

# Fishery News

Week ending 4 October 2009

- **All eyes on Iain at Rutland Water**

Current world champion Iain Barr, of Peterborough, captains his team in a bid to retain the prized silver salver presented to the winners of the Anglian Water Airflo International

- **Autumn matches**

- Anglian Water Autumn Pairs**

- Rutland Water 10 October telephone 01780 686441

- Environment Agency versus Anglian Water**

- Pitsford Water 16 October telephone 01604 781350

- **Pick of the pike**

Boat fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm (excluding lamprey)

Rutland Water 12 October to 29 November

Grafham Water 12 October to 29 November

Pitsford Water 1 October to 22 November

Ravensthorpe Reservoir 26 October to 22 November

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## **Grafham Water**

Fish week 770 (season 21,049) returns 197 (5,793) rod average 3.9 (3.63)

Grafham Water has continued in excellent form. The majority of trout are being caught in the top three feet of the surface on either small nymphs or fry patterns from most areas of the reservoir. Fish are feeding on snails and stickleback fry.

Bank anglers have found some excellent sport by fishing the west bank and Gaynes Cove on floating lines with boobies, cats whiskers, cormorants, diawl bachs, crunchers and floating fry. Most of the bank anglers have said that they have been catching their fish close in to the weed beds. Boat anglers have enjoyed the cream of the sport this week with plenty of limit bags being caught on floating or sink tip lines with cormorants, cats whiskers, boobies, minkies, diawl bachs, crunchers and black and peacock spiders. The main hotspots for the boat anglers have been G,Q and A buoys, Savages Creek, Sanctuary Bay, West bank and the bowl and south dam.

## **Competition News**

### **English Fly Fishing Association B C Hall Day 1 October**

The competition was fished to an eight fish limit with no time bonus. Top rod on the day was Andy Linwood from Perry. Andy set off to Savages Creek in the morning hoping to catch the larger trout but found the going a little too slow so in the afternoon he headed off to Q and A buoys where he immediately started to catch good quality Rainbows on a floating line with cormorants and boobies.

1<sup>st</sup> Andy Linwood 8 fish 20lb 8oz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Peberdy 8 fish for 20lb 4oz  
3<sup>rd</sup> Chris McLeod 8 fish for 18lb 5oz

Rod average 5.7  
Best fish Andy Linwood 4lb 1oz

Best rainbow 5lb 2oz taken by Steve Milton of Biggleswade

Best Brown 3lb 8oz taken by M Hollingshead of Rushden

Best boat areas Q, A and G buoys, Savages Creek, Sanctuary Bay, West Bank, Gaynes Cove, Bowl and south dam.

Best bank areas West bank, Gaynes Cove, G bank.

Mid week boat winner B House of Letchworth

### **Forthcoming events**

**Beginners' courses** -10 & 24 October; and 1 November

**Fry Bashers** Saturday 17 October all boats booked

**Pike fishing** 12 October to 29 November

Boat fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm (excluding lamprey)

### **Rutland Water**

Fish week 936 (season 38,300) returns 270(9,785) rod average 3.46 (3.91)

Rutland Water is in excellent form and this week hosts the Anglian Water Airflo International. 25 teams of experts from France, Belgium, Ireland, Wales, Scotland and England are heading to Rutland with the goal of holding aloft the silver salver first presented in 1982. Jon Marshall, Anglian Water's Fishery manager, said "We have been hosting the final at Rutland Water since the contest began back in 1982. The championship grows ever popular as this year we had five new teams taking part.

There are several local anglers fishing, including Iain Barr, of Peterborough, the current world champion. Iain captained last year's winning team and is one of the favourites to take the Anglian Water Airflo title in 2009. With the help of sponsor Airflo the competition has been a fantastic success. Rutland Water is fishing at its best so we can look forward to a great final with anglers having to be on top form to take the trophy."

