basin.

Norman Chown and boat partner Mick Stevens fished on Wednesday, they took their 8 fish limit easily in the morning before the rain soaked them through. Mick used small nymphs cast accurately at moving fish, which were feeding readily. The cool overcast weather has now suited the reservoir after the hot spell and it is in fine form.

Bank anglers have been enjoying sport at various times throughout the day. Fish are close in during cloudy spells feeding on snails and corixa. Best methods are still various kinds of dry flies. Top bank spots are Sermans and the Gravels and Duffers and Bog Bay.

Coarse fishing day at Hollowell for National Fishing week

Five anglers supported the free event last Monday. Mick Farmer from Leicester learned the art of feeder fishing from Warden Stuart East, whilst Joshua and Jasmine Clayton from Stamford were using poles of 13m in length to tempt Perch using float fished maggot from the dam with instruction from Peter Hartley. Nathan Clayton thanked Peter Hartley who volunteered his services, and would like to mention the Sportmans Lodge for sponsoring the bait.

Best rainbow 5lb

Best brown 3lb

Best boat areas Main bowl, Narrows

Best bank areas Gravells, Stone Barn Bay

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner J Kennedy of Kingsthorpe, Northampton

Fish stocked 560

### **Forthcoming events**

**Beginners courses** 15 & 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. Week commencing Mondays 10 & 24 August; 7 & 21 September.

### **Ravensthorpe Reservoir**

Fish week 215 (season 9,914) returns 46 (1,864) rod average 4.67(5.31)

Top fish this week went to season ticket holder Mick Griffin with a very nice 7lb Rainbow taken on a fiery cruncher from a boat off the boils. Ravensthorpe continues to provide excellent top of the water sport with dry flies accounting for at least 75% of fish caught.

Boat anglers are short lining on the drift using wets or big dries or at anchor around the weedbeds with a washing line and small nymphs. Top flies are bumbles, hoppers, green diawls, crunchers, hares ears, silver invictas and Grenadiers.

Drifting dries around with the wind off the platforms is the top bank method, strong leaders and hooks are required to keep hooked fish away from weedbeds.

Best rainbow 7lb taken by Mick Griffin

Best boat areas Main bowl and edge of weedbeds

Best bank areas Platforms 3,4,5,6,7 and 11

Mid week boat winner Mark Salt of High Cross.