

# Fishery News

Week ending 14 June 2009

- **New for 2009**

- Predator season Permits available from 16 June**

- To fish with flies over 10cm using a wire trace for pike & zander.

- From 16 June at Rutland, Grafham and Pitsford Waters

- Day permits also available

- **New look website for Fishery News**

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Taverham Mills Fishery 01603 861014; Alton Water 01473 589105  
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## **Rutland Water**

Fish week 2,065 (season 22,383) returns 612 (4,992) rod average 3.37 (4.48)

One of the highlights of the week at Rutland Water was the eight annual Anglian Water WaterAid Fly Fishing Challenge. Around 30 companies from across the UK entered teams in this terrific fund raiser for WaterAid.

## **Competition news**

### **Anglian Water WaterAid Fly Fishing Challenge**

The teams entered in this year's competition enjoyed the best weather conditions in the history of this popular event. Following an impressive opening ceremony conducted by Rutland county town crier, Lewis Carlin, the 100 anglers made for the boats accompanied by volunteers from Rutland Water Fly Fishers. The event remains popular with novice anglers and RWFF experts were on hand to ensure that all 50 novices got the best out of the day.

On leaving the Harbour the boats mainly headed for Manton, Yellowstones and the main basin. Almost immediately boats were catching fish in the sunny, warm conditions. The breeze dropped in the afternoon making the fishing a little more difficult. The best methods seemed to be intermediate lines with orange blobs and black and green lures. The 100 anglers caught an impressive 171 fish weighing in at over 398lb. The best catch of the event since it started in 2002.

The best individual novice (sponsored by RSK) was Adam Brookes of IWS Tipplers with 8 fish for 17lb 8oz. The largest fish caught by a novice (sponsored by May Gurney) weighed in at 4lb 8oz and was landed by Bruce Gardener from IWS Hookers. The top gillie trophy, sponsored by Air Technology Ltd, went to Mick Brooksby (RWFF and AW warden) who helped Adam Brookes and John McGuckin of IWS Tipplers to catch 10 trout weighing in at over 20lb. Following the

presentation dinner Paul Valleley, Director of Water Services for Anglian Water, presented the winners' trophies. The evening concluded with an auction conducted by Jeff Dale of Oakham Auction Centre and a raffle raised over £2,000 for WaterAid.

The total raised by AWWAFFIC in 2009 was over £15,500 taking the total raised over the 8 years of the event to over £120,500.

Event organisers Chris Evans and Paul Dimbleby thanked all those individuals and organisations that made this year's event possible, including Anglian Water (AW fishery staff and AW volunteers) Rutland Water Fly Fishers (organised by John Wadham and Malcolm March) and many other others, particularly the event sponsors and companies who entered teams.

### **Anglian Water Floating Line match**

This was won by Nick Preston of Market Deeping with 7 fish for 20lb. Ian Colclough from Burton on Trent was second with 8 fish for 17lb 10oz. Pat Massey took third with five fish for 14lb 5oz. Pat also took the best fish of the match - a 6lb Rainbow.

### **Tuesday Evening Boat League**

Results for week

1<sup>st</sup> Mick Bennett 8 fish for 20lb 5¾oz

2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Cooper 8 fish for 20lb ¾oz

3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Wild 8 fish for 18lb 13¼oz

Best Rainbow 6lb 1oz taken by Al Owen of Cranwell

Best boat areas Manton Bay, Yellowstone, Transformer, main basin.

Best bank areas Sailing Club, Normanton, blue pipes, Fantasy island, Stockie Bay.

Best methods Boat anglers - Floating lines with dries, slow sinking lines with diawl bachs.  
Bank anglers - Floating lines, diawl bachs, buzzers or dries.

Mid week boat winner J Blaxell of Gorleston

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events Tuesday Night Boat League

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

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

8 July **EDFF**

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

### **Grafham Water**

Fish week 1,401 (season 11,808) returns 297 (3,003) rod average 4.71 (3.93)

The fishing at Grafham Water this week has been excellent with the vast majority of trout being caught in the top three feet of the water, mainly on diawl bachs, pheasant tail nymphs, crunchers, hares ears, buzzers, tequila blobs and cats whisker boobies. The main lines that anglers have been using this week have been floaters, fast glass and sink tips.

