

Fishery News Week ending 18 July 2010

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 from 10.00am to 4.00pm - no booking required.

Grafham Water: Friday 30 July

Rutland Water: Friday 6 August

Boat fishing for Pitsford Pike extended

Boat fishing for Pike now available every day excluding Saturdays.

Call Pitsford Lodge on 01604 781350 to book a boat.

www.anglianwater.co.uk

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 532 (18,028) Returns 163 (3,747) Rod average 3.26 (4.81)

Grafham Water has once again continued to fish well with a healthy rod average of 3.26 and the vast majority of trout being caught by the boat anglers. The main tactics have been to fish floating to Di3 lines with diawl bachs, crunchers, gold rib hares ears, claret hoppers and tequila blobs or boobies. The best boat areas have been Savages Creek, Rainbow Point, Sanctuary Bay, L Buoy, south dam and the boils.

Bank anglers found the fishing challenging last week but Gaynes Cove has produced some good fishing on floating lines with small nymphs fished slow when the winds have been favourable.

Competition News

Invicta Tuesday Night Boat League

11 anglers who managed to catch 33 trout, which gave an excellent rod average of 3 fish per angler with every angler catching, contested this week's boat league. England Youth member Kieran Bonas and old hand John Vincent who each managed to catch 5 trout shared top place on the evening.

1st = Kieran Bonas and John Vincent 5 fish

2nd = Peter Oldham and Mark Searle 4 fish

3rd = Alan Briggs & Kieran Caulfield 3 fish

Anglian Water Airflo International Midland Final

Twelve six man teams qualified to fish the Midland Final with the top four teams going through to fish the International final which will be held at Rutland Water on 5 and 6 October.

All the boats headed towards Savages and the Sanctuary Bay area with the main line of attack being size 12 Diawl Bachs and UV crunchers all straight lined on a floater or midge tip line with some fish being taken on shuttlecock cdc emergers.

1st Airflo Team Cormorants 34 fish for 76lb 3³/₄oz.

2nd Team Rio Draycote Flyers 32 fish for 75lb 7¹/₂oz.

3rd Grafham Water Fly Fishers 29 fish for 67lb 5 3/8oz

4th Hanningfield FF 30 fish for 63lb 9 3/8oz

Andy Croucher of the Soldier Palmers took both the biggest fish - a Rainbow of 4lb 15¹/₂oz, and the biggest bag - 8 fish for 25lb 2¹/₄oz.

Best Rainbow: 4lb 15¹/₂oz taken by Andy Croucher.

Best boat areas: Savages Creek, Rainbow Point, Boils, Sanctuary Bay, L Buoy and south Dam.

Best bank areas: Plummer and Gaynes Cove.

Best methods: See report.
Mid week boat winner: B House of Letchworth.
Fish stocked: 2,000

Forthcoming events:

Invicta Tuesday Night boat league

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

Rutland Water

Fish week 316 (season 22,919) Returns 151 (5,753) Rod average 2.09 (3.98)

Some good fish in the 3-4lb range were taken last week despite challenging conditions with high winds. M Severn from Loscoe, Derbyshire landed two fish for 8lb 6oz off the bunds wall. The bottom of the north arm is still producing some fish of that size. Martin Cottis and his boat partner who had eleven fish between them despite a strong wind and heavy showers made other notable catches. All of their fish fell to dry fly. Martin, from Bristol, said the fish were full of Corixa.

There are fish moving all the way along the banks on the north side of the peninsula mainly feeding on pin fry, Corixa and snails, floating lines with dries are working when the weather permits, as will Diawl Bachs and crunchers. The Normanton bank, Whitwell Creek and Sailing Club Bay are worth a try from the banks.

Boat anglers have also taken fish in the main basin and in front of the lodge to east creek. Some fish were taken on floating lines with nymphs and dries with other anglers taking fish on Di7 with blobs.

Competition News

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Bob Norman won week 10 of this popular league in testing conditions.

