

Fishery News Week ending 15 August 2010

- **Help for Heroes match and charity auction a huge success at Rutland Water**
This match received fantastic support with 80 anglers taking part and support from David Seaman and John Wilson.
- **Local heroes net victory in Help the Heroes Pairs at Rutland Water. It's a winning streak for Cooper family as Tom and Richard of Empingham win the big match and Gary wins Rutland Water Tuesday Night Boat League**

Biggest Rainbow of the week weighs 9lb 12oz at Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Doug Oliver of Bournemouth makes the most of his trip to Ravensthorpe.

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Grafham Water

Fish week 336 (20,644) Returns 122 (4,562) Rod average 2.75(4.52)

The fishing at Grafham Water this week has remained steady with the vast majority of the trout being caught in the top three feet of water, mainly on small nymphs.

Boat anglers have once again had the best of the sport by fishing floating Di3 lines with a tequila booby blob on the top dropper with a couple of red holographic diawl bachs or small damsel nymphs behind. Silver invicta and black boobies have also produced some good sport on floating lines. The best areas for the boat anglers at the beginning of the week were towards G,K,B and I buoys.

Bank fishing has picked up with trout being caught off G bank which is promising as this is usually the most productive bank fishing area on the

water

along with the north end of the dam. The best method for bank anglers has been floating lines with damsel nymphs and red holographic diawl bachs.

Competition News

Eastern Region Police match 12 August.

This match was fished by anglers from Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. Competitors enjoyed a good day catching 65 fish. The most productive areas were around K and G buoys. The best fish of the day was caught by Steve Rigmell (5lb) and the best bag went to Chris Taylor at 16lb.

1st Norfolk 65lb 5oz

2nd Essex 32lb 4oz

3rd Suffolk 22lb 2oz

Invicta Tuesday Night Boat League

17 Anglers took part in this week's boat league, catching 57 trout. Top rod on the evening was England Youth team member Adam Worker with 10 fish. Adam's fellow team member and England International Champion was Kieran Bonas with 7 fish.

1st Adam Worker 10 fish

2nd Kieran Bonas 7 fish

3rd Mark Searle & Chris McLeod with 5 fish
Best Rainbow 5lb Taken by Steve Rigmell.

Best boat areas L,K,B,G and I buoys, Boils.

Best bank areas Hill Farm, G bank, north end of dam.

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Ray Storer of Offord.

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events:

Invicta Tuesday Night boat league

Lexus Individual heat 22 August

John Watts Trophy 28 August

Lexus Individual final 13 September (all boats booked)

Beginners courses: 29 August; 11,22 & 26 September and other dates throughout the season.

Rutland Water

Fish week 520 (season 25,145) Returns165 (6,651) Rod average 3.15 (3.78)

The highlight of the week at Rutland Water was the

Help for Heroes match Saturday 14 August.

This match received fantastic support with 80 anglers taking part including former Arsenal and England goal keeper David Seaman and fishing personality John Wilson.

The weather could have been kinder with some heavy showers and blustery winds making fishing difficult although a good rod average of 3.2 was achieved.

Local anglers Richard and Tom Cooper from Empingham took their limits

by 2pm from the main basin and went on to win the match with 16 fish for 29lb 6½oz. Hard on their heels were Rob Edmunds and Clive Morgan with 16 fish for 28lb 11oz. Third place fell to Gareth Jones (Sales Manager for Airflo) and Adam Worker, a member of the England Youth team, with 16 fish for 28lb 4oz. The best fish of the day was caught by Bob Shaw - a very nice 4lb 14¾oz Rainbow.

After the match the anglers enjoyed a barbecue style meal in the Castaways restaurant at the Fishing Lodge. This was followed by a charity auction. At the helm was local angler and auctioneer Jeff Dale who kept everyone entertained and was ably assisted by David Seaman and John Wilson who showed off all the auction lots including items they had donated.

