

Fishery News: Week ending 30 May 2010

1 Nigel nets 13lb 6¾oz Rutland Rainbow

Nigel Woodroffe from Shrewsbury lands biggest Rainbow at Rutland since 2002.

2 10lb Rainbow at Ravensthorpe for Trevor

Trevor Smith of Shefford takes Ravensthorpe's biggest fish for the week.

3 Richard races into lead in Rutland League

Richard Cooper of Empingham takes a commanding lead in Tuesday Night Boat League.

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Grafham Water

Fish week 1,322(12,314) Returns 257 (2,330) Rod average 5.14(5.28)

Grafham Water has continued to fish incredibly well this week with lots of limits and plenty of fish weighing over 3lb. Once again the boat fishing has been the best option with the west bank producing the majority of trout caught. Other good boat areas this week have been either Gaynes Cove or Sailing Club Bay with floating lines with long leaders with black or olive buzzers or medium sink lines with old head damsels or black and green dog nobblers fished static or a very slow figure of eight.

Bank anglers have found some good fishing this week from the bowl of the dam, Hill Farm and Savages Creek mainly on floating lines with damsel nymphs, diawl bachs and black and green tadpoles.

The biggest rainbow and biggest bag caught this week was by J Hoskins from Bromsgrove. The 8lb 9oz Rainbow was part of a terrific bag of 34lb 11oz.

David Quinn of Harlow caught his best Grafham Rainbow this week. David caught a cracking over wintered Rainbow of 7lb 13 5/8oz whilst drifting off the July bank with a floating line and a black buzzer.

Competition news

Invicta Tuesday Night boat league week 3

27 Anglers competed in this week's boat league catching 75 trout giving a rod average of 2.77.

1st Peter Waterhouse 9 fish

2nd Dan Freeman 8 fish

3rd= Mark Searle 7 fish

Best Rainbow 8lb 9oz taken by J Hoskins of Bromsgrove

Best Brown 6lb 3oz taken by Alastair Smith of Cambs

Best boat areas L and H buoys, Savages Creek, south of dam, lodge frontage, Valley Creek, the Seat, Sailing Club Bay.

Best bank areas Hill Farm, Savages Creek, bowl of Dam.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner Khem Joory of Northampton

Fish stocked 4,000

Forthcoming events:

Invicta Tuesday Night boat league

Anglian Water Airflo International Midland Heat 5 June

England Qualifier 'Odds & Sods' 20 June

Pro Am Boat match 23 June

English Youth National 4 July

Beginners courses: 6, 12, 24 & 27 June; 4,17,23 & 28 July and other dates throughout the season.

Rutland Water

Fish week 1,457 (season 15,594) Returns 506 (3,339) Rod average 2.87(4.67)

Nigel Woodroffe from Shrewsbury netted a huge 13lb 6¾oz Rainbow during the week - the biggest Rainbow since the record was broken by Mike Burnside with a 14lb 4oz Rainbow in 2002. Nigel was boat fishing in the South Arm and hooked the fish using a diawl bach and floating line and then had 15 anxious minutes before he landed it to the boat. Other notable fish taken during the week included a 5lb 15½oz Rainbow taken by Ashley Davis whilst fishing a pink blob on a Di7 from a boat in the bottom of the South Arm.

Fish continue to be caught on nymphs on long leaders fished static to a very slow retrieve. Olives have started to hatch and anglers are reporting good numbers of fish coming off in the more overcast conditions. During the past week fish have been caught during the day with evenings being relatively quiet.

Competition news

Tuesday night boat league

Richard Cooper of Empingham won this week's match and has taken a commanding league lead with 28 points from Keith Jones in second place with 18 points.

This week's results

1st Richard Cooper 4 fish for 7lb 13oz

2nd Keith Jones 3 fish for 6lb 4oz

3rd Roger McCarthy 3 fish for 5lb 12oz

Keith Jones took the best fish - a 2lb 12oz Rainbow.

League placings

- 1st Richard Cooper 28 points
- 2nd Keith Jones 18
- 3rd Phil Longstaff 8
- 4th Mike Netherclift 7
- 5th Ian Lishman 6
- 6th Hilary Tomlinson 6

John Seaton's Hunt Servants Match

This match was organised by Rutland Senior Warden, John Seaton.

- 1st Mark Bailey & Rupert Inglesant 13 fish for 30lb 9oz
- 2nd John Farnsworth & Paul Friend 12 fish for 28lb 8oz

Best Rainbow 13lb 6¾oz taken by Nigel Woodroffe of Shrewsbury

Best boat areas Barnsdale, Normanton, Gibbets, Old Hall, top of the North Arm, Sykes Lane.

Best bank areas Sykes Lane, Whitwell, Barnsdale, Normanton, East Creek, Carrot Creek.

Best methods Floating/ midge tips with nymphs. Mixture of sinking lines with mini lures (boats).

Mid week boat winner G Alleyne

Forthcoming events:

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

Beginners courses: 6,9,13,20 & 26 June; 3,11,18 & 25 July and other dates throughout the season.

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Anglian Water Floating Line Competition 12 June

EDFA Disabled International 22 & 23 July

Don't forget the **Help for Heroes** match Saturday 14 August call 01572 653021 for more information.

Pitsford Water

Fish week 612 (6,894) Returns 258 (1,920) Rod average 2.3 (3.5)

The best Rainbow of the week fell to Bram Prince. Bram, from Higham Ferrers, Northants, took a lovely 9lb 4oz Rainbow on a black and green minkie and floating line from the Holly Bush area last Wednesday. Phil Tomlin from Leicester used a silver and gold tube on a di5 line to take a 7lb 11oz Brown whilst fishing on the rudder in the main basin. John Fletcher fished with his brother on Bank Holiday Monday. The pair took 10

fish for just short of 30lb with diawl bach and buzzers. The banks are fishing best late in the evening.

Best Rainbow 9lb 4oz taken by Bram Prince.

Best Brown 11lb plus taken by an angler on a 3 day package.

Best boat areas Pines, Cliffs and Brixworth Bay.

Best bank areas Pines, Stone Barn, Gravels.

Mid week boat winner D Roadley of Quorn

Best methods Damsel nymphs, diawl bachs and buzzers on floating lines.

Fish stocked 1,000

Forthcoming events:

Beginners courses: 4,19 & 23 June; 3,14,24 & 31 July and other dates throughout the season.

Alex Booth Flyfishers Charity Match 17 June. Places still available at £38 per person, contact (01159) 725035.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 568 (5,538) Returns 94 (1,122) Rod average 6.04 (4.93)

Trevor Smith of Shefford took the best Rainbow of the week at exactly 10lb. Trevor fished from a boat with a red diawl bach as recommended to him by warden Stuart East.

Fish are feeding on olive buzzers and both olive buzzers and small dries seem to be working the best at present. Banks are still fishing well. Lots of fish are moving on the surface and taking adult buzzers.

Ravensthorpe hosted the Northampton Anglers floating line match on Sunday 25 anglers fished, weighing in 50 trout and returned a further 37 fish.

Alex Ferguson caught the best fish, a Rainbow of 8lb 7oz.

1st John Caldwell 4 fish for 12lb 2oz

2nd Alex Ferguson 2 fish for 10lb 15oz

3rd Stuart Payne 4 fish for 9lb 14oz

Best Rainbow 10lb taken by Trevor Smith of Shefford

Best boat areas Hickmans Spinney to Coton Car Park

Best bank areas Far end of dam, Platforms 6,11 and 12

Mid week boat winner A Baron of Elstow, Beds

