

Fishery News

Week ending 3 May 2009

- **Boat partners take Rutland Water's best Rainbow and best Brown**

Rainbow of 5lb 3oz for Peter McKee and 5lb 7oz Brown for Tony Gallagher

- **Tuesday Night Boat League starts 12 May**

Excellent evening rises so prospects look very promising for these popular leagues - call lodges for details

Rutland Lodge 01780 686441

Grafham Lodge 01480 810531

- **Terrific 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

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Pitsford, Ravensthorpe & Hollowell 01604 781350,
Taverham Mills Fishery 01603 861014; Alton Water 01473 589105
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Rutland Water

Fish week 3,168 (season 9,501) returns 617 (1,945) rod average 5.13(4.88)

Another great week on the water with large numbers of fish caught. Rutland is fishing really well with anglers reporting "fantastic fish in excellent condition". Over wintered fish are showing up with the two best reported from regular boat partners Peter

McKee and Tony Gallagher from Oldham. Tony had the best Brown of the week at 5lb 7oz with Peter weighing in the best Rainbow at 5lb 3oz.

Most methods are working with fish taking stock of fantastic fly hatches accompanied by corixa/snails and roach fry.

The British Float Tube Association fished the top of the North Arm last Saturday and had a great day. Sixteen anglers paddled out from the transformer area and caught fish along the Finches right over to Dickensons Bay. Five limits were taken with the top rod weighing in 8 fish at 18lb 8oz. Organiser Ian Gedney thanked the staff at the fishing lodge for a great day.

Prospects look very good with plenty of areas producing fantastic sport to a variety of methods. Some big fish were on top last Saturday in bright, flat, clam conditions but proved elusive with most keeping out of range of the anglers' efforts to reach them.

Best Rainbow 5lb 3oz taken by Peter McKee of Oldham

Best Brown 5lb 7oz taken by Tony Gallagher of Oldham

Best boat areas Old Hall, Sailing Club, Sykes Lane, Normanton, Finches, Transformer, Dickensons Bay, Yellowstones

Best bank areas Sailing Club, Old Hall, Green Bank, the Finches, Normanton, Sykes Lane

Best methods Floating line with nymphs, mini lures, dry flies also working well on calm days

Mid week boat winner T Edwards of St Asapa, Denbighshire

Fish stocked 4,000

Forthcoming events Tuesday Night Boat League commences 12 May
Beginners courses 9,13 & 23 May; 6,17, & 20 June & throughout the season

Grafham Water

Fish week 1,152 (season 6,118) returns 196 (1,409) rod average 5.87 (4.43)

Fishing at Grafham Water is superb with a rod average well over 5.87. The fish are now feeding heavily on the vast buzzer hatches which are happening throughout the day. The best method seems to be straight lined buzzers, either black or olive fished slowly back. Fish are well spread out in most areas, especially at Savages Creek, the Seat and Sailing Club Bay and Gaynes Cove.

Competition News

The English Disabled enjoyed an outstanding day's fishing last week when they had their annual get together with Grafham Water Fly Fishers and some of the other local

clubs as well as the English Ladies. The get together/match is fished to reservoir rules. Fishing conditions were near perfect with bright, broken cloud and a gentle warm south westerly breeze and a rod average of over 5.

- 1st Harley Smith & Roy Palmer 16 fish for 36lb 6oz
- 2nd Cyril Proctor & Chris Lane 16 fish for 35lb
- 3rd Danny Peet & Jayne Cutting 16 fish for 34lb 9oz
- 4th John Roberts & Steve Ellerbeck 16 fish for 33lb 8oz
- 5th Don West & Kevin Appleton 15 fish for 32lb 12oz

Chris Lane had the best bag of the day with 8 fish for 19lb 14oz. Andy Newman took the best fish with a typical Grafham over wintered fish of 4lb 1oz.

England Ladies Flyfishing Association held a very successful mixed pairs competition at Grafham Water on 2 May. Sixteen pairs fished this match which was sponsored by Wychwood.

- 1st Martha Thompson & Rob Edmonds 16 fish for 44lb 6oz
- 2nd Sue Hunter & Dave Kidby 16 fish for 43lb 6oz
- 3rd Scarlett Hodgson & James Hunt 16 fish for 40lb 11oz
- 4th Kate Royce & Stewart Hume 16 fish for 34lb 15oz

Best boat areas Savages Creek, Gaynes Cove, The Seat, Sludge Bank, Hill Farm, Hedge End

Best bank areas The Stumps, Hill Farm, G buoy, Deep Water Point, Plummers

Fish stocked 750

Forthcoming events 12 May **Tuesday Evening Boat Leagues commence**

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

Beginner's courses - 9 & 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 contact Peter Hartley on 07922 126154

Pitsford Water

Fish week 622 (season 5,007) returns 166 (1,183) rod average 3.7(4.2)

Higham Ferrers Fly Fishers enjoyed a great outing to Pitsford Water last week. Twelve anglers caught 50 fish for a rod average of 4.1. Mark Frost was the star of the match with 8 fish for 15lb 14oz. Mark was determined from the start to catch on a di3 line and orange blobs and he did! Other anglers used deep nymphs to score. Second was Phil Waples with 8 fish for 15lb 16oz. Third was Richard Webb who caught five fish weighing 12lb 8oz and also captured the best Rainbow of the match at 3lb 12oz.

Regular boat angler Ray Line from Earls Barton caught seven very nice fish from the main bowl. He used deep lures on a bright sunny morning. Ray said "The fish were deep and I had some follows of bigger fish as well." His seven fish weighed 24lb 6oz. It just goes to show that there are some better fish out there you just have to hunt for them.

Bank anglers are still enjoying great sport in lots of different parts of the lake. The Cliff and the Pines are producing the better fish. Methods are various with nymphs to dries on nicer days and anglers are still catching on lures. This is due to the high amounts of daphnia mixed in with the excellent buzzer hatches.

Best Rainbow 4lb taken by A Fairey of Dallington, Northants

Best Brown 6lb plus returned by S Tilley

Best boat areas Pines, Pitsford Creek

Best bank areas Rigbys Point, Pines, Northfields shore

Mid week boat winner John Hurst of Marlow

Fish stocked 1,750

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 527 (season 4,953) returns 122 (902) rod average 4.3 (5.5)

Buzzers, olives and Hawthorns are hatching in good numbers. Floating lines are best with GRHE, crunchers, emergers and dries. Dan Smith had over 30 fish on crunchers this week. An Osprey has been at Ravensthorpe all week.

Best boat areas Coton End, Island

Best bank areas Ravensthorpe bank

Mid week boat winner Mr Edwards of Rugby

Fish stocked 400