

Fishery News

Week ending 10 May 2009

- **New website for Fishery News**

This week www.anglianwaterleisure.co.uk will take you to the Company's new look website www.anglianwater.co.uk You will need to select the Leisure tab and you will then be able to navigate easily to the fishery news.

- **Ravensthorpe Reservoir in top form**

11lb 14oz Rainbow for David Brady
Rod average of 6.4

- **Who will be top of the league in 2009?**

- Tuesday Night Boat League starts 12 May**

Call lodges for details
Rutland Lodge 01780 686441
Grafham Lodge 01480 810531

- **Tuition for Juniors at Grafham Water**

- Wednesday 28 May**

Sponsored by the Salmon and Trout Association.
Three hours of tuition covering elementary casting, fly tying, tackle and tactics. 9.30am to 12.30 or 1.30pm to 4.30pm.
For just £10
Parental consent forms will be provided.
For more information and to book a place please contact
Peter Hartley on 07922 126154

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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
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Rutland Water

Fish week 2,874 (season 12,375) returns 557 (2,502) rod average 5.15 (4.94)

Strong south westerly winds dominated last week's fishing making things a lot more challenging. Bank fishing was limited to the Sailing Club, Whitwell Creek, and parts of the north arm. Boat anglers fared best in the most uncomfortable area of the reservoir, the main basin. Lure fishing came into its own with the poor conditions, however, on the Sunday winds had dropped to very light Easterly for most of the day with boat anglers fishing the Odds & Sods England Eliminator catching quick 8 fish limits, some in less than 2½ hours, using midge tip and the bung method.

Best fish of the week fell to Carl Nixon who was practising on Tuesday for the Bob Church Classic the following day. Carl hooked into a superb grown on Rainbow weighing in at 6lb 15¾oz whilst boat fishing in Fantasy Island. Carl hooked the fish on a boobie on a sinking line. Best brown of the week at 6lb 8oz fell to Mr N Hails from Newcastle.

Settled weather and a change in wind direction would help anglers to fish in a comfortable fashion. Plenty of insect activity with large and small buzzers in abundance and good olive hatches should encourage fish nearer the surface again.

Competition news

Bob Church Classic 6 May

118 Anglers fished this popular match with a four fish limit followed by catch and release. A stiff westerly breeze blowing down the South Arm into the main basin meant most of the boats made for the dam. Winner Sean Jones fished Old Hall Bay throughout the match using a Di7 sweep line with two blobs and at one point in the competition was 19-1 up on his boat partner Alan Hayward. Sean's total weight with catch and release was 39lb 12½oz. The biggest fish was taken by Robbie Winram, Anglian Water retail assistant, who won the prize for best fish at 5lb 12oz. Six of the top ten places were filled by members of Iain Barr Fly Fishing Team. Iain, fishing as a guest of match host Bob Church, elected to fish in particularly choppy water down by the dam.

England Eliminator 'Odds & Sods'

The first round of the England Eliminator 'Odds & Sods' was held at Rutland Water on Sunday 10 May 2009, with the second leg to be held at Grafham Water on Sunday 21 June. 56 anglers motored out onto the flat calm water. Practice went out of the window as the wind dropped to nothing from the previous days' conditions. Numerous limits were taken with Ed Foster winning with 8 fish for 24lb 6oz.

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden death at the end of the match of Dave Hodgson of Ashington, Northumberland. Dave was a highly respected and popular angler who will be greatly missed. The thoughts of the fishery team at Anglian Water go to his wife and family at this sad time.

Best Rainbow 6lb 15¾oz taken by Carl Nixon

Best Brown 6lb 8oz taken by N Hails of Newcastle

Best boat areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, Old Hall, fishing lodge frontage

Best bank areas The Finches, Normanton, Whitwell Creek, Sykes Lane

Best methods Bank - Floating line and nymphs, small lures (various).

Boat - as for bank including various sinking lines, gold/silver tubes.

