

Fishery News Week ending 7 June 2009

- **Grafham Water hosts terrific Anglian Water Airflo International heat**

Anglers pull out all the stops, catching an average of 6.63 fish, for a place in the Midlands final of this popular 6 man team event

- **New for 2009**

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Rutland Water

Fish week 1,446 (season 20,318) returns 401 (4,380) rod average 3.6(4.63)

In the words of one angler Rutland Water continues to "fish it's socks off!" On Thursday boat anglers Andrew Bentley and Peter Andrews recorded some superb Rainbows. Andrew managed a 6lb 4½oz Rainbow with Peter recording Rainbows of 5lb ½oz and 4lb 7oz. Both used floating lines with buzzers.

Competition news

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Results for week 2

- 1st Keith Jones 7 fish for 19lb 10½oz
- 2nd Mick Bennett 8 fish for 18lb 7oz
- 3rd Phil Longstaff 8 fish for 16lb 2oz

17 Anglers caught 58 fish. The best fish - a 3lb 15½oz Rainbow, was caught by the evening's winner, Keith Jones.

League table after 2nd week

- 1st Paul Wild 12 Points

2nd Keith Jones 10 points

3rd Phil Longstaff 10 points

Rutland Water Flyfishers Cutting Trophy

John Wadham writes

“This evening bank match was held on 5 June, fished in near perfect conditions with a light south easterly wind and good cloud cover. Most anglers headed for the Normanton bank. Fish were caught all along this stretch from the church to the Dam. The much needed rain held off until after the weigh in. The fish caught were in superb condition. Some members reported having reel shredding runs and missing takes and losing fish. Fish were caught on a variety of patterns with the most popular being dries or nymphs fished within a centimetre of the surface.

Congratulations to the winner Paul Wild who weighed in by 8.30 pm! He also won the Wadham Trophy match back in May. Congratulations also go to Jamie Weston for catching the best fish - an over wintered Rainbow of 3lb 13oz. The best average weight was achieved by Mick Stevens whose bag comprised five perfect mint conditioned Rainbows. Competitors averaged 3.54 fish per rod with five fish over 3lb and average weight of 2lb 2oz.

This was a great result and reflects the continuing excellent quality of the fishing and indicates just how well the fish have prospered in this wonderfully rich eco system. Thanks also go to Anglian Water's warden Nigel Savage.”

Best Rainbow 7lb 9oz taken by Philip Taylor of Elstree

Best Brown 8lb 7oz taken by Al Owen of Cranwell

Best boat areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, Old Hall, Yellowstone, Transformer to Dickensons Bay, fishing lodge frontage to Sailing Club.

Best bank areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, Whitwell, Old Hall, Green bank, Yellowstone, Sailing Club, Cardiac Hill, Dam.

Best methods Floating lines with nymphs, dries working on calm days/evenings. Lures working on windy days.

Mid week boat winner Barry Vaughan of Deeping St James

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events Tuesday Night Boat League

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

12 June **WaterAid Flyfishing Challenge**

13 June **Anglian Water Floating Line competition**

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

8 July **EDFF**

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

Grafham Water

Fish week 1,167 (season 10,407) returns 292 (2,706) rod average 3.99(3.84)

The fishing at Grafham Water this week has been very good for both bank and boat anglers with the eastern end of the reservoir producing the main percentage of the trout caught.

Boat anglers have had the best of the sport this week with blobs, boobies, cormorants and diawl bachs taking the vast majority of trout caught. At the beginning of the week during the warm and bright days the trout were being caught from 3 to 10 feet down and when the dull and overcast weather came at the end of the week the trout moved up in the water and the anglers started catching in the top three feet of the surface. G,D,A,I,Q and P nuoys have all produced consistent fishing this week and the central drifts in the middle of the reservoir are now starting to hold large shoals of trout.

Bank anglers have also had some excellent sport this week mainly from the north end and bowl of the dam and G buoy on floating lines with diawl bachs, crunchers and cormorants fished slowly.

Competition News

Anglian Water Airflo International Midlands heat

Nine teams fished in this heat. Competition was keen for one of the top five places to qualify for the Midlands final at Grafham Water on 20 July. The match fished to a stunning rod average of 6.63. Mal Bruce fishing for Fish Hawks A caught the best fish at 3lb 13oz. Best bag was taken by Stewart Thomson of Pitsford Pirates who had 8 fish for 25lb.

Winning Team was Loop UK, with 45 fish for 118lb 12oz, captained by Gareth Headland. A delighted Gareth described his team's day "After a slightly damp start to the day the conditions became almost perfect with overcast high cloud and a gentle easterly breeze. The majority of the boats headed towards the north shore especially Church Bay and Deep Water Point where on the practice day most anglers had found the quality fish Grafham is renowned for feeding heavily on the buzzer. Team Loop had all their anglers in this area with three anglers starting with four straight lined black buzzers all four feet apart on a floater. Two anglers were on the bung as the water was not too rough and the sixth team member started on the pull, but soon changed to the bung, after seeing a team mate take three quick fish on the first drift.

