

Fishery News Week ending 19 September 2010

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Grafham Water

Fish week 1,673 (24,921) Returns 346 (5,570) Rod average 4.83(4.47)

Grafham Water has fished very well this week for both bank and boat anglers with the vast majority of fish being caught in the top three feet of the surface. Tim Llewellyn from Wales caught and released the best fish of the week - a magnificent Brown of 11lb 5oz from W buoy on a floating line with a hare's ear.

Bank anglers have enjoyed some excellent sport from most areas of the reservoir when the high winds have allowed. The main hot spots for the bank anglers have been Gaynes Cove, South dam, the Seat, Perry point, G buoy and the Willows. The main bank tactics have been floating lines with Diawl Bachs, pheasant tail nymphs, gold ribbed hares ears, shrimp patterns and damsel nymphs.

Boat anglers have also enjoyed some tremendous sport and once again from most areas of the reservoir with G Buoy, lodge frontage, North and South Dam, the Seat, Savages Creek, Willows and Rectory Bay featuring. The most popular boat tactics have been floating to Di3 lines, with Diawl Bachs, pheasant tail nymphs, hares ears, dabblers, cormorants and tequila blobs.

Competition news

Lexus Individual final 13 September

One hundred anglers from all over the British Isles and a few from mainland Europe took part in this final, catching 669 trout giving an impressive rod average of 6.69. The competition was fished to a four fish kill followed by catch and release. The main tactics on the day were floating to Di3 lines with Diawl Bachs, hares ears, tequila blobs, cormorants and dabblers. The main areas fished were G buoy, Rectory Bay, the Willows and North dam, Seat, Gaynes Cove and the mouth of Savages Creek.

The winner on the day was Dean Kibble from Wales. Dean, who is a member of the Nympha Maniacs fishing team managed to beat his boat partner Chris Bobby from Great Staughton. The pair both recorded 20 fish apiece but Dean weighed in at 40lb 12oz with Chris recording 38lb 12oz. Both fished Di3 lines with two tone blobs at the north end of the dam. Dean now needs to stay in the same sparkling form as his team has qualified for the International final of the Anglian Water Airflo International at Rutland Water early next month.

1st Dean Kibble 20 fish for 40lb 12oz.

2nd Chris Bobby 20 fish for 38lb 12oz.

3rd Mike Egan 16 fish for 32lb 5oz.

Best fish Mark Withyman 5lb 2oz Rainbow.

Best Rainbow Two at 5lb 2oz taken by John Law and Mark Withyman.

Best Brown 11lb 5oz returned by Tim Llewellyn from Wales.

Best boat areas The Seat, G buoy, Rectory Bay, lodge frontage, North and South dam, Willows, Savages Creek.

Best bank areas Willows, the Seat, G Buoy, Deep Water Point, Plummer Park, South Dam, Perry point.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner Kieran Caulfield of Earith.

Due to the confirmed presence of *Dikergammarus villosus* at Grafham Water additional bio-security measures are now in place to ensure the shrimp is contained on site. This means that anglers need to follow new rules when fishing at Grafham Water.

New Rules at Grafham Water:

Bank anglers

- On arrival at Grafham Water you must register that you are bank fishing at the tackle shop by phone or in person (01480 810531).
- When the tackle shop is closed with the Duty Warden on 07801 674683.
- Before departing you must return to the fishing lodge bio-security point so that all of your equipment (waders, line tray, net, bass bag, etc.) can be hosed down.
- Duty Warden will then sign you off as able to leave site.
- No bank fishing before 08.00.
- Bank anglers to be back at the lodge by the boat in time (to allow washing off before dark).
- When boats are off the water this season, anglers will be advised of the time to be back.

Boat anglers

- You will automatically be registered at the fishing lodge when collecting your boat number.
- Drogues and nets will be provided and you must not use your own.
- On return to the pontoon you will be directed to the bio-security point so that the remainder of your equipment (boots, bass bag, etc.) can be hosed down.
- Duty warden will then sign you off as able to leave site.

We apologise for the inconvenience and shortened bank fishing time, but are sure anglers will understand the seriousness of this situation, and the need to take these steps to allow fishing to continue.

As always your co-operation is very much appreciated.

Forthcoming events:

Please call the fishing lodge to check for boat availability 01480 810531

Pike fishing

Fishing with lures and Dead Sea fish over 18cm

11 October to 28 November

Beginner's courses: 26 September; 9, 24 and 31 October; 13 & 21 November.

Fry Bashers 16 October all boats booked.

Anglian Water Rudder match 30 October

Rutland Water

Fish week 1,128(season 29,822) Returns 414 (8,066) Rod average 2.72 (3.69)

Rutland Water has been in excellent form with plenty of fish caught from many areas of the reservoir. Boat anglers have caught from the top of the North Arm, the main basin, Old Hall and the bottom of the south.

Bank anglers are getting among the fish with fish feeding close in on Corixa and fry.

Both bank and boat anglers are taking a good number of fish in the 3-4lb category.

The best recorded bag last week was taken by Dave Porter of Edith Weston and Mick Lacey of Anstey, Leicestershire. The pair had 14 fish for over 40lb, taken mainly in the South Arm. The best fish in the boat was a 4lb 11oz Rainbow caught by Mick.

Season ticket holder Peter Davis recorded the best Rainbow at 5lb 2oz. Peter took this fish on a fry pattern in Old Hall Bay. The best Brown of the week, at 4lb 6oz, fell to Matt Gregory of Oakham, who also netted a 4lb 4oz fish in the space of a few days.

