

# Fishery News

Week ending 21 June 2009

- **Stars of the future take their first fishing trip at Pitsford Water.** Fishing with Dad proved a great experience for 11-year-old Juliet Rustom and her friend Georgia Gascoigne who caught her first ever fish weighing 2lb.

- **Steve Cullen and Cliff Waters enjoy the best four hours on a water for many years at Ravensthorpe**

Free-drifting with 5 weight rods, and floating line with claret dabbler on the point and a bumble on the dropper.

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## Rutland Water

Fish week 1,453 (season 23,836) returns 387 (5,379) rod average 3.7(4.43)

There are plenty of fish moving on the surface taking insects and pin fry on calm days. The main basin has come into form with fish being taken all the way across and many limits taken, some within 1½ hours.

Best Brown 5lb 8oz taken by S Nicholson of North Ormsby Lincs.

Best boat areas Main basin, bottom of both arms. Lots of fish in open water

Best bank areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, Sailing Club, Old Hall, the Finches.

Best methods Floating lines with nymphs, dries and mini lures.  
Fish are feeding on pin-fry, buzzers, sedge, snails and daphnia.

Mid-week boat winner. Paul Wild (season ticket holder) of Ketton.

Fish stocked 2,000

## Competition news

### Tuesday Evening Boat League

Richard Cooper of Empingham won the fourth week of the competition with eight fish weighing an impressive 20lb 7½oz including a rainbow of 4lb 2½oz that earned Richard an extra two points.

Twenty anglers caught 79 fish with "fish moving everywhere" to quote many anglers taking part.

1<sup>st</sup> Richard Cooper 8 fish for 20lb 7½oz

2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Longstaff 8 fish for 19lb 15oz

3<sup>rd</sup> Keith Jones 8 fish for 19lb 1oz

League table

1<sup>st</sup> Richard Cooper 22 Points

2<sup>nd</sup> Mick Bennett 19 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Phil Longstaff 17 points

4<sup>th</sup> Paul Wild 17 points

### **Army Championships 20 and 21 June**

This match fished extremely well with quick fire limits coming out of the main basin on both days. Rod average for day one was an astounding 7 and for day two 6.1. This made for a 'nail-biting' weigh-in with hardly anything to separate the top five rods who qualified for the England eliminator:

1<sup>st</sup> Del Spry 16 fish for 46lb 8oz

2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Hoggart 16 fish for 45lb 11oz

3<sup>rd</sup> Mark Rose 16 fish for 44lb 3oz

4<sup>th</sup> Paul Shaw 16 fish for 43lb 13oz

5<sup>th</sup> Paul Kitchen. 16 fish for 43lb 1oz.

### **Forthcoming events**

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

**Beginners courses** 4,12,19 & 26 July & throughout the season

**Anglian Water Airflo International Midland heat** -24 June

**EDFF** - 8 July

**Anglian Water over 50's match** - 18 July

### **Grafham Water**

Fish week 871 (season 12,679) returns 233 (3,236) rod average 3.73 (3.91)

Once again the fishing at Grafham Water this week has been outstanding with plenty of anglers catching their limits in the top 8 inches of water. The most productive method for boat anglers has been floating or sink tip lines with Diawl Bachs, crunchers, pheasant tail nymphs, cormorants, tequila blobs and boobies fished almost static. The most productive areas for the boat anglers were south dam, Gaynes cove, G, T and D buoys, rectory bay, hedge end and church bay.

Bank anglers have also had some cracking sport this week by fishing floating lines with Diawl Bachs, pheasant tail nymphs, crunchers and cormorants at Gaynes cove, hill farm, deepwater point, bowl of dam and G buoy.

Local angler Ian Heading from Great Staughton caught the biggest trout of the week. Ian caught a fin perfect over wintered rainbow of 5lb 2oz from the bowl of the dam on a red hotspot pheasant tail nymph.

Best Rainbow 5lb 2oz taken by Ian Heading of Great Staughton

Best Brown 4lb taken by C Witt

Best boat areas G, D, T buoys, central drifts, hedge end, deep water point, south dam, Gaynes cove, rectory bay.

Best bank areas G buoy, deep-water point,

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Darren Wright from Hertfordshire

Fish stocked 1,800

### **Competition News**

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

Twenty-six anglers took part in this week's boat league, catching 41 trout.

