

Fishery News Week ending 11 July 2010

· **Calling all anglers who have fished for England**

Anglers wanted for English Men's team to fish the 20th
RAF Challenge match at Rutland Water 1 August.
Other teams include English Ladies and English Disabled.
Clive Collier is managing the English Men's Team and is keen to hear from you on
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· **National fishing month with Anglian Water**

Free `have a go' fly tying or fly fishing

During National Fishing Month Anglian Water is offering free `have a go' fly fishing and/
or fly tying tuition with a qualified instructor on three different dates.

All are welcome (minimum age 12 years)

Available 10.00am to 4.00pm - no booking required.

Pitsford Water Thursday 22 July

Grafham Water Friday 30 July

Rutland Water Friday 6 August

· **Boat fishing for Pitsford Pike extended (now available on Sundays)**

Pike fishing - boat fishing with lures over 18cm. Alternate weeks **Sunday to Friday**,

commencing 16 and 28 June; 11 and 25 July; 8 and 22 August; 5 and 19

September.

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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 619 (17,496) Returns 183 (3,584) Rod average 3.38 (4.88)

The fishing at Grafham Water this week has improved with the vast majority of trout caught by the boat anglers. The most productive areas have been the Boils at I buoy, Savages Creek, Rainbow Point, Sanctuary Bay and Church Bay. The main methods this week has been floating to Di5 lines with damsel nymphs, crunchers, Diawl Bachs, black or tequila blob boobies and claret hoppers retrieved slowly.

Anglers are reporting that the trout are now feeding heavily on the vast numbers of pin fry in the reservoir, which is why the fishing over the last couple of weeks has been a little challenging.

Competition News

Invicta Tuesday Night Boat League

Nine anglers took part in this week's boat league catching 16 fish giving a rod average of 1.8. Top rod on the evening was a fiercely contested battle by England Youth members

Adam Worker and Kieran Bonas. Adam went on to win with 7 fish.

1st Adam Worker 7 fish

2nd Kieran Bonas 6 fish

3rd Mark Searle 2 fish

Best Rainbow 5lb taken by D Wigley, Bucks.

Best Brown 5lb taken by M Hammeth of Warboys.

Best boat areas: Savages Creek, Rainbow Point, Boils, Sanctuary Bay,

Best bank areas: Plummer, Gaynes Cove.

Best methods: See report.

Mid week boat winner: M Brocklebank.

Fish stocked 2,000.

Forthcoming events:

Invicta Tuesday Night boat league

Anglian Water Airflo International Southern Final 19 July

Youth International 28 July

National Fishing Month. Free `have a go' fly fishing and fly tying sessions with a qualified instructor at Grafham Water, Friday 30 July, 10am to 4pm, no booking required. All welcome (minimum age 12 years). Reservoir rods and double handed rods available, lightweight rods for children. 01480 810531 for more information.

Inter Club Floating Line Match 1 August

John Watts Trophy 28 August

Beginners courses: 17,23 & 28 July; 1,8,15 & 29 August and other dates throughout the season.

Rutland Water

Fish week 1,196 (season 22,603) Returns 387 (5,602) Rod average 3.09 (4.03)

Chris Guthrie enjoyed an excellent day's boat fishing up the North Arm with eight quality fish weighing in at 28lb 13¼oz (all fell to dry fly). Chris, from Northumberland, shared the boat with local angler Dave `Curly' Doherty (North Luffenham). Dave took six fish, again all on dries. Chris and Dave were both fishing in the Northern final of the Anglian Water Airflo International. Chris fishes for Greys G Tec Stocks and Dave for Team Loomis - both teams qualified for the International final at Rutland Water 4-6 October.

Quality Brown trout have been apparent this season with Chris's best fish a superb brown of 5lb 14oz. The best fish of the week was a Brown taken by season ticket holder Paul Shaw of Edith Weston. A dry fly took Paul's superb 6lb 3oz Brown.

Season ticket holder Ken Merridan of Uppingham took the best Rainbow. Ken took a fine 4lb 9oz Rainbow that had been feeding heavily on Corixa.

It has been a case of plenty of fish sighted but proving difficult to catch with many around the shoreline feeding on this year's pin fry. In most areas of the reservoir fish are showing (even during the day despite the recent hot temperatures). Fish are in very shallow water with very few bank anglers about.

Bank anglers have preferred to fish in the evening with fish showing in good numbers. Dries, Silver Invicta's, pearly pheasant tails, hares ear and even blobs have been securing a few fish.

Fish have plenty to feed on including pin fry, Corixa, damsel nymphs, large snails, buzzers, sedge and daphnia. Water clarity is very good apart from in strong onshore winds, which colour the water up. Weed levels are good with none showing on the surface, but a good layer on the bottom.

Competition News

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Chris Evans of Stamford took the top spot for week 9 with 5 fish weighing 10lb 4¼oz.

Chris fished off Armley Wood to take his five fish using fast glass line and small boobies.

Hilary Tomlinson was second with Paul Wild taking third place. Plenty of fish were showing on the night, but it wasn't easy. Mike Netherclift reported lots of fish moving off Yellowstone - but it was difficult to catch.

1st Chris Evans 5 fish for 10lb 4½oz

2nd Hilary Tomlinson 4 fish for 8lb 5½oz

3rd Paul Wild 2 fish for 6lb 5½oz

The best fish of the match was a 3lb 5¾oz Brown taken by Paul Wild. Paul had another overwintered Brown for his brace of fish and had the misfortune to lose another good fish

that tore off an estimated 75 yards of line and backing before coming off!