Willie Wilson and Alan Smith, visiting from Scotland, had an excellent start to their holiday with superb Rainbows whilst fishing fry patterns from the boat. Alan took a

good Brown around 4½ - 5½lb.

Bank anglers are recording fish from both sides of the peninsula with Rainbows and Browns up to 4lb plus taken.

Although fish are showing to fry patterns and eating bream/roach fry and stickleback, buzzer patterns shouldn't be ignored. For example last Thursday evening there were huge clouds of insects around the reservoir with steady numbers of olives and a few sedge showing. Some fish are feeding on Corixa and daphnia. Prospects look excellent.

Boats are in high demand in the coming weeks. To avoid disappointment please contact the fishing lodge to check availability and book in advance. Anglers are keen to make the most of the autumn sport and boat fishing is extremely popular.

The Autumn Pairs on Saturday 9 October is a very popular match. It is open to all with two sections; one for rudder and the other for non rudder, i.e. drifting or anchored boats. There are no restrictions on fly size. Find yourself a partner and enter now, being sure to specify which section you want to fish. The event starts at 9am and runs through to 5pm. There is a fish and chip meal available.

Competition news

Midland Counties league match 18 September

Leicester Fly Fishers enjoyed a victory over Northampton Fly Fishers on Saturday. The winning club netted 24 fish for 47lb 6oz, with the other team recording 12 fish for 24lb.

Best Rainbow 5lb 2oz taken by Peter Davis

Best Brown 4lb 6oz taken by Matt Gregory

Best boat areas The main basin, sailing club to Yellowstone, bottom of both arms,
Armley Wood, Barnsdale and Lax Hill.

Best bank areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, north side of the peninsula, Old Hall,
Hambleton Wood, New Zealand Point.

Best methods Bank - dries, nymph and fry patterns.

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

Mid week boat winner M Barrett

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events:

Please remember that from May through to September boat anglers have to cease fishing by 8pm on Mondays and Wednesdays only.

Pike fishing

Fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm

12 October to 28 November

Airflo International final - all boats booked 2-6 October inclusive

Anglian Water Autumn Pairs 9 October

Pairs Rudder match for George Moore Memorial Trophy 23 October

Beginner's courses: 3, 16 & 30 October; 20 & 27 November.

Pitsford Water

Fish week 362 (13,501) Returns 111 (3,886) Rod average 3.2 (3.4)

The best Rainbow of the week was recorded by Craig Burnhope. Craig, of Northampton, boat fished to catch this fine fish. David Backman recorded the best Brown of the week at 6lb. Brian Moore of Ibstock caught his eight fish limit from the boat on Sunday by drifting close to the weed beds and fishing on the rudder. Brian caught Rainbows and Browns up to 4lb 8oz on both days.

Boat angler Brian Moore caught his 8 fish limit on Saturday and Sunday by drifting close to the weed beds and fishing on the rudder. Brian caught rainbows and Brown trout up to 4lb 8oz on both days.

Season permit holder John Fletcher has boat fished twice this week and fished traditional patterns to take home 15 fish in 2 visits.

Fly fishing legend Steve Parton boat fished on Wednesday this week taking 11 fish whilst fishing the rudder.

Over the weekend anglers have reported fish moving closer to the bank. It looks like

fish are moving closer to the weed beds to feed on shield back beetles and snails, along with Corixa. Banks have been fishing well with the weed beds starting to develop bigger holes in them. More areas are fishable and late evening visits have been producing more fish than morning sessions.

Best Rainbow 6lb 2oz taken by Craig Burnhope of Northampton.

Best Brown 6lb taken by David Backman.

Best boat areas Causeway, narrows, Stilton Point.

Best bank areas Stilton Point, Gorse, Gravels, and Sermans.

Best methods Claret hoppers, traditional or minkies pulled.

Mid week boat winner John Fletcher of Desborough.

Fish stocked 500

Forthcoming events:

Beginners courses: 2, 10 and 23 October; 6 November.

All boats booked 13 October (AW versus EA match)

Pike fishing - boat fishing with lures over 18cm. Available every day excluding Saturdays to end of September, then daily 1 October to 21 November.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 258(10,614) Returns 69(2,410) Rod average 3.74(4.4)

A very mixed week at Ravensthorpe with some anglers taking nice bags and others finding sport more challenging. The wardens are up to speed on the most up to date areas and methods to use. The best fish of the week was a 5lb 1oz silver Rainbow taken on a dry sedge pattern by Phil Slater of Coventry.

Trevor Heseltine took a dozen nice Rainbows from an anchored boat tight to the Coton car park. Trevor used a hot `A' black hopper on the point with a straight black buzzer on the dropper - all on an intermediate line pulled very slowly 3-5 feet down. One boat angler on Thursday took 13 fish on daddies in ripple and cloud conditions.

Black lures, nymphs and dries seem the best flies. Fish are rising at intervals during the day and feeding on small black and olive buzzers.

The bank is proving reliable with nearly all visitors catching. Gold head damselfish, daddies, GRHE and buzzer are all taking fish from Platforms 2, 3, 6, 11 and 12.

Boat fishing for Pike commences on Monday 18 October. Please telephone the fishing lodge on 01604 770875 for details and boat bookings.

Best Rainbow 5lb 1oz taken by Phil Slater of Coventry.

Best boat areas Island to Coton - Hickman's Spinney.

Best bank areas Platforms 3, 4, 6, 8, 11 and 12.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner G Smith of Ravensthorpe.

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