Prospects for the big match look good with over wintered and grown on fish showing all around the reservoir. Fish are still feeding hard on corixa, stickleback fry, buzzers and some late season olives. Most areas of the reservoir are producing fish with good numbers amongst the many weed beds. Boat anglers are taking steady numbers of fish in the open water. Anglers are reporting outstanding sport with quality Rainbows and Browns showing to many tactics. With so many areas to fish and the condition and the size of fish caught, sport looks very promising.

The popular Autumn Boat Pairs match this coming Saturday gives Anglers the opportunity to make the most of this terrific autumn fishing. This match is open to everyone and there are excellent prizes to be won - contact the fishing lodge on 01780 686441 for more information and to enter.

## Competition news

### September Pairs

This match, organised by Andy Smith, was very well supported with 74 anglers taking to the water. Winning pair was Mark Haycock fishing with Lee Henfrey. They took 16 fish for 52lb including time bonus.

Best Rainbow 5lb 2oz taken by Richard Cooper of Empingham

Best Brown 4lb 8oz taken by Mr Williams of Cardiff

Best boat areas Bottom of both arms and the main basin

Best bank areas Normanton/Sykes, most areas of the peninsula, Sailing Club, around the weedbeds.

Best methods All methods are working - fry patterns, lures, nymphs and dries.

Mid week boat winner Paul Rae of Hawick.

Fish stocked 700

### Forthcoming events

**Beginners' courses** 17 October; 1 & 21 November.

**Anglian Water Autumn Pairs** 10 October

Boats will remain on the water into November. Please check availability before starting your journey.

**Pike fishing** 12 October to 29 November

Boat fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm (excluding lamprey)

### Pitsford Water

Fish week 438 (season 16,251) returns 210 (4,879) rod average 2.1 (3.3)

Boat fishing at Pitsford Water is providing some excellent bags of fish. John Mahoney from Berkshire caught 7 fish up to 3lb and released a further 7 fish. Neil Butler from Coventry took Rainbows of 5lb 4oz, two at 4lb and another at 3lb 10oz, topped off with two browns at 4lb and 4lb 2oz. Colin James from Glen Parva, Leicester, took Rainbows up to 4lb and a Brown trout of 4lb 8oz. Peter Hill of Kingham, Oxon, caught 6 fish with the smallest at 2lb 6oz and the best at 3lb 9oz.

The brown trout are well on the feed at present and have realised that autumn is upon us. The fry feeding in the main bowl is something to be witnessed even if you don't catch! The gulls give the game away as the trout push up the fry. But you will be struggling to take a fish if you see it rise as the fish are chasing back down as quick as they come up! The trick is to fish either a suspended minky or a minky fished on an intermediate line with a slow figure of eight retrieve.

There are some lovely quality Rainbows being taken at the moment but patience is the key.

Bank fishing is possible in area like the Gravels but be careful when wading out. As the water level drops the weed will be high and dry but this causes silt which will make wading tricky.

Best methods See report

Best Rainbow 6lb 1oz taken by S Tinkler of Bulwell, Notts.

Best Brown 5½lb

Pitsford Water continued

Best boat areas Main bowl - Narrows

Best bank areas Stilton and Bog Bay

Mid week boat winner Mr A Karn of Hertford

### **Forthcoming events**

**Beginners' courses** 11 October and 7 November.

**Environment Agency versus Anglian Water** pairs match 13 October. Call Pitsford Fishing Lodge on 01604 781350 to book

### **Pike fishing**

Boat fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm (excluding lamprey)

1 October to 22 November

Bank fishing 1 November to 31 December

### **Ravensthorpe Reservoir**

Fish week 148 (season 12,189) returns 53 (2,372) rod average 2.8 (5.1)

Plenty of fish are sub surface even in bright conditions. Pulled dries, muddlers attracting these fish, minkies p.t.n's and wets will take fish in ripple conditions. Anglers fishing the platforms are taking some nice fish up to 5lb on nymphs and static fry.

Best methods See report

Best rainbow 5lb taken by Nick Sanders of Barnet

Best boat areas Island to straw bales.

Best bank areas Platforms 3 -12

Mid week boat winner David Moss of Thame

**Pike fishing** 26 October to 22 November

Boat fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm (excluding lamprey)