

# Fishery News

Week ending 27 September 2009

## **Cream of catch goes to David de Kremer Autumn matches for all**

Rutland Water 01780 686441

**Anglian Water Autumn Pairs 10 October**

**Anglian Water Rudder match**

George Moore Memorial Trophy 24 October

**Grafham Water 01480 810531**

Anglian Water Rudder Match 31 October

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Rutland Water 01780 686441; Grafham Water 01480 810531;

Pitsford, Ravensthorpe & Hollowell 01604 781350,

Taverham Mills Fishery 01603 861014; Alton Water 01473 589105

Recreation Dept Anglian Water 01572 653021

### **Grafham Water**

Fish week 663 (season 20,279) returns 178 (5,596) rod average 3.72(3.62)

The fishing at Grafham Water this week has been superb with 20% of the trout caught weighing over 3lb. These trout have generally been feeding on corixa, snails and Sticklebacks. Both bank and boat anglers have been enjoying very consistent sport mainly on floating lines with most fly patterns doing the business.

Season ticket holder Norman Rushton took the best fish and also the best bag caught this week from Fowlmere. Norman caught 8 fish for 28lb 10oz with his best fish a cracking over wintered Rainbow of 5lb 2oz. Norman caught this bumper bag by fishing the washing line method with most of the fish taking a cormorant. Al Owen who lives near Grantham caught and released 38 trout in three visits this week by mainly fishing cormorants on a floating line from Savages Creek, Sanctuary Bay and drifting between Deep Water Point and G Buoy.

Bank anglers have had some excellent sport this week at a number of different bank spots. The Stumps, North dam, G bank, West bank (Lymage), Harbour and Gaynes Cove have all produced consistent fishing mainly on Diawl Bachs, crunchers, minkies, cormorants, cats whiskers and red dries fished as close to the weed beds as possible.

Boat anglers have also had some incredible fishing with most areas around the margins producing some arm wrenching sport. The main areas have been Savages Creek, Sanctuary Bay, Hill Farm, Hedge End, Deep Water Point, G Buoy, north and bowl of dam, Gaynes Cove and Valley Creek/West bank. The main method of attack has been floating or intermediate lines with red dries when it's overcast, floating fry, minkies, boobies, cats whiskers, cormorants, Diawl Bachs and crunchers are also working best when fished near the weed beds.

Best rainbow: 5lb 2oz taken by Norman Rushton from Fowlmere, Cambridgeshire

Best Brown: 3lb 11oz taken by Martin Campbell of Newport, South Wales

Best boat areas: Savages Creek, Sanctuary Bay, Gaynes Cove, Deep Water Point, G Buoy, North and bowl of dam, West bank.

Best bank areas: G bank, willows, Hill Farm, north dam, west bank, Harbour Arms.

Mid week boat winner: Dave Newing of Wadebridge, Cornwall

### **Forthcoming events**

**Beginners' courses** -10 & 24 October; and 1 November

**Fry Bashers** Saturday 17 October all boats booked

### **Rutland Water**

Fish week 1,552 (season 37,364) returns 513 (9,515) rod average 3.02 (3.92)

David de Kremer of Oakham caught the best fish of the week a 7lb Rainbow whilst fishing off the bank using a floating fry to great effect (the fish was returned). Big fish have been dominating the bank with superbly conditioned fish being caught feeding on corixa, fry Sticklebacks and snails. Mr Peter Lower from Tunbridge Wells in Kent used minkies to catch three super Rainbows at 4lb 2oz, 3lb 12oz and 3lb 1oz, topped by the best brown of the week at 6lb 1oz.

Boat anglers are taking fish from many areas including the bottom of the south arm, top of the north arm and the main basin. Some good big fish have been hooked and lost around the weed. Out in the open water many methods are working including mini lures, dries, nymphs, and gold/silver tubes for rudder anglers.

Prospects for good autumn sport are excellent with superb fishing at the moment and most methods working, especially fry patterns for the big fish. One or two daddies are hatching which should see an increase in surface activity.

Anglers wishing to boat fish are advised to book well ahead as the fishery is hosting a lot of events including the Anglian Water Airflo International. All boats are booked 3 - 7 October inclusive. Places are still available to fish in the Anglian Water Autumn Pairs match on Saturday 10 October. This popular event is fished to reservoir rules. There are two sections one for Rudder the other for non-Rudder.

### **Competition news**

The England Youth held a Captain's Day on Sunday with 42 anglers catching 158 fish for a rod average of 3.76. 25 of the fish weighed in were over 3lb.

Best Rainbow: 7lb taken by David De Kremer of Oakham

Best Brown: 6lb 1oz taken by Peter Lower of Tunbridge Wells

Best boat areas: Both arms still producing as well as the main basin.

Best bank areas: Fish are being caught around the many weed beds

Best methods: Everything from nymphs, dries, lures and fry patterns - even dapping with live daddies

Mid week boat winner: M J Griffin of Normanton, Oakham

Fish stocked 1,100

### **Forthcoming events**

**Beginners' courses** 4 & 17 October; 1 & 21 November.

**Anglian Water Autumn Pairs** 10 October

**Anglian Water Airflo International** all boats booked 3,4,5,6, & 7 October.

Boats will remain on the water into November. Please check availability before starting your journey.

## **Pitsford Water**

Fish week 678 (season 15,813) returns 183 (4,669) rod average 3.7 (3.3)

Season ticket holders Doug Whibley and Graham Hutchins have both recorded good bags of fish with rainbows of 4,5 and 6lb.

The fish at Pitsford are now fry feeding. Fish are being taken on suspender minkies and the usual fry patterns, blobs and other small lures are also worth a try. Fish are around the weed beds and bank anglers are catching with floating fry and dries fished just over the weed. Boat anglers might also like to try the main bowl following the gulls.

Best methods: See report

Best Brown: 3lb 4oz

Best boat areas: Main bowl, narrows

Best bank areas: Gravels, Stone Barn Bay

Mid week boat winner: Phil Cross of East Hunsbury, Northampton

## **Forthcoming events**

**Beginners' courses** 3 & 11 October and 7 November.

**Environment Agency versus Anglian Water** pairs match 13 October. Call Pitsford Fishing Lodge on 01604 781350 to book

## **Ravensthorpe Reservoir**

Fish week 211 (season 12,041) returns 48 (2,319) rod average 4.4 (5.19)

On Friday Mr M Knight, fishing on a three-day boat package ticket took his best ever Rainbow at the age of 74! His fish weighed 7lb 8oz and took him half an hour to net. He fished black buzzers taking a further three fish. Regular visitor to Ravensthorpe, Peter Collins of Long Buckby, caught a 4½lb fish on a Diawl Bach from Platform 4. A party from Scotland recorded good catches drifting all areas on snatchers and fritz lures. One boat ended the day with 21 fish. Season ticket holder Ian Botterill, of Wootton, Northampton, returned a silver fish of 7lb on Saturday.

The main bowl continues to provide results with PTN's, diawls, GRHE and crunchers. The top flies to try are snatchers, wake flies, hoppers and bumbles in cloud and ripple conditions.

Best methods: See report

Best rainbow: 7lb 8oz taken by M Knight

Best boat areas: Main bowl

Best bank areas: Platforms 4-12

Mid week boat winner: Andy Hubbard of Thorpe Astley