

Fishery News Week ending 9 May 2010

· **We are the champions!**

Anglian Water wins Water Industry Game Fishing Championship at Pitsford Water

Jon Marshall of Oakham is joint second individual.

· **10lb 2oz Rainbow for Mike at Ravensthorpe**

Mike Osgood makes his mark with best Rainbow of the week.

· **Superb fishing at Rutland Water**

5.5 rod average

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Rutland Water

Fish week 2,775 (season 11,752) Returns 496 (2,261) Rod average 5.59 (5.19)

Lots of limits are coming out at Rutland Water with fish being caught in most areas. The best fish of the week fell to Josh Bowman who netted a 6lb 10oz Brown from a boat up the North Arm.

Josh, aged 22, is from Windsor and took this lovely Brown on his first cast of the day. Josh and his father netted another seven fish under the guidance of local angler Dave Doherty.

The best Rainbow of the week fell to Dave Shipman whilst fishing in the Bob Church Classic last Wednesday. Dave weighed in a 4lb 10oz specimen.

Weather conditions have not been at their best with very cold north easterly winds and some wet spells. Some fish have been hanging off the shoreline making some areas difficult for bank anglers. Fish have been caught late in the evening in a few areas. Prospects look good with some sensational buzzer hatches. However, due to the cold winds not many fish are showing on the surface yet. There have been many reports of Hawthorn flies around but no sign of fish feeding on these so far. More fish are being stocked this week.

Don't forget the Tuesday Night Boat League starts this week.

Competition news Bob Church Classic: This was a popular match.

1st Peter Appleby

2nd Willie Leach

3rd Bill Barnes

4th Jim Crawford

5th Philip Longstaff

6th Laurie Taylor

Top lady rod was Martha Thompson.

Best Rainbow 4lb 10oz taken by Dave Shipman of Whittlesey.

Best Brown 6lb 10oz taken by Josh Bowman of Windsor.

Best boat areas Normanton - East Creek, Barnsdale, Dickensons Bay, Carrot Creek.

Best bank areas Whitwell, Yellowstone, Spud Bay, Old Hall.

Best methods Floating and midge tip lines, long leaders, nymphs for bank anglers.

Boat anglers similar methods but include sinking lines and mini lures.

Mid week boat winner A Tinkler of Sedgefield.

Forthcoming events:

May is a busy month - please book boats in advance to avoid disappointment. Very few boats remaining 23 May. Please remember that from May through to September boat anglers have to cease fishing by 8pm on Mondays and Wednesdays only.

Beginners courses: 15 & 29 May; 6,9,13,20 & 26 June and other dates throughout the season.

Tuesday Evening Boat League commences 11 May.

Vision Pairs 23 May.

England Qualifier 'Odds & Sods' 30 May.

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

Pitsford Water

Fish week 662 (5,361) Returns 329 (1,443) Rod average 2.0 (3.7)

On Saturday 8 May Pitsford Water hosted the 31st Water Industries Game Fishing Championship.

15 teams of 6 anglers per team took part. It was the biggest competition that Pitsford has hosted for many years. Eight water companies and five Environment Agency regions and one team from British Waterways battled it out. Anglers fished the bank from 10am to 4 pm, (with all of the bank in use it was closed to other anglers not in the competition). The reservoir was split into six sections and the teams were put into a draw as to which section each angler fished, so each team had a member in each section.

Six Section stewards controlled the match. Fishing was hard with a very cold North East wind and rain; despite this the rod average was just under 2 fish per rod.

Team Anglian Water had some very strong anglers; they all worked very hard as a team which was shown in the results, they won it! Fisheries and Sites manager Jon Marshall was joint individual runner up, he managed to catch 8 by 1.30pm which gave the team a tremendous boost. Top individual was Ian Burton from Severn Trent Water, Ian caught his 8 fish by 11.30am on the Pines in C section.

Ben Bayliss Environment Agency North West region took the best fish at 4lb 8oz.

Each team carried a travelling reserve, this was a separate match to the main one. They fished

from boats in Pitsford's small half. Winning the reserves Match was Gareth Thomas from Anglian Region EA. He caught 8 fish weighing 17lb14oz.

Following the Match a prize presentation was held for anglers and stewards at the Brampton Heath Golf Centre. As anglers needed warming up, a roast beef dinner was just what they needed. A raffle was held after dinner and a Greys Missionary Fly Fishing Kit up for grabs. Just under £500 was raised which will go to Water Aid. Jake Williams, Recreation and Access Manager at Anglian Water, presented the prizes of fishing rods and engraved crystal glasses and decanters to the winners. David Smoker from Saint-Gobain PAM UK presented the Saint-Gobain trophy. Nathan Clayton thanked the stewards and volunteers who included members of the Mid Northants Trout Fishers.

Team Results

- 1st Anglian Water 65 points
- 2nd Northumbrian Water 55 points
- 3rd Severn Trent Water 53 points
- 4th EA Wales 46 points
- 5th Wessex Water 45 points

Last Wednesday Pitsford Water hosted the English Disabled Fly Fishers annual boat match. 20 anglers competed, on what turned out to be probably the best day of the week. Jim Watts weighed in the top weight along with Mark Googe, they both weighed in 8 fish for 15lb 9oz! Jim took his 8 fish in the small half on buzzers. Ken Merridan caught the best fish of the day, a Rainbow over wintered at 5lb 7oz.

The Bruce Richardson trophy was held on Sunday, 27 anglers took part catching 120 fish! Gilders Tackle shop owner Julian Davies' competition luck is continuing at Pitsford, he took 8 fish weighing 20lb 9oz. Stuart Eggleton took the best fish of the match a Rainbow weighing 4lb-oz

Best Rainbow 7lb taken by James Dempsey of Bedworth.

Best boat areas Small Half, Pitsford Creek, Sailing Club.

Best bank areas Gorse/Pitsford Creek.

Mid week boat winner Paul Webber of Milton Keynes.

Best methods Buzzers, GRHE, Diawl Bachs on floating lines best for boat and bank anglers. One or two fish are falling to orange/pink boobies.

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events:

Beginners courses: 12 & 22 May; 4, 19 & 23 June and other dates throughout the season.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 323 (4,087) Returns 83 (867) Rod average 3.9(4.7)

Ravensthorpe is producing some excellent fishing with both boat and bank anglers taking advantage of some prolific hatches of buzzer and olives.

There have been several fish taken between 6 and 11lb with one unconfirmed report of a 12lb 4oz Rainbow taken by an angler from Anglesey. The best confirmed fish of the week was a Rainbow of 10lb 2oz taken by season ticket holder Mike Osgood from Platform 6 on his own tied GRHE flashback nymph. Other notable fish were taken by Andy Kyriacou who caught a 6lb 6oz Rainbow with his first cast and followed this with another of 5lb 8oz to take home a fine brace of fish. Boat angler David Hawkes using a floating line and a damsel nymph hooked and landed a fine 9lb 8oz Rainbow and 'Mr Magic' season ticket holder Pat Flynn had 40 plus fish from the Coton End on Di3 line with orange blobs fished about 5 feet deep, his best fish topping 5lb.

Best Rainbow 10lb 2oz taken by Mike Osgood.

Best boat areas Coton End and Island.

Best bank areas Mongers - platforms 1-6 and Dam.

Mid week boat winner Mr M Morris of Luton.

Fish stocked 250