Mid week boat winner Martin Watson of Consett

Fish stocked 3,500

Forthcoming events Tuesday Night Boat League commences 12 May

Beginners courses 13 & 23 May; 6, 17, & 20 June & throughout the season

Grafham Water

Fish week 1,026 (season 7,144) returns 226 (1,635) rod average 4.53 (4.36)

The fishing at Grafham Water this week has been very good despite the strong westerly winds which have influenced the areas fished. Boat anglers have had the best of the sport with plenty of anglers catching their limits, mainly from Rainbow Point, Savages Creek, Valley Creek and Gaynes Cove. There have been two main methods of attack, floating lines with black or olive buzzers and diawl bachs or fast sink lines with blobs or boobies.

Bank anglers have found the fishing a little challenging with Gaynes Cove being the only consistent bank spot to fish due to the strong winds, but there have been some good bags caught mainly early or late in the day.

Best Rainbow Various at 3lb

Best boat areas Savages Creek, Gaynes Cove, Rainbow point, Valley Creek, the Seat, Gaynes Cove

Best bank areas Gaynes Cove, South Dam, The Seat

Mid week boat winner Roland Hudson of Offord Darcy

Fish stocked 2,750

Forthcoming events 12 May **Tuesday Evening Boat League commences**

18 May **Troutmasters** (reservoir closed to all non competitors, bank fishing from 5pm onwards)

Beginners courses - 27 May; 7, 14, 24 & 28 June

28 May **Fly-fishing for Juniors.**

Sponsored by the Salmon and Trout Association.

Three hours of tuition 9.30am to 12.30 or 1.30pm to

4.30 pm. All for just £10. For more information please

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Pitsford Water

fish week 515 (season 5,519) returns 97 (1,280) rod average 5.3(4.3)

Last Wednesday Pitsford Water hosted the English Disabled Fly Fishers fun match. 30 anglers fished, catching 54 fish in difficult conditions, but despite this they all had a good day. Danny Peet of Barnsley, who managed a limit of fish weighing 16lb1oz, won. In second place was Harold Pritchett who also caught his limit weighing in at 15lb 8oz. Harold's boat partner and event organiser Trevor Ashby, also caught his limit. They caught fish at the Causeway and the Pines and the small half. Rick Varley caught a 3lb 10oz Rainbow whilst drifting out in the main basin, this was the best fish of the match.

Local expert coarse angler Steve Ringer has been averaging 9 fish per session on the bank! Steve, who only fishes for short spells in the evening, has returned all of his fish, as he is on a Blue starter permit. Leicester rudder angler Phil Tomlin boat fished last week and caught a 7 fish bag of cracking fish. His 7 fish weighed well over 24lb which Phil was delighted with. Earls Barton anglers Ray Line and Gil MUNDIN fished separately on Saturday on the rudder, they both caught 7 good fish each whilst drifting across the main bowl.

Fish are still around margins and the Pines is a hot spot for the bank angler. Nymphs on a floater fished deep is a good method, some fish have been taken on dries in calm weather.

Best boat areas Pines, Small Half, Causeway

Best bank areas Pines, Sermans, Gravels
Mid week boat winner Ray Line of Earls Barton

Fish stocked 1,012

Forthcoming events Beginners courses 30 May; 17 & 20 June; 4 & 15 July; 1, 5, 15 & 29 August

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 635 (season 4,620) returns 115 (1,017) rod average 6.4(5.59)

Two outstanding Rainbows have been taken at Ravensthorpe this week. Season ticket holder David Brady from Orlingbury boat fished a black buzzer for an 11lb 14oz fish whilst Jamie Blaney took an 11lb 12oz specimen from the bank also on a black buzzer.

There have been some incredible olive hatches with fish taking dries and the sub surface nymph, buzzers, hawthorns and early damsels are also on the menu. Top flies are size 12 thinly dressed crunches, GRHE small c.d.c. emergers, Shipmans and black and olive buzzers. The banks are fishing well given some cloud and a ripple with some nice rainbows coming to the dry fly.

Best Rainbow 11lb 14oz taken by David Brady of Orlingbury

Best boat areas Mongers to Coton car park

Best bank areas Ravensthorpe bank

Mid week boat winner D Hastie of Ravensthorpe

Fish stocked 250