The event concluded with presentations made by Graham Pearson, chairman of the organising committee. Graham thanked the committee members for their tremendous efforts in organising the match and Jon Marshall representing Anglian Water for the help and support in hosting the event. Graham also thanked Cliff Waters of Fishypics and all the sponsors including Ladbrokes, Sonic and Anglian Water and all those who donated items for the raffle and auction. Finally, a big thank you to members of Rutland Water Fly Fishers and England Youth Flyfishing Association for all their help. At this stage it looks like the original target of £10,000 has been exceeded and the final sum will be announced shortly.

Steve Cullen caught the best fish of the week a 6lb 3oz Rainbow from the South Arm with a dry fly. In general boat anglers have caught well in the main basin with drifts through the aerators onto the Normanton bank. Fish have also been showing in and around Browns Island and Manton Bay. The top of the North Arm is still producing fish in shallow water.

Bank anglers are taking fish that are feeding on corixa and in the late evening on sedge and buzzer. Dries and emergers are the best tactic with numbers of fish feeding in very shallow water and giving a good account of themselves when hooked.

Competition news

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Empingham's Gary Cooper maintained the family tradition regarding winning things (Richard and Tom won the Help for Heroes match). Gary won week 14 of the boat league with 8 fish.

1st Gary Cooper 8 fish for 13lb 13oz.

2nd Phil Longstaff 8 fish for 12lb 7½oz.

3rd Keith Jones 8 fish for 12lb 0½oz.

Best Rainbow 6lb 3oz taken by Steve Cullen.

Best boat areas The main basin, Browns Island, Manton Bay, top of the North Arm.

Best bank areas North Arm shallows, Normanton, Sykes Lane.

Best methods Bank anglers - dries and nymphs.

Boat anglers - as for bank anglers but include various sinking lines and lures.

Mid week boat winner P Wells of Hemingford Abbots.
Fish stocked

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: 22 August; 5, 11, 15 & 18 September and other dates throughout the season.

Pitsford Water

Fish week 446 (11,272) Returns 128 (3,288) Rod average 3.58 (3.43)

The main bowl and Sailing Club Bay are the places to head for at Pitsford Water with numerous bag limits being taken by the boat anglers. Those anglers catching limits this week included Messrs Sumner, Rogers, Frogatt, Hober, Harris, Pittock and Gayton - to name just a few. Colin Gayton had four fish over 3lb in his bag. A combination of wind and cloud is the ideal condition for fish to take nymphs, wets and dries right at the surface. The best fish of the week - a lovely 6lb 2oz Rainbow fell to Chris Madden of Rugby. Chris boat fished off the Cliffs with a Hi D line and a white sparkling booby.

Use a drogue and fish a floating line with slow retrieve patterns over the front of the boat for the best sport. Mallard and claret invictas and snatchers are all taking fish. Alternatively fish the 'washing line' with crunchers and small emergers on the droppers from an anchored boat. Some areas of the bank are weedy, please seek advice from the Fishing Lodge before fishing. Anglers wading through the thin weed on the Gravels and Sermans have caught some nice 3lb plus fish.

Best Rainbow 6lb 2oz taken by Chris Madden of Rugby.
Best boat areas Main bowl, Sailing Club Bay and the Narrows.

Best bank areas Duffers and the Gorse.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner Chris Dixon of Watford.

Fish stocked 1,500

Forthcoming events:

Beginners courses: 28 August; 4,8 & 25 September and other dates throughout the season.

Pike fishing - boat fishing with lures over 18cm. Available every day excluding Saturdays.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 307 (9,232) Returns 113(1,970) Rod average 2.72 (4.7)

The best fish of the week was taken by boat angler Doug Oliver of Bournemouth. Doug took the super 9lb 12oz Rainbow on a floating line with a diawl bach from a boat at the tall willows.

Anglers are enjoying excellent fishing on days with some ripple, it's harder when it's bright and still. Most fish are being taken by boat anglers at Coton End on sub surface nymphs or black hoppers. Platforms 11 and 12 have produced some nice fish in the evenings.

The best flies are black hopper, diawl bachs, GRHE, black buzzers and damsels.

Best Rainbow 9lb 12oz taken by Doug Oliver of Bournemouth.

Best Brown 3lb taken by J Ferguson.

Best boat areas Coton End to Island.

Best bank areas Platforms 11 and 12.

Best methods See report.

Mid-week boat winner. Mr. Denny from Weedon.