Boat anglers have caught plenty of bag limits this week from most areas of the reservoir with Hedge End, deep water and pylon points, G,D,P,I and Q buoys, Rectory Bay, Savages Creek and the Sludge bank being the most consistent areas on the reservoir.

Bank anglers have also enjoyed a cracking week's fishing with most points along the north shore producing good catch rates. The Stumps, Hill Farm, Deep Water Point, G Buoy and the north end of the dam have all produced consistent catch rates on floating lines with diawl bachs, pheasant tail nymphs, hares ears and buzzers fished almost static.

## **Competition News**

### **Invicta Tuesday Night Boat League**

22 Anglers took part in this week's boat league catching 107 trout giving a rod average of 4.86. Most anglers were fishing small nymphs on floating lines off the north shore. Top rod on the evening was Pete Dighton from Pidley. Pete caught and released 13 trout.

1<sup>st</sup> Pete Dighton 13

2<sup>nd</sup> Mick Facey 10

3<sup>rd</sup> Kieren Bonas 9

Best Rainbow 4lb 12oz taken by John Gamon

Best boat areas G,D,Q,A,I and P buoys, central drifts, Hedge End, Deep Water and Pylon Points, Savages Creek, Sludge Bank

Best bank areas North Dam, G Buoy, Deep Water Point, Hill Farm, the Stumps

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Pete Dighton from Pidley

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events **Tuesday Evening Boat League**

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

21 June **England Eliminators second round**

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

12 July **English Youth National boatmen required**

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

26 July **GWFFA Floating line match**

### **Pitsford Water**

Fish week 3.3 (season 3.7) returns 298 (2,413) rod average 3.3 (3.7)

The East Midlands Trout Fishers Association held their annual pairs match complete with a lunch time barbeque last week. Despite hot weather they managed to catch 75 fish between 31 anglers.

The stair pair was Rob Edmunds and Lloyd Chantrell - they weighed in 16 fish for 41lb 2oz. The next closest pair was Danny Peat and Gordon Watson who weighed in 9 fish for 21lb 8oz. In third place was Bob Forsyth and Roger Woodhams who weighed in 5 fish for 20lb. Rob had a superb 8lb 5oz Rainbow.

Paul Dickie from Castle Ashby caught an 8lb 12oz Rainbow this week, Paul fished the bank to catch this fine fish.

The bank continues to fish its head off. Season permit holders are enjoying the best sport they have experienced for several seasons. They are catching fish between 4-5lb on small nymphs close in on the bank, this is mainly due to the large sedge hatches. Invictas and diawl bachs and dry sedge have been some of the most popular patterns. Top area for the better fish is around the Pines and Pitsford Creek area.

Pat Flynn season permit holder boat fished alone on Saturday. He drifted from the dam across to the Cliffs. "None of my fish were under 3lb and my best fish weighed 6lb" said a delighted Pat who took his limit on a fritz gold head lure on a floating line.

Best Rainbow 8lb 12oz taken by Paul Dickie

Best Brown 3lb 4oz

Best boat areas Pines, Dam, Brixworth Bay

Best bank areas Pines, Stone Barn

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner John Clarke of Winwick

Fish stocked 3,000

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

### **Ravensthorpe Reservoir**

Fish week 263 (season 8,010) returns 59 (1,460) rod average 4.45(5.9)

Fish are still chasing damselfish. Those anglers fishing small imitation are doing best. Dries are working in the right conditions and buzzers are more effective on brighter days fished on long leaders.

Advance notice of this year's Anglian Water Fur and Feather boat pair's match at Ravensthorpe. Bookings open Monday 31 August with a £20 deposit per boat.

Best Rainbow 7lb

Best bank areas Dam wall

Mid week boat winner Mr Clark

Fish stocked 100