

Fishery News

Week ending 17 May 2009

- **New look website for Fishery News**

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- **Barry's best at Rutland Water**

6lb 5oz Rainbow for Barry Vaughan of West Deeping

- **11lb 8oz Rainbow for Keith at Ravensthorpe**

Keith Anderson from West Lothian takes best fish of the week

- **Half term 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.

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Rutland Water

Fish week 1,244 (season 13,619) returns 279 (2,781) rod average 4.45(4.89)

Plenty of fish have been recorded for the week in spite of the strong easterly winds. Barry Vaughan of West Deeping took two of the best fish for the week and enjoyed a great day's fishing last Sunday with Leon Smith. Barry took quality fish from the South Arm and recorded a cracking 6lb 5oz Rainbow casting and hooking the fish on a green buzzer.

Phil Brown of Empingham and Peter de Kremer of Oakham recorded Browns over 5lb last week. Phil's fell to a black buzzer whilst Peter caught his on a dry fly.

Edinburgh angler Brian Yule had an excellent day down the South Arm with six Rainbows including a superb brace for 6lb 1oz and 4lb 13oz.

Boat anglers are catching well off Dickensons Bay, Barnsdale road end, Sykes Lane and Normanton with a few fish being taken off the bottom of the South Arm on Saturday and Sunday. The best areas for bank anglers are Normanton, Sykes Lane, Green bank, Old Hall and the Sailing Club.

Still wind conditions and settled weather will see fish on top with evening the best bet. Fly life remains very good with buzzers of various sizes, large and small with some terrific hatches some evenings.

Competition news

John Wadham Evening Bank match

A record seventeen members turned out for this evening bank match fished from 6pm to 9.30pm. During the day the wind switched from North Easterly to southerly meaning that most anglers were fishing water recently rested. Conditions were ideal with overcast skies and a gentle southerly. Fish were caught very widely from Whitwell Creek right round via Normanton to New Zealand Point and were caught on a variety of patterns from orange blobs to tiny spiders.

Many other fish were hooked and lost and members had plenty of pulls. Congratulations to Paul Wild who won with 8 fish for 16lb 2oz. Steve Crowder took the best Rainbow, an overwintered fish of 3lb 13oz. Richard Cooper took the quickest limit, fishing from Whitwell Creek on an orange blob on an intermediate line, weighing in by 7.50pm. This was one of the most successful matches in the history of the event at over four fish per rod, reflecting the continuing high quality of the fishing at Rutland Water in 2009.

- 1st Paul Wild 8 fish for 16lb 2oz
- 2nd Mick Stevens 8 fish for 15lb 15oz
- 3rd Richard Cooper 8 fish for 15lb 11oz

Veterinary Angling Association

For the John Lawrie Memorial Trophy

- 1st Geoff Little 6 fish for 12lb 14½oz
- 2nd Chris Lawrie 5 fish for 10lb 0½oz
- 3rd Martin Taylor 5 fish for 9lb 15½oz

Tuesday evening boat league

Unfortunately strong winds caused the cancellation of last week's opening match. Hopefully this week the weather will be kinder.

Best Rainbow 6lb 5oz taken by Barry Vaughan of West Deeping

Best Brown 5lb taken by Phil Brown of Empingham

Best boat areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, Sailing Club, Manton Bay, Whitwell front

Best bank areas Normanton, Sailing Club, Old Hall, Green bank, Stockie Bay

Best methods Floating line with nymphs, dries on settled days. Boats as above but include various sinking lines with lures/boobies.

Mid week boat winner Ian Wilson of Harston, Cambridge

Fish stocked 4,500

Forthcoming events Tuesday Night Boat League

Beginners courses 23 May; 6,7, & 20 June & throughout the season

12 June **WaterAid Flyfishing Challenge**

13 June **Anglian Water Floating Line competition**

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

Grafham Water

Fish week 721(season 7,865) returns 206 (1,841) rod average 3.5 (4.27)

The biggest bag of the week fell to boat angler Phil Hambly from Harrogate who caught 8 trout for 25lb 8oz and released 20 more. This excellent bag was taken by fishing at G buoy with a floating line and with a diawl bach on the dropper and a gold head pheasant tail nymph on the point. Phil said it was a cracking day's fishing.

