

Fishery News Week ending 5 April 2009

- **Superb start to new season at Rutland Water**

Season opens with a rod average of 6.67
Independence Day Trophy for biggest fish on Opening Day
awarded to Martin Clay of Leicester

- **Terrific Rainbow for Terry at Pitsford Water**

Season's best Rainbow weighs in at 11lb for Terry Pancoust of
Northampton

- **Ravensthorpe's in fine form with week's best Rainbow of
10lb 9oz and a rod average of 6.2**

J Wilson of Long Buckby takes best fish of the week

- **Grafham Water hosts brilliant Bob Church Open**

Victory goes to Laurie Taylor with 8 fish for 26lb 7¼oz

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Rutland Water

Fine, settled weather heralded a superb start to the new season at Rutland Water with a rod average of 6.67.

Martin Clay of Leicester won the Independence Day Trophy, awarded to the biggest fish on opening day. Martin took an overwintered Rainbow of 4lb 10½oz. This fish was part of the bag limit he took off the Green bank. Anglers have commented on the quality and power of this year's stockfish with an average weight of just under 2lb.

On opening day George Lafrate of Canterbury took a Rainbow of 5lb 2oz, the best fish of the week. George forgot to register for the Independence Day Trophy - which was a shame because this fish would have won! His bag limit weighed over 21lb.

On Sunday Rutland Water hosted the Alan West Memorial Trophy match. This popular competition, now in its eighth year, was won by Graham Pearson with an 8 fish limit of 21lb 2oz. Graham was just one ounce ahead of second placed Jason Foster, with Rob Edmunds in third place at 18lb 8oz.

Fish are feeding hard on small buzzers, corixa and daphnia with one or two on last year's Roach fry.

Most methods have been working with lures of every description. Good numbers of fish are being caught on nymphs (with huge hatches of buzzers occurring most days, especially when it's sunny). There's plenty of food available including buzzers, daphnia, corixa and the odd fry.

Over wintered fish are initially showing in small numbers but they are in excellent condition.

Season ticket holder Frank Sumnall from Stoke on Trent had a couple of over wintered fish around the 2¾lb - 3lb mark from the North Arm last Saturday.

Best Rainbow 5lb 2oz taken by George Lafrate of Canterbury

Best Brown 5lb 6oz taken by Mr Tinald

Best boat areas Sykes Lane, Normanton, Whitwell, Dickenson's Bay, New Zealand Point

Best bank areas Sykes Lane, Normanton, Whitwell, fishing lodge frontage, Old Hall

Mid week boat winner Mr G Worth of Desborough, Kettering

Fish stocked 18,879

Forthcoming events 18 April **Anglian Water Airflo International Northern heat** 01572 653021

25 April **Anglian Water Spring Rudder Match**

26 April **Lexus European Individual Qualifier** 01761 490367

27 April **Lexus European Team Qualifier** 01761 490367

6 May **Bob Church Classic**

12 May Tuesday Evening Boat Leagues commence

Beginners' courses - 15 & 19 April;

2, 8, 16 & 30 May and throughout the season.

Grafham Water

Fish week 699(season 1,665) returns 171 (401) rod average 4.08 (4.15)

Grafham Water has continued to fish well this week with plenty of anglers catching their limits from both bank and boat. Anglers on the dam wall and the north shore have benefited from light northeasterly winds. G buoy, Hill Farm and the bowl of the dam have all produced very good consistent bank fishing mainly on floating lines with black buzzers, Diawl Bachs and Montanas, but also black and green or orange boobies on fast sink lines.

Boat anglers are now enjoying good sport with plenty of bag limits being taken from most points along the north shore. Boat anglers are finding the majority of their fish around the margins where fish are feeding heavily on daphnia. The best boat areas have been G buoy, Hedge End, Deep Water Point, Church Bay and the bowl of the dam. Most anglers are taking their trout on fast sunk lines with black and green or orange boobies. However, anglers are reporting that they are starting to catch on floating/sink tip lines with black buzzers and Diawl Bachs fished static.

