

Fishery News

Week ending 28 June 2009

- **Many happy returns at Grafham Water for birthday angler**

John Timothy of Milton Keynes celebrates his birthday with 8 trout for 22lb 10oz

- **Pick of the Pike at Pitsford Water**

Pitsford Water offers lure fishing for pike from a boat on alternate weeks, Monday to Friday.

Commencing Mondays 29 June

13 July & 27 July

10 & 24 August

7 & 21 September

- **Summer matches**

Tuesday night boat leagues at Rutland Water and Grafham Water

Rutland Water - Anglian Water over 50's match 18 July

Grafham Water - GWFFA Floating line match 26 July

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Rutland Water

Fish week 1,029 (season 24,865) returns 237 (5,616) rod average 4.34(4.42)

Ray Simpson fishing in the Major Clubs Group 2 match last Sunday took the best Rainbow of the week. Ray's fish weighed 5lb 1¼oz. With rising temperatures fishing has still been intense with the main basin and Inman's Spinney, Yellowstone and Hambleton wood seeing the best of the sport. Plenty of limits continue to be taken with 8 fish bag limits weighing over 20lb. Nymphs and dries are still taking fish, but with fish gathering around the aerators sinking lines (various) with mini lures and nymph combinations are working well.

Boat anglers had the best of the sport. However the Normanton and dam area on Friday night saw some good fish taken on dries with Oakham season ticket holder Peter de Kremer taking four fish averaging 3½lb with Peter's preferred method of dry fly reaping its reward.

Best rainbow 4lb 8oz

Best boat areas. The main basin, Inman's Spinney, Yellowstone, Hambleton wood

Best bank areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, and the dam

Best methods Floating lines with nymphs/dries in the open water. Sinking lines, with lures around the aerators.

Mid week boat winner P Clamp of Mansfield

Fish stocked 2,000

Competition news

Association of Major Fly Fishing Clubs

Group 2 results

1st Iver 5 points

2nd Bristol Reservoirs FF 4 points

3rd Queen Mother Fly Fishers 3 points

4th RNRMAA 2 points

5th Grafham Water FF 1 point

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Keith goes to the top of the tree!

Season ticket holder Keith Jones won the fifth match of this popular league with 8 fish weighing 21lb 11oz. Keith now tops the league with 33 points. Some impressive fish were taken (mainly in the main basin) with seven over 3lb. Roger Mortimer took the best fish a 3lb 6½oz Rainbow.

1st Keith Jones 8 fish for 21lb 11oz

2nd Mick Bennett 8 fish for 21lb 3½oz

3rd Phil Longstaff 6 fish for 15lb 9oz

League table

1st Keith Jones 33 points

2nd Mick Bennett 26 points

3rd Phil Longstaff 22 points

3rd Richard Cooper 22 points

5th Paul Wild 19 points

6th Chris Evans 8 points

Forthcoming events

Tuesday Night Boat League

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

EDFF - 8 July

Anglian Water over 50's match - 18 July

Grafham Water

Fish week 837 (season 13,516) returns 226 (3,462) rod average 3.7 (3.9)

Grafham Water has continued to fish well this week with the majority of anglers catching their trout in the top two feet of the water on small nymphs, blobs and olive hoppers fished just below the surface.

Bank anglers have had some good sport this week mainly by fishing the bowl of the dam and the G buoy area on floating lines with Diawl Bachs, crunchers, pheasant tail nymphs and olive hoppers fished slowly just below the surface.

Boat anglers have had the best of the sport this week by fishing floating or sink tip lines with Diawl Bachs, crunchers, pheasant tail nymphs, blobs and olive hoppers once again just below the surface with a slow retrieve. The best boat areas this week have been dam tower, G, H, I, X buoys and drifts through the middle of the reservoir.

Milton Keynes angler and birthday boy John Timophy caught the biggest bag of the week. John caught eight trout weighing 22lb 10oz by fishing a floating line with Diawl Bachs and olive hoppers fished slowly in the top of the water.

Best Rainbow 4lb 6oz

Best boat areas G, H, D and I buoys, central drifts, dam tower

Best bank areas G buoy, bowl of dam

Best methods see report

Mid week boat winner Colin Brett of Cambridge

Competition News

Federation of Midland Fly Fishers

Grafham Water Round 2, 21 June

53 Anglers took part in this event, which was fished to an 8 fish limit with a 1lb time bonus. The majority of anglers fished the eastern end of the reservoir with floaters or sink tip lines with small nymphs.

1st Richard Slater 8 fish for 23lb 6¾oz

2nd Colin Bradley 8 fish for 22lb 8 1/8oz

3rd Stewart Thomson 8 fish for 22lb 8oz

Best fish went to Roger Hurren at 3lb 10½oz. Rod average 5.43 with an average fish weight of 2lb 3oz.

The top 15 anglers going through to the next round are:

Craig Barr, Ron Gent, Frank Sumnall, Martin Watson, Ed Foster, David Lang, Martin Introna, Paul Abbott, Martin Rowson, Steve Cullen, Roger Hurren, Gareth Tilley, Brad Gifford, Clive Morgan and Ian Donaldson

Forthcoming events

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Beginners courses - 5,18,24 & 29 July and throughout the season

Anglian Water Airflo International Southern final - 6 July

English Youth National - 12 July boatmen required

Anglian Water Airflo International Midland final - 20 July

GWFFA Floating line match - 26 July

Pitsford Water

Fish week 826 (season 9,251) returns 191 (2,733) rod average 4.3 (3.3)

Dave Rowe from Northampton took the best rainbow this week at 4lb 2oz. He fished the bank on a half-day ticket also taking a brown of 2lb.

Chris Whitford of Watford took 8 fish last week on a boat all on a Diawl Bach. 'Thanks for an amazing day - all my fish were like bars of silver' Said Chris when he returned to the pontoon.

Banks are still fishable with some areas better than others like the Gorse bank and the Cliffs. The

Pines continues to be the hot spot with fish feeding on a diet of green bloodworm down deep. Bank anglers are preferring floating lines and non weighted lures or large dry flies, with evenings being the best time to fish especially when its hot.

Best pattern for boat anglers is a small weighted lure fished slowly on a floating line cast to the bank and pulled away.

Best rainbow 4lb 2oz taken by David Rowe of Northampton

Best brown 4lb taken by R Line

Best bank areas Pines, Pitsford Creek, Stone Barn bay

Best methods see report

Mid week boat winner C Whitford of Watford

Fish stocked 400

Forthcoming events

Beginner's courses 4 & 15 July; 1, 5, 15 & 29 August

Pike Fishing at Pitsford Water

Pitsford Water offers lure fishing for pike on alternate weeks, Monday to Friday. 29 June to Friday 3 July and Monday 13 - Friday 17 July are the next opportunities.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 476 (season 8,734) returns 72(1,596) rod average 6.6 (5.47)

Mick Griffin a season ticket holder and local angler had a great day with us catching about 30 fish on cruncher type nymph on a floating line near the island.

Prolific amounts of damsel are showing and the fish are gorging on them - both nymph and spent adults. Dry fly tactics have accounted for plenty of hard fighting rainbows from 2lb up to 7lb this week.

The best boat tactic is drifting using dries or the washing line method

Best Rainbow 7lb taken by Mr Hollins

Best boat areas Island and main bowl

Best bank areas Mongers - Coton end, platforms and the dam

Best methods see report

Mid week boat winner A Brimley of Kempston