Boat anglers have enjoyed the best of the sport this week, wind permitting, with most anglers catching good bags of trout from most areas of the reservoir. The Seat, Sailing Club Bay, Gaynes Cove, G Buoy, Hill Farm and Savages Creek have all produced some arm wrenching sport on either floating lines with buzzers, diawl bachs and pheasant tail nymphs fished slow and near the bottom of the reservoir or fast sink lines with boobies, blobs and diawl bachs which also need to be fished slowly.

Bank anglers have also had some tremendous fishing from G Buoy, Hill Farm, Gaynes Cove and the Seat mainly on floating lines with buzzers, diawl bachs and pheasant tail nymphs.

Best Rainbow 4lb 4oz taken by Malcolm Foster of Somerset

Best Brown 4lb 8oz taken by W Foster of Ealing

Best boat areas Savages Creek, Gaynes Cove, Rainbow Point, The Seat, G Buoy

Best bank areas Gaynes Cove, South dam, The Seat, Hill Farm, G Buoy

Mid week boat winner E Bowen of Leighton Buzzard

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events **Tuesday Evening Boat League**

Beginners courses - 27 May; 7, 24 & 28 June and throughout the season

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

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2 June Inter Services

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

10 June **Pro-Am boat match**

Pitsford Water

Fish week 684 (season 6,203) returns 232 (1,512) rod average 2.9(4.1)

Pitsford Water hosted the Midlands heat of the Anglian Water Airflo International on Saturday. 5 teams of 6 anglers per team competed for 3 places in the semi final at Grafham Water in July. The weather was a strong south westerly wind with showers passing through, although a little too windy the match averaged 5.8 fish per rod.

1st Soldier Palmers `2'

2nd Greenwell Persuaders `A'

3rd Green well Persuaders `B'

This was a terrific finish as there was only 6oz between the 3rd and 4th placed teams. The Greenwell A and B teams deserved their glory as a lot of practise and hard work had gone into achieving their qualification for the next round at Grafham Water.

On Sunday Pitsford Water hosted a boat match for Grafham Water Flyfishers. 19 anglers fished, catching 84 fish which gave a rod average of 4.4 in very windy conditions. Top rod on the day was Nick Preston who caught 8 fish weighing 22lb 10oz. 2nd was Derek Bravington who caught 8 fish weighing in at 18lb 0 and 3rd was Mark Brinkman with 8 fish for 17lb 9oz.

Last Monday Pitsford hosted a new charity match raising funds for the Talbot Butler Ward which is a cancer ward in Northampton General Hospital.

50 anglers took part in the Talbot Butler trophy which raised £1,200 for the ward. Arnold Haddon who organised the event said "It was a great success despite a strong wind, and it was enjoyed by all including the meal at the pub. The event is already booked next year for the 10th May 2010".

Season permit holder Alan Worley of Northampton had a fish that pulled heavier than usual when he landed a 9lb 6oz Rainbow on a floating line and Damsel.

Best boat areas Pines, small half

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Mid week boat winner G Prince

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 366 (season 6,050) returns 72 (1,089) rod average 5.08(5.56)

The best fish of the week weighed 11lb 8oz and was taken by Keith Anderson visiting from West Lothian. Peter Collins was delighted with the 11lb Rainbow he took, whilst John Lewis and P Gilbert both weighed in Rainbows of 11lb.

With buzzers, olives and damsels hatching in the margins sport continues to be brisk at Ravensthorpe. Olive hares ears and crunchers are the flies to try in sizes 14 and 12. Fish are also responding to buzzers and lures.

Best Rainbow 11lb 8oz taken by Keith Anderson

Best boat areas Ravensthorpe shore

Best bank areas Ravensthorpe bank, platforms 3-9 and 11-12

Mid week boat winner Graham Smith