

Fishery News

Week ending 22 March 2009

- **Remarkable Ravensthorpe excels with 8.6 rod average plus some more big fish!**

10lb 10oz Rainbow for Graham Smith

- **Limits galore at Grafham Water**

Bag limits for both bank and boat anglers

- **Pitsford Water posts rod average of 6 plus**

- **Ardleigh Reservoir's coarse anglers record excellent sport**

- **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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Rutland Water 01780 686441; Grafham Water 01480 810531;

Pitsford, Ravensthorpe & Hollowell 01604 781350,

Taverham Mills Fishery 01603 861014; Alton Water 01473 589105

Recreation Dept Anglian Water 01572 653021

Grafham Water

Fish week 525 (season 636) returns 120 (142) rod average 4.37(4.47)

Grafham Water has continued its fine form since opening day. Plenty of anglers are catching their limits on both bank and boat. The North shore has been the most productive accounting for a massive percentage of the 525 trout caught this week.

Bank anglers are enjoying some cracking sport with the Stumps, Hill Farm, Pylon Point, Deep Water Point and G buoy all producing consistent catch rates throughout the day. Best methods have been floating lines with black and green lures, nymphs and boobies, damsel nymphs, Diawl Bachs; pheasant tail nymphs and black buzzers also catching well generally fished very slow or static.

Boat anglers are also having some tremendous sport in the same areas as the bank anglers with Hill Farm and Hedge End marginally being the best spots from an

anchored boat with sinking lines and black and green lures, nymphs and boobies, also black buzzers fished totally static are producing very good catch rates.

P Roland and F Chapman shared the biggest fish of the week. They both caught Rainbows weighing 4lb and Mr Chapman also caught and released a Pike of 9lb. John Timothy of Milton Keynes caught a Brown trout of 5lb 3oz - this was released as out of season until 1 April.

Best Rainbow Two at 4lb taken by F Chapman and P Roland

Best boat areas Hill Farm, Hedge End, the Stumps, G buoy, Deep Water Point, Pylon Point

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

Mid week boat winner Tony Holmshaw of March

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 & 26 April;

10,24 & 27 May and throughout the season.

Pitsford Water

Fish week 892 (season 1656) returns 143 (259) rod average 6.2(6.3)

Another fantastic rod average of 6.2 for the second week at Pitsford. Bank sport seems to be the way to catch them with either slow sink lines and lures or floating line and buzzers fished slow and deep. Top areas are Stone Barn, North Farm Bay and Stilton Point, as the wind seems to be blowing the food onto the bank.

John McLaughlin travelled all the way from Huckelchoven in Germany but he said it was worth it. He caught six fish between 1lb 2oz and 2lb. He took them all on an orange lure on the bank. David Finch-Noyes of Northampton took 8 fish quickly off the bank on Friday. John Washington of Hitchin took 8 fish on the bank and returned 4 on his day ticket. Judith Tuffs of Market Harborough had her first outing on the bank last week and managed 8 fish for 18lb in no time!

There have been lots of limits this week, all on mainly sinking lines and lures because fish have been feeding on daphnia. A few over wintered fish have been showing up widely spread over the whole lake.

Best Rainbow 4lb taken by T Gardner

Best Brown 4lb plus (returned)

Best boat areas Stone Barn, North Farm Bay, Bog Bay

Best bank areas North Farm Bay, Stilton Point, Gravel's

Fish stocked 500

Mid week boat winner Richard Kesek of Stevenage

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

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 961 (season 1881) returns 111 (262) rod average 8.66 (7.18)

Ravensthorpe is in top form with an 8.6 rod average. Both boat and bank anglers are catching well with some super sport for boat anglers in particular. Fish are now taking buzzer and diawls in mid water as well as the usual range of lures in the lower levels (blobs, peas, cats whiskers and montanas).

Ronnie Turnbull from Limekilns brought a party of four from Scotland on Thursday taking 61 fish mostly on blobs and red Diawl Bachs.

Dave and Trevor Heseltine caught 42 between them. R Dixon of Northampton brought 27 to his boat, whilst local lads Mark Britten and Pete Exton Jones managed 36 on orange blobs and buzzers.

The biggest fish this week went to Graham Smith of Ravensthorpe with a 10lb 10oz Rainbow to supplement his 11lb 2oz fish from opening week! Graham's fish took an orange blob whilst he was boat fishing the Ravensthorpe shore. David Brady from Orlingbury took fish of 10lb 8oz and 10lb 2oz within minutes of each other for a total bag of 32 fish. All came to black buzzer and bloodworm fished almost static on a 16 foot leader.

Best Rainbow 10lb 10oz taken by Graham Smith of Ravensthorpe on an orange blob whilst boat fishing

Best boat areas All areas in 12-16 feet of water

Best bank areas Platforms and dam fishing well

Mid week boat winner Rick Barlow of North London

Fish stocked 500