

Fishery News

Week ending 29 March 2009

- **Rutland Water's ready for action**

Rutland Water opens on 1 April with a new pontoon and nearly 20,000 fish stocked pre-season

The Independence Day Trophy will be awarded for the biggest fish caught on Opening Day

- **Pitsford's flying Flynn**

Northampton angler Pat Flynn makes it three limits out of three visits to Pitsford Water this week

(following his five limits last week!)

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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 330 (season 966) returns 88 (230) rod average 3.75 (4.2)

The fishing at Grafham Water last week was influenced by the strong northwesterly winds which made the fishing challenging. However, some intrepid anglers braved the conditions and had some superb sport mainly from the bank as boat fishing was restricted by the strong winds.

The best bank areas have again been the Stumps, Hill Farm and Gaynes Cove with only the latter being fishable all week. The Stumps and Hill Farm have been the best areas by far. The best method was fishing floating lines with black and green boobies and nymphs fished almost static and also Diawl Bachs, black buzzers, and damsel nymphs. Gaynes Cove has also produced some good sport but it hasn't fished as consistently as Hill Farm and the Stumps.

With the strong winds restricting boat fishing, Gaynes Cove has been by far the best area for boat anglers as it has been the most sheltered spot on the reservoir. Best tactics for boat anglers have been fast sink lines with black and green boobies or nymphs fished slowly from an anchored boat.

Anglers are reporting that most of the trout caught are feeding heavily on daphnia with some trout feeding on tiny black buzzer.

Best Rainbow 4lb 8oz taken by Andy Bayford of St Neots

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

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Mid week boat winner Dennis Hunt of Luton

Fish stocked 2000

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
3 May **Mixed Pairs**
Beginner's courses - 11 & 26 April;
10, 24 & 27 May and throughout the season.

Pitsford Water

Fish week 451 (season 2107) returns 96 (355) rod average 4.6 (5.9)

Pat Flynn, a season ticket holder from Northampton, has got the measure of the method at Pitsford. Pat managed to catch a limit on all three of his visits to the bank this week! The previous week he had five limits on the trot! His secret is the booby green and black, fished slow on the bottom - not everyone's cup of tea, but working in the current cold conditions.

Ken Malt of Denford recorded the best Rainbow of the week - a fish weighing 6lb 4oz. Well known angler and personality Hywel Morgan was at Pitsford on the bank on Wednesday making a film for Sky TV. Despite tough conditions with the wind blowing 28m.p.h. from the North West he caught a fish for the camera. The feature will be shown in this Friday's Tightlines programme, broadcast on Sky Sport, presented by Keith Arthur. Senior Warden Nathan Clayton will be in the studio answering questions.

Bank fishing has been influenced by the strength of winds and the temperature as the Mid Northants Trout Fishers found out on Sunday. Chairman Mike Philpott won the club's annual bank match with three fish. Kevin Rowley took the best fish of the day with a fish half an ounce under 4lb.

Best Rainbow 6lb 4oz taken by Ken Malt of Denford

Best Brown 4lb taken by Rob White of Carlton, Nottingham

Best boat areas North Farm Bay, Sailing Club bank

Best bank areas Stilton Point, Bog Bay, Sailing Club Bank, Brixworth Bay

Mid week boat winner Richard Webb of Irchester

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

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 235 (season 2116) returns 70 (332) rod average 3.3 (6.37)

Ravensthorpe fished well this week in spite of high winds and cold night temperatures. Lots of black buzzers are about and patient anglers are rewarded with plenty of fish. The most successful methods seem to be buzzers fished on floating lines a foot or so from the bottom. Fish continue to be taken on lures orange or black are best.

Best boat areas Water around 12 -14 feet, not deep areas

Best bank areas Platforms, dome bushes

Mid week boat winner S Ireland of Barton Seagrave

Fish stocked 340