1<sup>st</sup> Mick Facey 8 fish

2<sup>nd</sup> Chris McLeod 6 fish

### **Forthcoming events**

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

**Beginners courses** - 28 June; 5,18,24 & 29 July and throughout the season

**Anglian Water Airflo International Southern final** - 6 July

**English Youth National** - 12 July boatmen required

**Anglian Water Airflo International Midland final** - 20 July

**GWFFA Floating line match** - 26 July

### **Pitsford Water**

Fish week 654 (season 8,525\*) returns 129 (2,542) rod average 5.0 (3.3)

\*For those beady-eyed anglers, we apologise for the mathematical error compounded since 15 May and have bought the warden an abacus.

Pitsford Water turned up trumps for two young girls on their first every fishing trip. Simon Rustom took his 11 year old daughter Juliet and her friend Georgia Gascoigne out onto the water. Georgia was 'over the moon' to catch her first fish, which she played herself and landed after a five minute fight. The fish weighed 2lb and as Georgia was a little squeamish about touching it, Juliet leant a helping hand for the 'photo-shoot'. They fished the main bowl with a floating line and gold head Fritz lure. Simon was delighted that the day had been so successful - maybe we will see Georgia and Juliet in the youth team one day.

Trevor Hall from Kingsthorpe enjoyed an early morning session on the bank at the sailing club fishing a floating line with Humungus lure on the point and a Pitsford pea on the dropper. Trevor landed a beautiful grown on fish of 5lb 4oz.

It is no good casting a nymph onto the bank from a boat as the fish in the margins are busily feeding on a green bloodworm. Boat anglers need to use lures cast to the bank.

On cloudy days you will still find fish within easy reach of the bank, but in areas where weed is beginning to show, bank anglers need to use non-weighted flies.

Best Rainbow 5lb 4oz taken by Trevor Hall for Kingsthorpe

Best boat areas Pines, north farm bay and stone barn.

Best bank areas Stone barn and pines

Best methods See above

Mid week boat winner Fred White of Langley

Fish stocked 950

### **Forthcoming events**

**Beginners courses** 4 & 15 July; 1, 5, 15 & 29 August

### **Pike Fishing at Pitsford Water**

Pitsford Water opened last Tuesday for lure fishing for pike. This is alternative weeks Monday to Friday so the next opportunity starts on 29 June.

Warren Hessey and his pal came all the way from Blackpool to fish for 3 days. The two of them always fish the first week and normally manage to catch large numbers of pike in the 5 to 10 lb range. This year Warren managed to catch one of the double figure pike he has always been after - a 24lb 4oz specimen.

Gary Woolridge also fished on opening day and caught a pike of 25lb in north farm bay, which is a noted pike hot spot. This fish was also returned safely to the water.

### **Ravensthorpe Reservoir**

Fish week 249 (season 8259) returns 64 (1,524) rod average 3.8 (5.4)

Fish at Ravensthorpe are moving freely all over the reservoir, feeding sub surface on the plentiful damsel hatches. Bob Semple and John Parker had lovely fish of 5½lb and 6lb off the dam. Several anglers fishing loch style with wets have had excellent sport drifting across the reservoir.

The England youth team fished for two days, arriving to perfect conditions on Saturday. Some were so eager they had tackled up and were fishing off the dam before the team talk, from Manager, Rob Edmunds. The youngsters had a brilliant two days with all members of the squad catching well in the mornings on all methods.

On Sunday Steve Cullen (Editor, Total Flyfisher) and Cliff Waters (our Hooked on Leisure Editor) spent an afternoon on the water and this is what Cliff had to say about it. "It was possibly the best four hours I have spent on a water for many years. We caught several rainbows up to 5lb and each one of them great quality, well silvered and fully finned. They were all taken free-drifting, 5 weight rods, using a floating line with claret dabbler on the point and a bumble on the dropper. Almost all the fish took the flies on the dibble, with one leaping at least 12 inches clear of the water to take the fly. A truly memorable day and a great reflection of a high quality fishery ... many thanks".

Best Rainbow 6lb 5oz taken by Dave Smith off platform 4.

Best boat areas Drifting across the reservoir

Best bank areas Dam wall

Best methods Small damselfly, crunchers and buzzers on floating line

Mid week boat winner Pamela Stevens of Eydon

Fish stocked 625