

- **Ray breaks his personal best record for a Rainbow and it's the best Rainbow of the season so far at Ravensthorpe**

13lb 4oz Rainbow for Ray Bunting of Kenilworth

- **.....and another Ray takes his personal best Brown and the best Brown so far at Pitsford Water this season**

Ray Line of Earls Barton lands 10lb 14oz Brown

- **Rutland Water rod average tops 5.5**

Quality fish and limits from both bank and boat

Grafham Water

Fish week 577 (season 1318) Returns 168 (3484) Rod average 3.51(3.78)

The biggest bag of the week at Grafham Water was taken by Rob Edmunds of Rutland. Rob caught 8 fish for 28lb with four over wintered Rainbows of 4lb and the best at 4lb 8oz. This excellent bag was caught by fishing a midge tip line with a cats whisker at Savages Creek and the Nature Reserve frontage. Robert's boat partner and beginner was Neil Smith of Harringworth. Neil caught the biggest fish in the boat a superb over wintered brown of 4lb 14oz.

Both boat and bank anglers have enjoyed excellent sport at Grafham with the majority of trout being caught on sunken lines. Bank anglers have had a cracking week's sport with Gaynes Cove/Plummer Park producing very consistent catch rates on medium to fast sink lines with black and green boobies, cats whiskers, tequila and orange blobs and small olive nymphs being the main method of choice.

Competition News

Troutmasters fish off 10 April (bank)

1st Rob Edmunds 7 fish for 18lb 7oz

2nd Kieran Bonas 7 fish for 13lb 5oz

Rob won this year's fish off by fishing a gold and silver tube on a Di 3 line at the south end of the dam and will be representing Grafham Water in the Troutmasters final which will be held at Grafham Water on Monday 10 May.

Full report on the Bob Church Open next week.

Best Rainbow 6lb taken by Chris Attenborough of Market Harborough.

Best brown 6lb 7oz caught and returned by Ray Simpson of West Drayton

Best boat areas A and Q buoys, Gaynes Cove, Plummer Park, Savages Creek, Nature Reserve frontage, the Seat

Best bank areas Plummers and Gaynes Cove, the Seat, South Dam

Mid week boat winner K Donovan of Shefford

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events:

Spring Rudder Match Sunday 18 April (30 boats)

AMFC Spring Match 23 April (40 boats)

EDFA vs GWFFA 25 April (all boats booked).

Troutmasters final (no bank fishing for non competitors) 10 May

Invicta Tuesday Night boat league commences 13 May

Anglian Water Airflo Individual Final 22 May

Beginners courses: 21 April; 2, 8, 23 & 27 May; 6,12, 24 & 27 June and other dates throughout the season.

Rutland Water

Fish week 1892 Returns 343 Rod average 5.51

The best fish of the week a 9lb 6½oz Rainbow, was caught by Chesterfield angler Terry Millar fishing an intermediate line and gold head damselfly. The best brown fell to Kings Lynn angler Bill Coppin who netted a 7lb fish which made a good contribution to an excellent 8 fish limit of 24lb. Anglers have enjoyed an excellent week with plenty of limits from both bank and boat. Most methods are working with lures taking the majority of fish and nymphs working well on settled days with good numbers of small buzzers hatching each day.

Prospects look very good with fish feeding on daphnia and small buzzers. One or two fish are feeding on sticklebacks and corixa. Some fish were moving late on the settled days of last week. Anglers are encouraged to book boats well in advance as certain dates are proving very popular.

Competition news

East Yorkshire Fly Dressers Guild Friday 9 April

18 anglers caught 94 fish - for a rod average of 5.2

1st Robin Goldthorpe 8 fish for 18lb 4oz

2nd Peter O'Donnell 8 fish for 17lb 6oz

3rd Karl Roorke 8 fish for 17lb 2oz

Army match fished Sunday 11 April

1st Paul Kitchen & Andy Draper 38lb ¼oz

2nd Mark James & Tom Rose 36lb 1oz

3rd Del Spry & Steve Crauston 33lb ½oz

Best Rainbow 9lb 6½oz taken by Terry Miller of Chesterfield

Best Brown 7lb taken by Bill Coppin of Kings Lynn

Best boat areas The main basin, fishing lodge frontage, sailing club, Barnsdale and Old Hall

Best bank areas Sykes Lane, Green bank, Old Hall, Whitwell, Yellowstone

Best methods Bank anglers - floating line with lures and nymphs. Boat anglers - various lines, floaters to Di7 and a variety of lures.

Mid week boat winner G Johnston of Carlisle

Fish stocked 5,500

Forthcoming events:

Beginners courses: 14 & 18 April; 1,7,15 & 29 May; 6,9,13,20 & 26 June and other dates throughout the season.

Lexus European individual Qualifier 16 April

Lexus European team Qualifier 17 April

Bob Church Classic 5 May

Dave Hodgson Memorial 9 May.

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 732 (2,429) Returns 196 (600) Rod average 3.7(4.0)

Ray Line of Earls Barton has broken his personal best record for a brown trout, catching a superb brown weighing 10lb 14oz. This was the best brown so far this season at Pitsford Water. Ray was drifting in a boat in the main bowl when he caught the fish.

Anglers have enjoyed some good sport this week as the temperature has risen. Best methods

have been black or green buzzers or diawl bachs fished slowly. Black and green lures or cats whisker fished deep and slow.

Best Rainbow 5lb 10oz taken by D Griggs

Best Brown 10lb 14oz taken by Ray Line of Earls Barton

Best boat areas Farm Bay, Sailing club bay

Best bank areas Stilton Point, Farm Bay

Mid week boat winner W Leeming of Saffron Walden.

Fish stocked 1,000

Forthcoming events: Beginners courses: 24 April; 9,12 & 22 May; 4,19 & 23 June and other dates throughout the season.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 442 (2,274) Returns 100 (465) Rod average 4.4 (4.8)

The most notable catch of the week was by Ray Bunting from Kenilworth who took a personal best and the season's biggest Rainbow so far. Ray was boat fishing the Shallows his 13lb 4oz fish was in superb condition.

Nick Stow of Garston drifted his buzzer team around the wind from platform 4 mid week - his limit came to a size 12 black and orange buzzer set on the top dropper in two hours for a bag weight of 11lb 7oz for his four fish (best 4½lb). Top bank spot went to Ray Brookes of Daventry his 11lb 2oz Rainbow took a green buzzer from Platform 6.

Ravensthorpe continues to provide excellent sport from boat and bank. Fish are feeding on daphnia and large pupae with an increasing number of larger buzzers hatching around mid day.

Best Rainbow 13lb 4oz taken by Ray Bunting of Kenilworth

Best boat areas Drifting not too far out from the shore.

Best bank areas Platforms 3 - 12, middle of the dam.

Mid week boat winner Andrew Rodgers of Loddington, Kettering.

Fish stocked 500