

Fishery News

Week ending 15 March 2009

- **Opening day joy for Jeremy at Grafham Water**

Jeremy Jacobs wins New Lodge Trophy for biggest fish on opening day

- **10lb plus Ravensthorpe Rainbow makes**

David's day

David Daniels of Bedford takes 10lb ½oz Rainbow - best of the week at Ravensthorpe

- **Rutland Water opens Wednesday 1 April**

Rutland Water will be the last of Anglian Water's 'big four' to open with the Independence Day Trophy on offer for the best fish

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Pitsford, Ravensthorpe & Hollowell 01604 781350,
Taverham Mills Fishery 01603 861014; Alton Water 01473 589105
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Grafham Water

Opening day at Grafham Water saw plenty of anglers taking their limits, undeterred by strong north westerly winds. The New Lodge Trophy was won by a bank angler - Jeremy Jacobs of Little Staughton in Bedfordshire. Jeremy caught a Rainbow of 4lb 7oz from the Seat early in the morning on a floating line with a green nymph fished slowly followed by another Rainbow of 3lb 11oz - all before 9.30am. Jeremy won £50 in Anglian Water gift vouchers as well as having his name engraved on the New Lodge Trophy.

Bank anglers enjoyed the best sport on the day with the best area being the Stumps with most anglers catching their limits on floating lines with black and green nymphs or lures. Hill Farm, Gaynes Cove and the Seat also produced consistent fishing with plenty of anglers having some excellent catches. This was hardly surprising as the trout have been feeding very close to the margins.

Boat anglers found the fishing more challenging due to the North Westerly winds, reaching 17 m.p.h., which made boat fishing conditions uncomfortable. However, they still had some cracking sport off Hedge End, Hill Farm and the Stumps on medium to fast sink lines with black and green boobies, lures and nymphs, cats whiskers and diawl bachs.

The best bag of the day was caught by boat angler Tom Davis from Leicester. Tom caught 8 trout for 18lb 8oz and also released two more trout by fishing a fast sink line with cormorants

and two toned orange blobs drifting from Hedge End into Church Bay.

Best Rainbow 4lb 7oz taken by Jeremy Jacobs

Best boat areas Hill Farm, Hedge End, The Stumps, G Buoy, Gaynes Cove, The Seat

Best bank areas The Stumps, Hill Farm, Gaynes Cove/Plummer Park, The Seat

Mid week boat winner John Syson of Spalding

Fish stocked 9000

Forthcoming events 5 April **Bob Church Open**

(Frank Cutler Memorial Trophy) 01604 661133

19 April **Lexus European Individual Qualifier**

01761 490367

20 April **Lexus European Team Qualifier**

26 April **EDFF & GWFFA** 01480 810531

Beginners course s - 29 March; 11,22 & 26 April;

10,24 & 27 May and throughout the season.

Pitsford Water

fish week 764 returns 116 rod average 6.5

"A 6.5 Rod average for the first week at Pitsford from mainly bank anglers was an excellent way to start the season" says Pitsford Water's Senior Warden, Nathan Clayton.

Matthew Brack of Northampton, a blue season permit holder, fished the Gravel bank with his father to catch and release a good number of fish. They then decided to fish on comfort in the Brixworth Bay. This paid off for Matthew who managed an over wintered Rainbow of around 4lb 8oz.

Bank anglers have enjoyed good sport during the week with fish being widely spread out. There has been a sprinkling of over wintered fish which is a good sign for things to come. Anglers have used a variety of methods but lures on a slow sink have produced consistently along with deep booby fishing. A few purists have managed to catch on nymphs and with this week's weather it won't be long before the buzzers will be the top method.

The few boats that have ventured out have had good sport catching on a variety of methods including the rudder. John Wotherspoon of Stamford and Brian Flack of Peterborough, both season ticket holders, shared a Pitsford boat last Monday. John and Brian took their limits, fishing close in and sometimes out from the bank to find fish.

Rick Varley from Pontefract and boat partner Ian caught and released 10 fish each from the Sailing Club Bay area on a blustery Monday and reported that a good number were over wintered. Nick Hall boat fished for the first time on Saturday. His boat partner Phil Longstaff, a previous member of England Youth, took Nick to North Farm bay and he took 4 fish all around the 2lb mark.

Mid Northants Trout Fishers held their annual litter pick on Sunday. 12 club members turned out to help Anglian Water to clean up litter from around the reservoir. In return club members enjoyed fishing in the afternoon.

Best Rainbow Two at 5lb

Best boat areas: Causeway, Stone Barn Bay, Sailing Club area and Bog Bay

Best bank areas: Causeway to Stone Barn and the Gravels - Bog Bay, Stilton Point and Sailing club bank

Mid week boat winner Mr Allen of Great Barr

Fish stocked 5512

Forthcoming events Beginners courses 28 March; 4,8 & 25 April; 9,13 & 23 May & throughout the season

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

fish week 417 (season 920) returns 58 (151) rod average 7.19 (6.1)

David Daniels of Bedford, a regular visitor to Ravensthorpe Reservoir, took top spot this week with a 10lb ½oz Rainbow. David fished from the bank on a black pea. Jim Stevenson from Brampton had a super morning on the bank, taking nine fish to 7lb - some on buzzers and diawls. Roger McCann found some nice overwintered fish boat fishing off the Guilsborough shore. Roger fished a 2 inch green minkie on a Di3 line with fish to 5½lb in his 12 fish bag.

Phil Harding and boat partner Matt Margett brought 38 fish to their boat whilst Bob Thorne and Gordon Mann managed 35 between them. Steve Naylor from Sutton Coldfield took 29 on a Di5 line using orange blobs and green peas.

Anglers fishing nymphs and buzzer teams have had great sport during the middle of the day, with lures best early and late. The reservoir is full and clear with a temperature of 5°C.

Best Rainbow 10lb ½oz taken by David Daniels of Bedford

Best boat areas Island to Catwalk, Ivy Tree and Mongers

Best bank areas Dam wall and all Platforms

Mid week boat winner Mitch Brown of Althorpe