

Fishery News

Week ending 6 September 2009

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Grafham Water

Fish week 317 (season 18,594) returns 110 (5,106) rod average 2.88 (3.64)

Fishing steadied last week because of the strong winds, but with settled weather forecast fishing will pick up. There are still plenty of fish in the middle of the lake around B,K and G buoys. These fish are fairly close to the surface and are feeding heavily on the daphnia still in the lake.

Anglers have found fish in Gaynes Cove around the weed beds taking either snails or the ever growing numbers of sticklebacks. The mouth of Savages Creek is still fishing mainly on snail patterns or on red dries. Some anglers are reporting some good sport on Daddy Long Legs fished just sub surface.

Grafham Water hosted the annual John Watts Trophy match last Saturday. The match is open to all members of the Fly Dressers Guild. The event is run as a four man team competition with the first four fish being retained and up to a further 8 being returned. The match is firstly calculated on the number of fish caught per team then by weight if there is a tie on numbers.

The pressure was on the other 13 teams to stop London A from retaining the trophy for the fifth consecutive year! At the weigh in the first team to come to the scales recorded 22 fish and it looked like the Ayrshire Team could be heading to Scotland with the title but it wasn't to be!

1st London A 26 fish for 53lb 1oz

2nd Ayrshire 22 fish for 47lb 11oz

3rd Luggie Bank A 17 fish for 41lb 11oz

Top rod of the day was Neil Thomas of Congleton with 12 fish for 24lb 15oz and best fish of the day went to the first man to weigh in - John Anderson of Ayrshire.

Best boat areas Western end, south dam, Hedge End, north tower, K and G buoys.

Best bank areas Gaynes Cove, south dam

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Bob Wallinger of Nuneaton
Fish stocked 1,600

Forthcoming events

Beginners courses -23 & 27 September; 10 October and throughout the season

Rutland Water

Fish week 410 (season 33,984) returns 137 (8,456) rod average 2.99(4.01)

The best fish of the week fell to Phil Brown from Empingham who took a surface feeding Brown of 6lb 4oz off the Hambleton peninsula. Phil used a small floating fry to secure the fish. Fry feeding has started early this year and with so many weed beds around the shoreline providing anglers with an excellent chance of a specimen

fish.

Boat anglers continue to enjoy the best sport, taking fish around the weed beds and up both the north and south arms with a good number of fish coming out of the main basin on Saturday and Sunday.

Good sport is to be had around the weed beds with fish feeding on fry/sticklebacks, corixa and snails. Bank anglers should be prepared to fish over or around the weed beds with a single fly to avoid losing fish. Flies to try include Floating fry, minkies, small nymphs and dries for bank anglers. Boat anglers are advised to use the same methods and lure anglers are encouraged to try the main basin with various coloured boobies/blobs and cormorants. Last week's strong winds affected the fishing but with more settled weather forecast prospects look excellent and anglers can look forward to some exciting autumn fishing.

Best Rainbow 4lb 7¹/₄oz taken by Jane Cutting

Best Brown 6lb 4oz taken by Phil Brown.

Best boat areas The main basin and around the weed beds up the North and South arms.

Best bank areas Around the many weed beds with floating fry, minkies, nymphs and dries

Best methods Bank - fry patterns, dries and nymphs.

Boats - As for bank but include mini lures/boobies for boats on sinking lines

Mid week boat winner T Edwards of St Asaph, Denbighshire

Fish stocked 400

Competition news: English Disabled National

18 anglers fished this match on Saturday and managed 91 fish, including 8 limits. Top rod was Lancashire's Bob Cooper with 8 fish weighing 19lb 9¹/₂oz. The top seven anglers will be representing their country next year including Jim Watts of Ryhall who also caught the best fish in the match with a Rainbow weighing 3lb 11¹/₂oz. The EDFFF would like to thank all the boatmen who gave up their time to assist with this event, including Alan Brooking who was top boatman on the day.

1st Bob Cooper 8 fish for 19lb 19¹/₂oz

2nd Mark Andrews 8 fish for 17lb 11¹/₂oz

3rd Danny Peet 8 fish for 17lb 3¹/₂oz

4th Stewart Hume 8 fish for 16lb 12oz

5th Eddie Grey 8 fish for 16lb 6oz

6th Jim Watts 8 fish for 16lb 4¹/₂oz

Forthcoming events: Beginners courses 12,16,19 & 27 September & throughout the season

English National 17,18 & 19 September - please phone for availability

Pitsford Water

Fish week 399 (season 13,964) returns 116 (4,154) rod average 3.4 (3.3)

Fishing at Pitsford Water has been excellent despite strong winds. The weekly rod average is currently 3.3. Alex Flynn of Northampton took this week's best fish at 5lb whilst boat fishing.

Boats have had the best of the sport with the Narrows and Causeway providing lots of sport. Anglers have had the best sport drifting using traditional wet flies fished on the drift with floating lines.

Many anglers have had good catches with some catching and releasing over a dozen fish per angler. Lots of anglers have commented on the excellent condition of the fish.

Narrows to Causeway and Stone Barn Bay are the hot spots. Bank anglers are still catching even through the day in cloudy conditions. Weed is thick in areas however it is providing the trout's larder, so gaps in the weed are good places to fish.

Best methods See report

Best Rainbow 5lb taken by Alex Flynn of Northampton

Best boat areas Narrows at north end to Causeway

Best bank areas. Stone Barn to Gravels.

Fish stocked 225

Forthcoming events

Beginner's courses 9 & 26 September & other dates throughout the season

Pike Fishing at Pitsford Water

Pitsford Water offers lure fishing for pike on alternate weeks, Monday to Friday. Week commencing Mondays, 7 & 21 September.

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

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 182 (season 11,532) returns 52 (2,205) rod average 3.5(5.23)

Floating lines with nymphs and small lures are taking the most fish - some nice early and year plus fish are showing to static dries and fry patterns in ripple conditions.

Brown expert Bob Draper outwitted two beautiful indigenous natural Browns of 3½lb and 4½lb from the Ravensthorpe bank platforms both fish were taken on GRHE.

Best methods See report

Best rainbow 5lb 2oz taken by W Motion of Kircaldy

Best Brown 4lb 8oz taken by Bob Draper of Northampton

Best boat areas Shallows

Best bank areas Platforms

Mid week boat winner Trevor Hawes of Leicester

Fish stocked 550