Competition News

Trout Masters fish off (bank) 29 March

Craig Barr won the Troutmasters fish off at Grafham Water this year. Craig won by fishing a black and green booby on a Di8 line from Deep Water Point. He will now represent Grafham Water at the final, which will be held at Grafham on Monday 18 May.

1st Craig Barr 8 fish for 14lb 13oz

2nd Robert Edmunds 8 fish for 13lb 13oz

3rd Louise Callow 5 fish for 10lb 8oz

Junior Troutmasters

Sam Edmonds from Ware in Hertfordshire won the junior match at Grafham. Sam caught five trout for 10lb 12oz from G Buoy on a Di7 line with an orange booby - he also caught the biggest fish of the match a Rainbow of 2lb 13oz.

Police Match 2 April

This was a four-man team match fished to fishery rules.

1st Essex A 32 fish for 71lb 5oz

2nd Norfolk A 26 fish for 59lb 15oz

3rd Cambridge 20 fish for 34lb 8oz

Bob Church Open for the Frank Cutler Memorial Trophy - 5 April

58 Anglers caught 259 fish in this popular match, achieving a rod average of 4.47. Laurie Taylor was top rod with 8 fish for 26lb 7¼oz. Gary Edmonds weighed in the best fish at 4lb 5¼oz. All boats fished in the Hill Farm, Hedge End, Church Bay and G Buoy areas. Most popular methods were fast sink lines, black and green or orange boobies, blobs or sink tip lines, buzzers and Diawl Bachs.

1st Laurie Taylor 8 fish for 26lb 7¼oz

2nd Graham Willis 8 fish for 22lb ¾oz

3rd Lloyd Pallett 8 fish for 21lb 14 1/8oz

4th Gary Edmonds 8 fish for 21lb 12¾oz

Best Rainbow 7lb 5oz taken by Paul Cooper of Brentwood

Best Brown 4lb 6oz taken by Andy Gunn of St Neots

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

Best bank areas The Stumps, Hill Farm, G Buoy, bowl of dam

Mid week boat winner Mr T Blazey of Wretham, Thetford

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events 19 April **Lexus European Individual Qualifier**

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20 April **Lexus European Team Qualifier**

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)

Beginners' courses - 11 & 26 April;

10, 24 & 27 May and throughout the season.

Pitsford Water

Fish week 426 (season 2,533) returns 134 (489) rod average 3.2(5.2)

The fish of the week - and the best this season, fell to local angler Terry Pancoust from

Northampton. Terry fished the bank at Stone Barn Bay using a sinking line and an orange blob. He landed a superb Rainbow of 11lb.

Bank and boat fishing have both produced some good sport this week. Local angler Nathan Reilly enjoyed a great day's sport catching his limit and returning six other fish.

Jim Wilson travelled from Hampshire to fish Pitsford this week and wasn't disappointed. Fishing floating line and buzzers he managed six fish for 16lb.

Clayton Goosen also landed a big Rainbow of 9lb. A sinking line and a lime green lure did the trick from the bank at the Pines.

The trout are well spread out at the moment so be prepared to keep on the move. Sinking lines and lures are catching the majority of fish, but floating lines and buzzers are starting to work.

Best Rainbow 11lb taken by Terry Pancoust

Best boat areas Bog Bay, North Farm Bay

Best bank areas Stone Barn Bay, Stilton Point

Mid week boat winner Jim Wilson of Whiteley, Hants

Fish stocked 1008

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

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

fish week 798 (season2,914) returns 129 (461) rod average 6.2 (6.3)

The best fish of the week was a 10lb 9oz Rainbow taken with a black buzzer from the bank by J Wilson of Long Buckby.

The British Float Tubing Association held a float tube match at Ravensthorpe with 19 anglers fishing to a two fish limit.

1st John Even 2 fish for 7lb 14oz

2nd Tony Parker 2 fish for 7lb 4oz

3rd T Keeble 2 fish for 6lb

Best Rainbow 10lb 9oz taken by J Wilson of Long Buckby

Best boat areas 12-15 feet of water with buzzers

Best bank areas Mongers to Dome

Best methods Black buzzers fished from floating lines are accounting for most fish. Some fish are taking bloodworm or nymphs with a bit of red in them.

Mid week boat winner E Williams of Hereford

Fish stocked 302

