

Fishery News

Week ending 19 April 2009

- **Victory for Team Vision at Rutland Water**

Rutland Water hosts Northern heat of Anglian Water Airflo International with Team Vision leading the list for the Northern Final

- **Wonderful 11lb ½oz Rutland Brown Trout for Willie**

Best Brown of the week goes to Willie Wilson, of Leven Scotland

- **12lb 2oz Rainbow for John Maitland at Pitsford Water**

Oakham angler takes best Rainbow of the week and wins English Fly Fishing Association match

- **Ravensthorpe rod average continues to top 6.1 with plenty of quality fish**

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Rutland Water

Fish week 1672 (season 4371) returns 390 (891) rod average 4.28(4.9)

“Tremendous fishing!” Anglers are heaping praise on the excellent season they are enjoying at Rutland Water. There are lots of fish around the reservoir.

Willie Wilson, Fishery Manager from Leven in Scotland, caught a superb 11lb ½oz Brown on a floating line and a black buzzer. Willie took this fish from the mouth of Hideaway Bay in the South Arm on Sunday 19 April. Tom Kwok from Bourne took a 4lb 13oz Rainbow. Tom, a season ticket holder, caught his fish whilst boat fishing.

All methods, including dry fly are working with plenty of food about the condition of the fish has been outstanding. Over wintered fish are starting to show with numbers of Browns around 2½lb to 3lb being taken. The best Rainbow for the week fell to Mr A Newton of Scopwick, Lincoln; the fish weighed an impressive 5lb 10oz. 5,000 Rainbows were stocked last week with another 4,000 plus 1,500 Browns to go in this week, bringing the season's total to over 36,000 fish.

Prospects remain very good with plentiful supplies of food available, which will see fish pack on weight, and there will be plenty of limits.

Tuesday Night Boat League

Starts May 12th for 14 weeks. Available to season and day permit anglers. This league is for beginners and experienced anglers alike with supper available afterwards if required.

Competition News

Lots to report on the competition scene with Rutland Water hosting the Northern heat of the Anglian Water Airflo International.

Twelve teams fished the Northern Heat of this popular competition. The top six teams, headed by Team Vision, will go through to the Northern final. The best fish of the match weighed 3lb 14½oz and was caught by John Buchanan fishing for Iain Barr Fly Fishing Team. Garry Owen fishing for Seighford Sharks caught the best bag at 23lb 14oz. The top six teams were

- 1st Team Vision 44 fish for 97lb 14oz
- 2nd Greys G-Tec Stocks Team 39 fish for 96lb 15½oz
- 3rd Seighford Sharks 40 fish for 92lb 14 7/8oz
- 4th Leven Fly Casters 39 fish for 91lb 4 7/8oz
- 5th Iain Barr Fly Fishing Team 33 fish for 78lb 6¾oz
- 6th Peregrine Fly Fishers 34 fish for 76lb 11¾oz

Rutland Troutmasters fish off

This was fished last Sunday.

Senior

- 1st Ken Moore of Chorley, Lancs. 4 fish for 8lb 8¾oz
- 2nd Matt Gregory

Junior

Won by George Gooden of Oakham with three fish for 5lb 12¾

Best Rainbow 5lb 10oz taken by A Newton of Scopwick, Lincoln

Best Brown 11lb ½oz taken by Willie Wilson of Leven, Scotland

Best boat areas north Arm, Carrot Creek to Transformer, Barnsdale. Sykes Lane, Normanton, Old Hall, Yellowstone/Inman's Spinney.

Best bank areas Whitwell, Green Bank, old Hall, Yellowstone, Sykes Lane, Normanton

Best methods Bank - Floating line with black/green buzzers, bloodworm, hares ear, black/green lures.
Boat as for bank include sinking lines with boobies, minkies also worth a try

Mid week boat winner D Humphries of Bilston

Fish stocked 5000

Forthcoming events 25 April **Anglian Water Spring Rudder Match**

26 April **Lexus European Individual Qualifier (all boats booked)**

27 April **Lexus European Team Qualifier**

6 May **Bob Church Classic**

12 May **Tuesday Evening Boat Leagues commence**

Beginners course s - 2,8,16 & 30 May and throughout the season.

Grafham Water

Fish week 1032 (season 3405) returns 306 (893) rod average 3.37 (3.81)

A good week at Grafham, with both bank and boat anglers catching plenty of fish, especially from the Stumps to Hill Farm area. Boat anglers are finding increasing numbers in the central parts of the lake towards the dam, from G buoy to the Seat.

David Martin was delighted with the 7lb plus Brownie he caught off Savages Creek. "Having caught plenty of nice Rainbows we decided to try for an overwintered fish and hey presto this one decided to take the fly. It took a home tied Montana variant fished deep and slow on a fast sinker. It made two fast deep runs before surfacing and coming to the net. I've hooked several good fish in this area before but never managed to land one as they have all thrown the hook. This is my best ever Brownie and was in pretty good condition".

