

Fishery News

Week ending 23 August 2009

- **Ospreys land Lexus European team title at Rutland Water**

Twenty-two teams battle it out in terrific two day final

- **20lb Pike at Pitsford Water**

Pike fishing at Pitsford Water with lures on alternate weeks Monday to Friday Mondays 24 August; 7 & 21 September

- **Salmon & Trout Association sponsored tuition for juniors**

Wednesday 26 August at Rutland Water

Thursday 27 August at Grafham Water

9.30 - 12.30

1.30pm - 4.30 pm

Only £10 per head - for information or to book please call

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Rutland Water

Fish week 644(season 32,054) returns 190 (7,766) rod average 3.38 (4.12)

Rutland Water continues to excel with anglers from all over the UK, including those fishing in last weekend's Lexus European Team Championship, praising the quality and condition of the fish compared to other waters. Fish are taking dry fly and nymphs and contributing to excellent bag weights. Both arms of the reservoir have started to produce fish as well as the main basin at the moment. Fish are feeding on corixa, snails, large red buzzers, fry and sticklebacks. Bank anglers are starting to take fish along the weed beds. These areas are best fished with a single fly with either a nymph or a fry pattern.

The best brown recorded last week fell to season ticket holder Ron Gent from Leicester who weighed in at 5lb 13½oz. The best brown fell to Welsh angler Dean Kibble fishing for Nymph - a - Maniacs in the Lexus Team event on Saturday. Dean hooked into a super conditioned 5lb 12oz fish.

Prospects look very good. With good water clarity fish are not feeding hard, although plenty of food is available with an increase in buzzer hatches. It shouldn't be long before we see hatches of Daddy Long Legs on the water.

Best rainbow 5lb 12oz taken by Dean Kibble fishing in the Lexus team event on Saturday.

Best brown 5lb 13 5/8oz taken by Ron Gent of Leicester.

Best boat areas Bottom of both arms and the main basin.

Best bank areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, Whitwell, Sailing Club and New Zealand Point.

Best methods Bank - floating line with nymphs, dries and fry patterns.

Boat - As bank but include various sinking lines with mini lures and gold/silver sparklers.

Mid week boat winner Rhys Allsop of Warsop

Fish stocked 2,000

Competition news

Lexus European Team final

Twenty-two teams headed to Rutland to fish this two-day final. Ospreys came out on top on day one with 41 fish for 89lb 10oz - quite a way ahead of second placed Kent and Sussex Fly Fishers with 30 fish for 70lb 2oz. Day two saw the tables turned with Greys G-Tec Stocks winning with 21 fish for 51lb 10oz. Ospreys could only manage 14th place with 10 fish for 23lb 7oz.

However, Ospreys outstanding performance on day one ensured that they clinched the title with 51 fish for 113lb 1oz. Consistency over the two days paid off for BRFFA Team Orvis and Alba Orvis FF. A small margin divided them into second and third with BRFFA Team Orvis finishing with 44 fish for 111lb 10oz and Alba Orvis FF weighing in 44 fish for 107lb 3oz. The best fish was taken by Dean Kibble (Nymph-A-Maniacs) and weighed in at 5lb 12oz. Chris Guthrie (Greys G Tec Stocks) took the best bag at 33lb 8oz with time bonus all caught on tiny dries down the north arm

Scarlett Hodgson accepted the trophy on behalf of Ospreys. This was a fitting and poignant tribute to her late father David who fished for Ospreys.

- 1st Ospreys 51 fish for 113lb 1oz
- 2nd BRFFA Team Orvis 44 fish for 111lb 10oz
- 3rd Alba Orvis FF 44 fish for 107lb 3oz
- 4th Kent & Sussex FF 44 fish for 106lb 4oz
- 5th Team Tightlines 40 fish for 99lb 13oz
- 6th Nymph-A-Maniacs 36 fish for 98lb 10oz

Forthcoming events

Beginners courses 6,12,16,19 & 27 September & throughout the season

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Grafham Water

Fish week 344 (season 17,860) returns 129 (4,845) rod average 2.6 (3.69)

John Sears and Mick White, both season ticket holders, shared a boat on Friday and had a cracking bag of 13 fish all taken on Minkies from Plummer and Gaynes Cove, just off the weed bed drifting towards the dam.

Mick Facey of Bedford won the Tuesday Night Boat League with 44 points. Junior and rising star Kieran Bonas took second place with 36 points.

There have been a lot of fish showing throughout the week at Grafham Water on the calmer days with the main areas being the west end of the lake especially on red/claret dries. The fish are feeding on the snails that are floating off the large under water weed-beds around July bank, the mouth of Savages Creek and in Sanctuary Bay.

Best Rainbow 6lb 4oz taken by C Allen of Hertfordshire.

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Mr R Taylor of Chingford, London

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Beginners courses -30 August; 13, 23 & 27 September and throughout the season

John Watts Trophy 5 September

Pitsford Water

Fish week 716 (season 13,196) returns 169 (3,897) rod average 4.2(3.3)

Terry Sparrow of Leicester had a good day on Sunday. He boat fished the main bowl and had a few pulls on lures then switched to single diawl bach fished on an intermediate line pulled very quickly. He took his 8 fish and returned four fish. His limit weighed 21lb with the best fish a rainbow of 4lb 3oz. Local bank angler Jim Lockhart reported that late evening bank fishing is good with large rising fish being sighted.

Nathan Green aged 13 boat fished for the second time ever. Nathan, from Buckinghamshire, fished a cruncher in the Narrows with his dad to take two fish of 3lb and 3lb 13oz.

Mike Rogers returned a 20lb Pike in very good condition.

Best rainbow 5lb taken by D Davies of Bedford

Best brown 4lb taken by R Williams

Best boat areas Main bowl, Narrows

Best bank areas Stone Barn, Gravells, Bog Bay

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner J Ellis of Loughborough

Fish stocked 1,000

Forthcoming events

Beginner's courses 29 August; 5, 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 24 August; 7 & 21 September.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 354 (season 10,945) returns 90 (2,071) rod average 3.9(5.2)

Ravensthorpe Reservoir hosted the Phoenix Shield competition on Sunday. This was a very successful match enjoyed by 29 rods who caught and released 150 fish for a rod average of 5.17.

1st Ian Footman 10lb 12oz
2nd Graham Robertson 9lb 9oz
3rd Derek Martin 9lb 2oz

Orange lures have proved best this week. Drifting boats are best. Bank anglers are finding fish are coming to small green nymphs.

Best rainbow 8lb taken by D Smith of Milton Keynes with an orange blob.

Best boat areas Drifts to Island

Best bank areas Mongers and Dome Bushes

Mid week boat winner Mr Newton of High Cross

Fish stocked 550