1st Bob Norman 3 fish for 7lb 2½oz

2nd Paul Wild 1 fish for 2lb 2¾oz

3rd Chris Evans 1 fish for 1lb 10½oz

League placings end of week 10

1st Phil Longstaff 54 points

2nd Richard Cooper 43

3rd= Paul Wild 27

Hilary Tomlinson

5th= Chris Evans 25

Mike Netherclift

Anglian Water Over 50's Match

1st Mike Barratt & Ron Gent 10 fish for 18lb 13oz

2nd Ashley Davis & Gordon Bramwell 7 fish for 16lb 14oz

3rd Joan Russell & Paul Angell 3 fish for 6lb 5oz

Hilary Tomlinson took the best fish of the match - a 3lb 1oz Brown.

Best Rainbow: 4lb 1oz taken by Andre Gysler of Basingstoke.

Best boat areas: With high winds last week the Bunds Wall and bottom of North Arm were the best areas.

Best bank areas: Banks on north side of peninsula, Normanton bank, Whitwell Creek and Sailing Club Bay.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner: S Lord of Wigston, Leicester.

Fish stocked 4,000

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 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: 25 July; 1, 7, 18 & 22 August and other dates throughout the season. 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 216(9,461) Returns 82(2,779) Rod average 2.6(3.4)

Boating pair Brian Moore of Ibstock and Rob Layton of Holcot fished on Saturday up at the dam. Rob caught a 4lb 10oz Brown and then two more fish weighing in excess of 12lb. They finally finished with 16 fish to the boat fishing the Northampton style method with Di5 sinking lines. Brian's best fish weighed 3lb 8oz. Brian said "It was my first time out for a month since I broke my ankle and so I enjoyed the day even more!"

Season ticket holder John Fletcher from Desborough, Kettering, fished on Sunday and caught a good bag of fish on wet flies. The recent cooler, windy days have suited this method well.

Alex Booth Fly Fishers fished on Saturday with ten anglers catching more than 50 fish! Dennis Footman of Kibworth fished with them and caught four good fish commenting that they all had a good day with some excellent quality fish being weighed in. Some of the anglers caught in Stone Barn and at the Dam wall.

Boat fishing for Pike at Pitsford has been extended - it's now possible to Pike fish every day, excluding Saturdays. Call the fishing lodge on 01604 781350 for more information.

As part of National Fishing Month Pitsford Water is offering free 'have a go' fly fishing and fly tying sessions with a qualified instructor on Thursday 22 July, 10am to 4pm. No booking is required and everyone is welcome (minimum age 12 years). Call Peter Hartley on 07922 126154 for more information.

Best Rainbow 6lb taken by John French of Market Harborough.

Best Brown 3lb 8oz taken by Mr Dempsey of Bedworth.

Best boat areas Boils and along Dam.

Best bank areas Northfields shore, Sermans.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner: John Scott of Wellingborough.

Fish stocked 1,000

Forthcoming events:

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

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

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 234 (7,569) Returns 67 (1,619) Rod average 3.4(4.6)

Ravensthorpe Reservoir is in top form from the bank. Season ticket holder Stuart Payne had some great sport this week in two trips he took 4 rainbows and returned 18. Stuart caught all his fish on floating lines with a red Diawl Bach. Bank anglers are catching best in the afternoon and evening.

Boat anglers are also catching well. The Coton End is the area to head for. The washing line is the best method to use with a big bushy dry on the point with red Diawl Bachs and hares ears on the droppers. Dries are also catching good quality fish with ginger hoppers late in the evening.

Best Rainbow 4lb 6oz taken by C Jenkins.

Best boat areas Coton End.

Best bank areas: Platforms 3 -12.

Best methods: Floating lines, black or green buzzers, red Diawl Bachs, hares ears or damsels, slow retrieve.

Fish stocked 200

Mid week boat winner: David Fisher of Faversham, Kent.