

Fishery News

Week ending 26 April 2009

- **Super 7 rod average for Rutland Water**

- **Spring Rudder match**

- Graham Pearson and Mike Barrett win with fantastic bag of 16 fish for 49lb 4oz

- **Great Grafham break for Freddy from Finland**

- 82 year old Freddy Brown takes his limit on all four days from different areas of Grafham Water

- **Terrific tuition for Juniors at Grafham Water**

- **Wednesday 28 May**

- **Sponsored by the Salmon and Trout Association.**

- **Three hours of tuition covering elementary casting, fly tying, tackle and tactics.**

- **9.30am to 12.30 or 1.30pm to 4.30pm.**

- **For just £10**

- **Parental consent forms will be provided.**

- **For more information and to book a place please contact**

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Rutland Water

Fish week 1,962 (season 6,333) returns 437 (1,328) rod average 4.48(4.76)

Rutland Water is in outstanding form this season. Quality fish are being taken with lots of limits with all methods working well even dry fly in the evenings for bank anglers.

Anglers have lots of choice with plenty of areas to try. The best bank areas are Normanton/Sykes Lane, the sailing club and the bottoms of both arms are all producing fish.

Fly life has been incredible with masses of buzzers coming off. There are also plenty of daphnia available along with numbers of roach fry showing inside fish. Overwintered fish have featured well with good numbers of Rainbows between 3 and 5lb in fantastic condition. Some good browns are also showing. Julie Emerson lost an estimated double figure fish close to the boat.

Competition news

Spring Rudder match

26 Anglers took part in a match that produced a rod average of 7 per angler with 181 fish caught. The

winners were old hands Graham Pearson and Mike Barrett who weighed in a fantastic bag of 16 fish for 49lb 4oz taken from the South Arm.

2nd Clive Morgan & Gary Edmunds 16 fish for 43lb 6oz

3rd Kelvin Smith & Ivor Heard 16 fish for 38lb 3oz

The best Brown in the match weighed 4lb 2oz and was taken by Gary West. The best Rainbow was 4lb 14oz and was taken by Graham Pearson.

Prospects are very good with many areas producing fish along with plentiful supplies of food. Rutland is in cracking form.

Anglers are reminded that if they bring their dogs with them they must be on a lead at all times.

Best Rainbow 5lb

Best boat areas Sykes Lane, Sailing Club, Manton Bay, Transformer, Barnsdale

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Best methods Floating lines with buzzers/ dry fly (bank). Boat anglers similar to bank anglers but include mini lures, gold/silver sparklers.

Mid week boat winner David Haines of Bulwick, Northants

Fish stocked 4,000

Forthcoming events 6 May **Bob Church Classic**

10 May **England Qualifier `Odds & Sods**

12 May **Tuesday Evening Boat Leagues commence**

Beginners courses: 2, 8, 16 & 30 May; 7, 10, 13, 21 & 27 June and throughout the season.

Grafham Water

Fish week 1561 (season 4,966) returns 320 (1,213) rod average 4.87 (4.09)

Anglers have enjoyed a fantastic week at Grafham Water with the lake really switching on in the warm spring sunshine. Most areas have fished well throughout the week, especially the south shore around Gaynes Cove, the Seat and Sludge Bank as well as Perry Point. The stable water levels over the past couple of years have allowed the vast buzzer beds to re colonise. Fish are gorging themselves on buzzers - especially olive or black.

The most popular methods are floating or midge tip lines with epoxy or super glue buzzers, mainly straight lined or a few anglers are fishing the bung. Some anglers are finding a slow glass fished washing line style is effective.

Steve Battle, a season ticket holder from Bedford, had a fantastic week boat fishing. He hired three boats in total and took limits on all three days using buzzers on a floating line from Hedge End. His last fish was a cracking Brown of 6lb 1oz.

Father and son Alan and Andy Bayford of St Neots had a good afternoon last week with Alan boating a fine over wintered Rainbow of 6lb from the bowl of the dam on a damsel pattern. Freddy Brown, who is 82 and lives in Finland, enjoyed four days fishing at Grafham Water during a

recent two-week holiday. He was rewarded with four limits from different parts of the lake. Most of the fish fell to a damsel pattern or Diawl Bachs.

Competition News

On Sunday 19th and Monday 20 April Grafham Water hosted the Lexus Individual and Team heats. Expectations were high following practice days.

Season ticket holder Richard Kesek from Stevenage fishing in Gaynes Cove with super glue buzzers won the individual heat.

1st Richard Kesek 8 fish for 23lb 8oz

2nd Bill McIlroy 8 fish for 23lb 4oz

3rd Lindsay Barrie 8 fish for 22lb 13oz

4th Phil Shaw-Browne 8 fish for 22lb 9oz

5th James Britten 8 fish for 21lb 13oz

These five anglers qualify for the individual final, with Paul Haskey of Rugby taking the wild card draw with a Rainbow of 4lb 1oz.

The Team event was very closely fought with only 10lb separating all six teams. Coming out on top were Team Loop UK with the two Hanningfield teams in second and third place and Draycote Flyers taking the final qualifying spot in fourth place. Steve Ellerbeck from Grafham Water Fly Fishers was the overall top rod on the day with eight fish for 23lb 14oz. Steve also took the best fish -he had two Browns each weighing 4lb 8oz.

Best Rainbow 6lb taken by Alan Bayford of St Neots

Best Brown 6lb 1oz taken by Steve Battle of Bedford

Best boat areas Gaynes Cove, the Seat, Sludge Bank, Perry Point, Hill Farm, Hedge End

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

Mid week boat winner Mike Bachini of Cambs

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events 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)

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Pitsford Water

Fish week 884 (season 4,385) returns 276 (1,017) rod average 3.2(4.3)

Bank fishing at Pitsford Water has been prolific in recent weeks proven by the returns from our season

ticket holders like Mick Foster of Brixworth, who recorded 21 fish for the week. Allan Worley, of Moulton, another permit holder, fished 6 times in a week and recorded 23 fish! Will Linnell, of Northampton, caught 21 fish in five visits. The best week recorded amongst our season ticket holders was by George Gercs. George, from Rugby, caught 32 fish last week all off the bank in six visits. Amongst these fish was a brown of 5lb plus. He has been using small buzzers and hares ears and fishing in quieter areas away from other anglers. George said "I prefer to avoid an area if there are too many people about". It just goes to show how well the bank is fishing. Top methods are nymphs and dries, although anglers are still catching on lures at various depths.

Boat fishing is still good. Alan Ferguson from Leicester took three fish and returned a further five fish. Boat anglers are getting best results fairly close in to the bank - but well away from any bank anglers. Boat anglers please remember that bank anglers have priority.

Another reminder for our boat anglers - boats need to be back at the pontoon by 8.30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Best Rainbow 6½lb taken by M Nelson

Best boat areas Pines, Stilton Point, Small Half

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Mid week boat winner P Daniels of Northampton

Fish stocked 600

Forthcoming events Beginners courses 9,13 & 23 May; 6,17, & 20 June & throughout the season

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 508 (season 4,426) returns 141 (780) rod average 3.6(5.7)

Fish are feeding on buzzers and olives. Diawls, PTN's, GRHE and epoxy buzzers are the best patterns. Fish are at various depths depending on the time of day. Fishing the bung seems to help.

Best boat areas: Island to Coton car park

Best bank areas: Platforms on Monger Point and the Dam

Mid week boat winner: I Williams of Oadby