

Fishery News Week ending 9 August 2009

- **Mick's mighty Ravensthorpe Rainbow**
10lb 2oz Rainbow for Mick Griffin of Northampton

- **Anglian Water Loch Style four man team 15 August**
Rutland Water hosts this popular event on 15 August. Call the fishing lodge on 01780 686441/686442 to enter

- **Tuesday evening tension builds as Rutland Water Boat League is decided this week**

- **Ardleigh Open raises over £500 for charity**
Ardleigh Reservoir match is a popular success

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Rutland Water

Fish week 1,574 (season 30,290) returns 371 (7,257) rod average 4.24(4.17)

The best fish of the week was a super Brown of 7lb 9 1/8oz taken by Neil Squires of Scopwick, Lincs. Neil was boat fishing and used a white minkie booby.

Kev Bennett had the best Rainbow of the week - a cracking 4lb 12½oz rainbow whilst fishing in the RAF central league match last Monday. All 14 competitors caught 8 fish limits on the day.

Rutland Water is fishing extremely well with a good number of limits coming out including many fish averaging 2lb. Boats have fared best with the main basin the place to be. Most methods are working with mini lures, blobs, boobies etc and nymphs, diawl bach, crunchers and hares ears also producing.

Fish are being taken in the main basin and off the Old Hall green bank area and steady numbers of fish were seen moving off Laxhill / Manton Bay plus the middle of the North Arm.

Bank angler Nick Evans took four quality rainbows on dry fly along the Normanton bank. Stockie Bay also produced fish last Thursday (in a lot of rain!). Wardens reported seeing fish moving off the bank on Sunday up the North Arm between the Finches through to Carrot Creek

Best rainbow 4lb 12½oz taken by Kev Bennett

Best brown 7lb 9 1/8oz taken by Neil Squires of Scopwick, Lincs.

Best boat areas The main basin, bottom of the south arm. Fish being taken in the North Arm

Best bank areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, Stockie Bay

Best methods Bank - nymphs, dries, fry patterns

Boat - as for bank anglers but include various sinking lines with various lures.

Mid week boat winner D Ingle of Bilborough, York.

Fish stocked 3,750

Competition news

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Season ticket holder Paul Kirkup won last week's match with an 8 fish limit weighing 20lb 3¼ oz. The top six anglers on the night all weighed in eight fish limits over 18lb. Altogether an incredible 118 fish were taken by 18 anglers giving an outstanding rod average of 6.5. With only one week to go the anglers in with a chance of taking the overall league title are Keith Jones, Richard Cooper, Phil Longstaff, Mick Bennett, Paul Wild and Paul Kirkup.

Results week 11

1st Paul Kirkup 8 fish for 20lb 3¼oz

2nd Gary Cooper 8 fish for 19lb 11oz

3rd Chris Evans 8 fish for 19lb 4¼oz

Major Club Match Group 3

Fished on Sunday 9 August.

1st Bewl Bridge FC `B' 14 fish for 32lb 1¼oz

2nd Invicta FFC `A' 16 fish for 31lb 13oz

3rd Fish Hawks `B' 15 fish for 29lb 5¾oz

Top individual was Invicta's John Mees (Senior Warden Grafham Water) with 8 fish weighing 16lb 11oz. The best fish - a 4lb 6oz Rainbow, was taken by Baz Reece of Crawley.

Forthcoming events

Tuesday Night Boat League

Beginners courses 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 505 (season 17,197) returns 144 (4,582) rod average 3.5 (3.75)

With the weather becoming more settled the fish are moving freely on the surface. The fish are feeding on the now fast growing fry from around the weedbeds or on the floating snails that are drifting about, especially in the Sanctuary Bay and the mouth of Savages Creek area.

There has been the usual annual hatch of red buzzers from the west end of the lake so carrot flies and red emergers are doing well, with bob's bits and claret hoppers taking a lot of fish. The fish towards the dam are feeding on the vast daphnia bloom in the lake which is going on. So there are fish feeding all over the lake.

Best Rainbow 6lb 4oz taken by M Chance of Sawtry

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 N Cameron of Newmarket

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events

Tuesday Evening Boat League

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

John Watts Trophy 5 September

Pitsford Water

Fish week 472 (season 11,907) returns 160 (3,578) rod average 2.9 (3.3)

Boat sport has been excellent this week with lots of limits from boat anglers.

Pat Flynn fished on Saturday and took 8 fish, releasing 6 others. Pat commented on the fantastic size of the fish this season and how well Pitsford has fished from both the bank and the boat this season. Pat fished a green and white lure fished deep with a slow figure of 8 on a di 7 line.

Will Linnel has fished on Saturday and Sunday this weekend. He caught his 8 fish on a Di 7 and booby on a short leader, in Stone Barn Bay. On Sunday he fished the dam

with partner Richard Williams and caught a brown trout of 5lb 12oz, which was full of coarse fish fry.

Earls Barton angler Ray Line has reported catching some monster Perch. Ray, who targets large trout, caught a specimen fish he estimates at over 4lb whilst drifting through the Causeway tunnel.

Banks continue to fish, which is excellent news, considering that it is August and in some past seasons anglers have avoided the banks until September. Despite weed in areas the bank is still fishable and early morning and late afternoon/evening it is still possible to catch a fish or two. Boat anglers are finding a lot of fish in Stone Barn Bay across to the Bog Bay Point. A lot of fish are in front of the dam and in front of the sailing club.

Best rainbow 5lb

Best brown 3lb 6oz

Best boat areas Main bowl and bog bay

Best bank areas Gravells, Stone Barn Bay

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Graham Pearson of Northampton

Fish stocked 1,100

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 24 August; 7 & 21 September.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 317 (season 10,231) returns 53 (1,917) rod average 6.0 (5.34)

Top spot again this week went to Mick Griffin of Northampton for a 10lb 2oz Rainbow taken on a dry fly from a boat.

Unseasonal high water levels due to the recent heavy rain have ensured plenty of action for boat anglers with surface feeding rainbows. The clear water and high level mean that both the platforms and the dam wall continue to produce excellent sport for the bank anglers.

Fish are feeding on damsel nymphs, sedge, snails, flying ants and olives.

Depending on the wind direction and cloud cover drifting teams of three in front of

the boat or washing lines at anchor have proved the most successful methods. Top flies are green boobies, green and brown hoppers, green diawls, crunchers, spiders and small wets.

Best rainbow 10lb 2oz taken by Mick Griffin

Best boat areas Coton to the barley bales

Best bank areas Platforms and dam wall

Mid week boat winner Mr Dallimore of Oxford

Fish stocked 500

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