There is another five weeks to go in this popular league. If you want to take part get down to the fishing lodge around 5.15pm - see one of the wardens for details. A fish and chip supper can also be arranged.

League placings end of week 9

1st Phil Longstaff 54 points

2nd Richard Cooper 43 points

3rd Hilary Tomlinson 27 points

4th Mike Netherclift 25 points

5th Keith Jones 22 points

6th= Chris Evans 20 points

6th= Paul Wild 20 points

RAF versus Greylags

The RAF just managed to clip the wings off the Greylags in a very close finish. The two ten man teams produced weights of 94lb 9oz and 92lb 6oz respectively. Top rod on the day was 'Jimmy' Riddell who had seven fish weighing 17lb 12oz including the best fish a 4lb 9oz Rainbow.

English Disabled Fly Fishers

The English Disabled Fly Fishers had a get together with Trevor Ashby winning top rod with five fish weighing 12lb 12oz. Trevor's best fish was another big brown weighing in at 4lb 13oz taken on a dry fly.

Best Rainbow 4lb 9oz taken by Ken Merriden of Uppingham.

Best Brown 6lb 3oz taken by Paul Shaw of Edith Weston.

Best boat areas:

Armley Wood, Transformer, Tim Appleton's, Spud Bay, Yellowstone, Sailing Club, Inman's Spinney, Barnhill Creek.

Best bank areas:

Normanton, Sailing Club, New Zealand Point, Barnhill Creek, Carrot Creek, Armley Wood, the Finches, Transformer.

Best methods:

Floating line with nymphs, dries, Silver Invicta, pearl pheasant tails, hares ear

Mid week boat winner M Coles

Fish stocked 3,500.

Forthcoming events:

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

National Fishing Month. Free `have a go' fly fishing and fly tying sessions with a qualified instructor at Grafham Water, Friday 30 July, 10am to 4pm, no booking required. All welcome (minimum age 12 years). Reservoir rods and double handed rods available, lightweight rods for children. 01480 810531 for more information.

National Fishing Month. Free `have a go' fly fishing and fly tying sessions with a qualified instructor at Rutland Water, Friday 6 August, 10am to 4pm, no booking required. All welcome (minimum age 12 years). Reservoir rods and double handed rods available, lightweight rods for children. Telephone 01780 686441 for more information.

Beginners courses: 18 & 25 July; 1,7,18 & 22 August and other dates throughout the season.

Anglian Water Over 50's Lochstyle match (no fly size restriction) 18 July

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

Anglian Water Loch Style 4 Man Team 18 August

Pitsford Water

Fish week 369 (9,245) Returns 135 (2,697) Rod average 2.7 (3.4)

Peter Rolt of Dunstable recorded the best Rainbow this week at 5lb 12oz. Peter who caught three other trout was very happy to land this fine fish whilst on holiday. John McLellan of Northampton boat fished this week to take 6 fish from the dam face deep down. His bag weighed 26lb 12oz. John also recorded 8 fish on his previous trip last week.

Ravensthorpe regular Mick Griffin fished Pitsford on Saturday. He caught 8 fish very quickly up by the dam and in the Sailing Club Bay. He used Diawl Bachs and buzzers just under the surface to take his limit. Local man Ray Linnett has not fished Pitsford or flies fished for nearly 30 years (too busy working!). Now with more time on his hands Ray is back fly-fishing. He came back with four good Rainbows and commented "The methods have not changed that much!" Ray is hoping to buy a season ticket next year.

Boats are still the favourite at present with the main bowl and the dam face the main area to fish. There are a lot of good-sized Rainbows seen rising and these are taking damsels.

Best Rainbow 5lb 12oz taken by Mr Rolt of Dunstable.

Best Brown 8lb 6oz taken by R Line of Earls Barton.

Best boat areas Boils, along dam.

Best bank areas Northfields shore, Stone Barn.

Best methods Floating or intermediate lines, damsels, Diawl Bachs or nymphs.

Mid week boat winner: Dan Daly of Northampton.

Fish stocked 950

Forthcoming events:

National Fishing Month. Free 'have a go' fly fishing and fly tying sessions with a qualified instructor at Pitsford Thursday 22 July, 10am to 4pm. No booking required.

All welcome (minimum age 12 years). Reservoir rods and double handed rods available, lightweight rods for children. Call 01604 781350 for more information.

Beginners courses: 24 & 31 July; 4, 14 & 28 August and other dates throughout the season.

Pike fishing - boat fishing with lures over 18cm. Alternate weeks **Sunday to Friday**, commencing 16 and 28 June; 11 and 25 July; 8 and 22 August; 5 and 19 September.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 334 (7,335) Returns 81 (1,552) Rod average 4.1(4.7)

David Turner of Naseby boat fished with his son on Monday. Between them they caught and released 16 fish all on black buzzers at the Coton End.

Brian Scaysbrook took his first ever trout from the bank on Monday, followed by his first trout from a boat on Saturday. Brian used the Platforms at the Coton End. "I was on a Beginners course at Pitsford last Saturday with Peter Hartley. I'm now totally hooked!" Said a delighted Brian.

Local angler Mick Stevens has got the measure of catching good quality trout off the bank at Ravensthorpe. Mick took 7 fish in a short session - he has been fishing mainly in the evenings from around 8pm onwards. Using a floating line with an orange hopper on the point and two slim dressed nymphs. The trick is not to fish on the top but just under the surface. Mick has been using standard mono rather than fluorocarbon.

Best Rainbow 6lb taken by Stuart Payne of Long Buckby.

Best boat areas Coton End.

Best bank areas: Platforms 3 to 12.

Best methods See report.

Fish stocked 500

Mid week boat winner David Turner of Naseby.