Most fish are now being caught on buzzers either straight lined or under the bung. Fish are quite high in the water only about 4-5 feet down. Gordon Anthony proved this by taking a fine Rainbow of 7lb 8½oz from the Willows on a straight lined black buzzer on a floating line.

Competition News

GWFFA held its first bank match of the season on Saturday with a mixed bag of results. Mark Brinkman enjoyed a good day fishing buzzers from near the Stones at Hill Farm and caught his 8 fish by lunchtime.

1st Mark Brinkman 8 fish for 15lb 12oz

2nd Andy Linwood 6 fish for 11lb 14oz

3rd John Vincent 5 fish for 9lb 7oz

4th Harley Smith 4 fish for 7lb 9oz

Best Rainbow 7lb 8½oz taken by Gordon Anthony

Best Brown 7lb plus returned by David Martin

Best boat areas Hedge End, G Buoy, Deep Water Point, Bowl of Dam, Main Bowl

Best bank areas The Stumps, Hill Farm, G Buoy, Deep Water Point, Plummer

Mid week boat winner Michael Benyon of Tadley

Forthcoming events 26 April **EDFF & GWFFA** 01480 810531

3 May **Mixed Pairs**

12 May Tuesday Evening Boat Leagues commence

18 May Troutmasters (reservoir closed to all non competitors, bank fishing from 5pm onwards)

Beginner's course s - 26 April;

9 & 27 May and throughout the season.

Pitsford Water

Fish week 492 (season 3501) returns 133 (741) rod average 3.6 (4.7)

Pitsford Water hosted the Trout Masters Fish off on Saturday. This is a bank match fished to reservoir rules from 10am to 4pm. Although 6 anglers qualified to fish only two anglers took part. They were John Littler of Sutton in Ashfield and Barry Jones of Northampton. Both anglers weighed in eight fish. However John won through to the fish off at Grafham Water in May with 8 fish for 16lb 14oz, 14oz more than Barry's bag. John fished the Sailing Club bank and fished a big white lure. He took a dunking when he waded out and went in up to his neck. Thankfully he got out safely and learned a valuable lesson; don't wade in waters you don't know!

The English Fly Fishing Association members and guest day was held on Thursday. 22 Anglers fished to a 2.9 rod average with John Maitland of Oakham taking best bag of 6 fish for 23lb 13oz. This was mainly due to the 12lb 2oz Rainbow that he caught which also won him best fish. Second in the match was Roy Dixon with 8 fish for 16lb 5oz. Grafham Water's Senior Warden John Mees took third place with 8 fish weighing 15lb 13oz.

Fish are feeding hard on buzzers and are still close in to margins. Bank anglers are enjoying good sport as fish are close in. Fish have been seen rising in the evening and daytime in the right conditions.

Best Rainbow 12lb 2oz taken by John Maitland

Best boat areas Small half, Pines, Bog Bay

Best bank areas Pines, small half

Mid week boat winner Mr Fletcher of Desborough, Kettering

Fish stocked 1,000

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

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 544 (season 3918) returns 89 (639) rod average 6.1 (6.1)

Scottish anglers Steve and Brian Strachan enjoyed excellent sport on Saturday - constantly changing between buzzer and blobs brought a total of 60 fish to their boat.

Mick Cambell used similar tactics to take 43 Rainbows from his float tube - other notable catches fell to S Conway (25) and D Lindsey (25). Best fish this week went to C Butler at 8lb 4oz.

The cold Northerly winds last week slowed the buzzer hatch, but warmer winds with overcast conditions should see buzzer and olive hatches return to normal. Fish are feeding on daphnia, buzzers and bloodworm. Anglers fishing nymphs should think "thin, small and slow" with dull patterns in olive and grey best.

Bright sun and crystal clear water made conditions exacting for the Mid Northants lads fishing for the Hector Woolnough Trophy on Sunday.

1st Graham Haywood 5lb 12oz

2nd Roy Mclester 5lb 4oz

3rd Pip Jeffs 5lb 2oz

4th Mike Jeyes 4lb 14oz

Local lad Mick Griffin triumphed yet again in the Ravensthorpe Troutmasters fish off on Sunday overcoming stiff opposition to represent Ravensthorpe at the Grafham Water final. Mick hooked and lost a big fish on his first cast at the valve tower but persevered to take two nice Rainbows to see him through.

Best Rainbow 8lb 4oz taken by Chris Butler of Coventry

Best boat areas Coton car park to Island

Best bank areas Dam wall

Mid week boat winner M Flavin of Northampton

Fish stocked 400