

Fishery News

Week ending 31 May 2009

Wow! What a week!

- **Martin's marvellous 14lb 8oz Rainbow breaks season's record at Ravensthorpe**

Martin Nelson of Northampton hooks superb 14lb 8oz Rainbow

The biggest Ravensthorpe Rainbow for several seasons

- **Paul Barker records season's best Rainbow at Rutland Water**

9lb 3oz Rainbow for Paul Barker of Leicester

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Rutland Water

Fish week 2,365 (season 18,872) returns 566 (3,979) rod average 4.17 (4.74)

Anglers are enjoying outstanding sport at Rutland Water with quality fish being taken including the season's best Rainbow. Leicester angler Paul Barker's 9lb 3oz superb over wintered Rainbow was the best fish of the week and the best of the season so far. Paul fished the bottom of the South Arm last Thursday and took this specimen on a black buzzer with red cheeks. The best Brown of the week fell to John Glanfield from Exeter in Devon. John has been visiting Rutland since it opened and has fond memories of the very first morning in 1977. In the past 22 years he has caught fish in almost all areas. This year's catch return included a lovely 6lb 8oz Brown from the bank at the sailing club using a green buzzer on a floating line to great effect.

Another holiday angler Glyn Jones from Llanrwst in North Wales had a tremendous week off the bank. On five days Glyn recorded limits of eight Rainbows and five fish on his other day. Every fish weighed over 2lb with 8 over 3lb, the best at 3lb 12oz.

Fly activity has been varied with buzzer hatches easing on some days then frequent on others. Olives have continued hatching in good numbers. A few Mayfly were witnessed in Barnsdale Creek and the Sailing Club. Fish are also feeding hard on snails and corixa in some areas and bits of daphnia are also showing up. Sedge are starting to hatch off with this season's pin fry around in most areas. Prospects are very good with an ample supply of variable food and plenty of sport in

settled conditions with nymphs and dry fly is almost guaranteed.

Competition news

Last week's Tuesday Evening Boat League was unfortunately cancelled due to strong winds.

Best Rainbow 9lb 3oz taken by Paul Barker of Leicester

Best Brown 6lb 8oz taken by John Glanfield of Exeter

Best boat areas Bottom of the south arm, Manton

Best bank areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, Sailing Club, The Finches, Green Bank

Best methods Floating lines with nymphs, dries working on calm days/evenings. Lures working on windy days.

Mid week boat winner Michael McCloskey of Coventry

Fish stocked 3,500

Forthcoming events Tuesday Night Boat League

Beginners courses 6,7, & 20 June; 4,12,19 & 26 July & throughout the season

12 June **WaterAid Flyfishing Challenge**

13 June **Anglian Water Floating Line competition**

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

8 July **EDFF**

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

Grafham Water

Fish week 759 (season 9,240) returns 248 (2,414) rod average 3.06 (3.82)

The biggest bag of the week was caught by Gary Barstow of Towcester. Gary caught 8 trout for 20lb 12oz from Savages Creek and G buoy by fishing a Di 5 with diawl bachs and blobs. The biggest trout caught this week was taken by Chris Whitford from Watford. Chris caught a superb over wintered Brown of 5lb 10oz from Gaynes Cove on an intermediate line with a white and yellow gold head lure.

Fishing at Grafham Water has benefitted from the settled weather conditions this week. Boat anglers have once again had the cream of the sport with plenty of anglers catching good bags of fish mainly from the north shore and the sludge bank. The best method for the boat anglers has been the washing line with a blob on the top dropper followed by a diawl bach or cruncher and an orange blob on the point fished at a gentle pace. Boat hot spots have been G and Q buoys, Hedge End, Hill Farm, Savages Creek and the Willows.

Bank anglers have found the fishing a little more challenging but with the recent north easterly winds G buoy and Hill Farm and the bowl of the dam have fished well, but only in the early morning and evening. The main method for the bank anglers has been floating lines with diawl bachs, crunchers, buzzers and cormorants.

Competition News

Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs Group 2, round 2

Five, 6 man teams fished this event with a rod average of 3.7. The main method on the day was the washing line on a Di3 or 5 with most of the competitors fishing the north shore, G buoy, Hill Farm, hedge End and the Willows.

- 1st Royal Navy & Royal Marines 28 fish for 69lb 15oz
- 2nd Grafham Water Fly Fishers 27 fish for 67lb 6oz
- 3rd Bristol Reservoirs FA 21 fish for 53lb 10oz
- 4th Queen Mother FF 20 fish for 47lb 1oz
- 5th Iver 17 fish for 43lb 13oz

Both Louise Callow and Charles Bowers recorded the best fish weight of 3lb 10oz.

Invicta Tuesday Night Boat League

13 Anglers took part in this week's boat league in very breezy conditions. The top rod on the day was youth angler Oscar Boatfield from Cambridge with two trout.

Best Rainbow 4lb 6oz

Best Brown 5lb 10oz taken by Chris Whitford of Watford

Best boat areas G and Q buoys, Hedge End, Hill Farm, Sludge Bank

Best bank areas Bowl of dam, Hill Farm, Sludge Bank

Best methods see report

Mid week boat winner W Nash of Newmarket

Fish stocked 2,600

Forthcoming events **Tuesday Evening Boat League**

Beginners courses - 7, 24 & 28 June; 5, 18, 24 & 29 July and throughout the season

6 June **Anglian Water Airflo International Midland Heat**

10 June **Pro Am boat match**

21 June **England Eliminators second round**

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

12 July **English Youth National boatmen required**

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

26 July **GWFFA Floating line match**

Pitsford Water

Fish week 524 (season 7,274) returns 160 (1,874) rod average 3.2(3.8)

Anglers have been catching some superb fish this week at Pitsford. Best fish of the week was a Rainbow of 6lb 2oz for Mr Dann from Brixworth. Mr Holmes had a 5lb 2oz Brown, a 3lb 12oz Brown and 5 Rainbows to give him 7 fish for just over 23lb.

Best methods have been boat fishing with slow sinking or intermediate lines with blobs or small lures. Nymphs and buzzers have also been catching fish when conditions have been better.

Strong winds have sometimes made fishing difficult.

Bank fishing is best in late evening with floating line, buzzers/crunchers or nymphs.

Best Rainbow 6lb 2oz taken by Mr Dann of Brixworth

Best Brown 5lb 2oz taken by R Holmes of Great Ayton

Best boat areas Main bowl, small half

Best bank areas Pines, Stone Barn Bay

Best methods see report

Mid week boat winner A Standridge of Watford

Fish stocked 1,400

Forthcoming events Beginners courses 17 & 20 June; 4 & 15 July; 1, 5, 15 & 29 August

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 800 (season 7,278) returns 131 (1,310) rod average 6.15 (5.55)

Ravensthorpe continues in outstanding form with Martin Nelson recording not only the best fish of the season, but the best for a number of years. Martin, of Northampton, caught a superb 14lb 8oz Rainbow from the dam with a damsel. The fishery record stands at 16lb 13½oz for a Rainbow caught by Reg Belham back in 2002.

Damsel nymphs, buzzer, GRHE and dries are all taking fish. Morning is the best time of day, particularly in the current bright conditions. Congratulations to 6 year old Will Matthews who caught his first fish this week on a dry fly.

Best Rainbow 14lb 8oz taken by Martin Nelson of Northampton

Best boat areas All areas producing fish

Best bank areas Dam and platforms

Mid week boat winner C Williams of Stoke

Fish stocked 550