The fish during the day moved up in the water and so the anglers changed from floaters with deep fished buzzers, to buzzers fished on the midge tip washing line style with two tone booby on the point.

A few other boats headed off towards the Dam and Gaynes Cove area, fishing two boobies 10 feet apart on a Di5 forty plus or on a Di5 Sweep with pink boobies being the main colour the fish in this area also moved up in the water and with a change to a fast glass the fish were soon caught."

1st Loop UK 45 fish for 118lb 12oz

2nd Ospreys FFC 45 fish for 114lb 8oz

3rd Fish Hawks A 46 fish for 109lb 3oz

4th Rio Draycote Flyers 44 fish for 105lb 15oz

5th GWFFA 44 fish for 103lb 4oz

Invicta Tuesday Night Boat League

26 Anglers took part in this week's boat league. Top rod on the evening was Mick Facey from Bedford. Mick caught 5 trout with a tequila blob and cormorant doing the business.

1st Mick Facey 5 fish

2nd Alan Taylor/Dave Burgess 4 fish

3rd Mark Searle/Chris Williams/Fen Oakley 3 fish

Best Rainbow 5lb 2oz

Best boat areas G,D,Q,A,I & P buoys, central drifts

Best bank areas North and bowl of dam, G buoy

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner H Shirley of Woking

Fish stocked 2,830

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 Southern final**

12 July **English Youth National boatmen required**

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

26 July **GWFFA Floating line match**

Pitsford Water

Fish week 734 (season 8,008) returns 241 (2,115) rod average 3.0 (3.7)

Last Saturday Pitsford Water hosted the Peter Thurner Charity match. 26 Anglers fished in good trout fishing weather, cloudy and overcast. Anglers recorded 38 Rainbows and one Brown trout of over 3lb was returned. Peter's wife cooked a barbeque lunch at the fishing lodge. Anglers then went back out onto the water and fished until 6pm.

The Mid Northants Trout Fishers held the Bruce Richard Trophy boat match on Sunday. 32 Anglers accounted for 114 fish giving a rod average of 3.5, in spite of heavy downpours and rather unsettled weather conditions.

1st Richard Slater 8 fish for 22lb 7oz

2nd Don Moore 8 fish for 21lb 9oz

3rd Les Yarnell

4th Pip Jeffs

Both Les and Pip shared a boat, each catching their 8 fish.

Best fish weighed 4lb 8oz and was taken by Peter Daniels.

Scottish anglers Iain Mackie and boat partner Alex Borthwick, on a holiday boat package, had 8 fish each, returning 9 between them.

Boat anglers continue to catch fish, although anglers are reporting fish are still very close to the banks. Some good sized fish have been caught from boats drifting across the middle. The small half is still producing, also the Pines and the Cliffs.

Bank anglers are enjoying a good season as the fish are still close in to the margins. Fish are being taken on nymphs mainly although on nice days fish can be taken off the surface. Depending on the weather bank anglers have been catching from 6.35 pm right up to 10.05 pm.

Best Rainbow 7lb 6oz taken by John Fletcher

Best Brown 3lb 8oz

Best boat areas Main Bowl, Pines, Cliffs

Best bank areas Pines, Stone Barn Bay, Duffers

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Martin Doyle of Wollaston, Northants

Fish stocked 958

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

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 482 (season 7,747) returns 91 (1,401) rod average 5.29(5.52)

The best Rainbow of the week was taken by Brian Lloyd, retail assistant at Pitsford Fishing Lodge. Brian's fish was taken on a size 12 hare's ear. The damsel hatch at Ravensthorpe is now well under way with fish chasing both nymphs and adults across the surface. Nymph patterns need to be slim and sparsely tied on size 12 and 14 hooks to outwit the trout in crystal clear water. Buzzers and olives are still around with fish coming to small spiders, emergers, GRHE and crunchers.

34 anglers fished Mick Griffin's Northampton Anglers floating line competition on Sunday. Heavy rain spoilt the morning session but anglers enjoyed good sport later with fish surface feeding in all areas. Finding the right fly for these preoccupied fish proved frustrating for some but Adrian Brewer was up to the task winning the match by weighing in three nice Rainbows for 9lb 2oz - a total of 158 Rainbows were caught by the end of the day.

- 1st Adrian Brewer 9lb 2oz
- 2nd Nigel Cullen 8lb 12oz
- 3rd Andy Cotterill 8lb 11oz
- 4th Ian Footman 8lb 1oz

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 15oz taken by Brian Lloyd

Best boat areas Dam wall to Coton car park

Best bank areas Dam wall bank and platforms 11 & 12

Mid week boat winner David Prouse of Bozeat

Fish stocked 68