

Fishery News Week ending 1 August 2010

· **England Youth team grabs international glory at Grafham Water**

England team wins Youth International by a massive margin

· **Helping the Heroes Pairs Flyfishing Competition**

and charity auction Rutland Water

Saturday 14 August

Supported by a number of celebrities the emphasis is on having a fun day out and raising as much money as possible for the Help for Heroes charity.

Further details and entry forms from Rutland Water Fishing Lodge 01780 686441

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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 698 (19,593) Returns 228 (4,200) Rod average 3.06 (4.66)

Competition News

Youth International 28 July

Last Wednesday Grafham Water hosted the Youth International which was contested by England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Conditions on the day were good with overcast skies, however, later in the day the winds increased. Most competitors seemed to be concentrating their efforts in and around Savages Creek and Sanctuary Bay. Later in the afternoon the boats headed towards the west bank and the lodge frontage.

In the morning the England team, managed by Rob Edmunds and coach Phil Longstaff, found fish in areas the rest of the teams seemed to be ignoring including the Seat. "We knew through practice the fish were holding around the four feet mark," said coach Phil Longstaff. England's match plan was a winner - when in control of the boat fish P,R and M Buoys with a Di3, long leaders and two flies, a Cocktail Blob Booby and a Pink Blob Booby and strip them back quickly.

One of the England Youth team members, John `Spanner' Macintosh, was top individual on the day. John caught his 8 fish by 2.15pm by fishing a Di 5 sweep with two tequila boobies. He took 6 trout from the Seat and his last two in front of the Harbour. The England team performance was outstanding with three limits and every team member catching. Romping to victory the England team put a staggering 50lb of fish

between them and second placed Ireland. The Irish team performance was notable considering the team had only one day of practice.

Results:

1st England 63 fish for 121lb 3/4oz

2nd Ireland 39 fish for 70lb 12 3/4oz

3rd Scotland 31 fish for 60lb 1 3/8oz

4th Wales 19 fish for 34lb 4 3/4oz

Best bag John Mackintosh, England 21lb 4 3/4oz

Best Fish Stuart Crockett, Scotland 3lb 8 1/2oz

Top English Rod John Mackintosh 21lb 4 3/4oz

Top Irish Rod Harry McAteer 11lb 1 5/8oz

Top Scottish Rod James Fairlie 13lb 8 1/4oz

Top Welsh Rod Jamie Phillips 5lb 13 3/4oz

Best fish England John Mackintosh 3lb 1 1/8oz

Best Fish Ireland Christopher Kelly 2lb 12 3/4oz

Best Fish Scotland Stuart Crockett 3lb 8 1/2oz

Best Fish Wales Dafydd Davies 2lb 10 1/8oz

Invicta Tuesday Night Boat League

Twelve anglers took part in this week's boat league catching 27 trout giving a rod average of 2.25. Top rod on the evening was shared by three anglers each catching four trout

1st= John Vincent, Mark Searle and Peter Waterhouse 4 fish

2nd= Bob Ayres and Graham Williams 3 fish

3rd= Steve Middleton, Arthur Sexton and Sean Barnes 2 fish

Grafham is fishing well with the majority of trout caught in the top three feet of the surface. Boat anglers have had good sport with most trout being caught at the western end of the reservoir. L,H and M buoys, Savages Creek, Rainbow Point and the Seat area have been the most productive areas. The main tactics of the last week have been floating to Di3 lines with tequila blobs and boobies, cormorants, diawl bachs, crunchers, GRHE, claret or black hoppers.

Bank anglers have found the fishing a little challenging this week but there have been some trout caught at Hill Farm and Pylon Point on floating lines with damsel nymphs, diawl bachs and humungus.

Best Rainbow 4lb 2oz taken by R Palmer.

Best boat areas Savages Creek, Boils, Sanctuary Bay, L,M and H buoys, Rainbow Point, Seat, Lodge frontage.

Best bank areas Hill Farm, Pylon Point.

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner J Timothy of Milton Keynes

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events:

Invicta Tuesday Night boat league

Inter Club Floating Line Match 1 August

Lexus Individual heat 22 August

John Watts Trophy 28 August

Lexus Individual final 13 September (all boats booked)

Beginners courses: 8,15 & 29 August; 11,22 & 26 September and other dates throughout the season.

Rutland Water

Fish week 410 (season 23,883) Returns 161 (6,171) Rod average 2.54(3.87)

Holiday angler Warren Scott enjoyed a fantastic week at Rutland Water taking around 60 fish in total using a Di 3 line and mini lures.

The main areas to fish have been the main basin and the North Arm which is producing fish on most days. Boat anglers have been taking fish out around the aerators and drifts onto the middle section of the dam. Quality Rainbows are feeding in very shallow water with good numbers of fish in the 3-4lb bracket.

A number of bank anglers are experiencing excellent sport in the North Arm shallows with fish in very shallow (2-3 feet) of water. These fish are feeding very hard on Corixa in general with damsel nymphs and snails. Dry fly is working very well with the odd fish being taken on nymphs.

Competition News

Tuesday Evening Boat League

14 Anglers fished week 12 of this popular boat league, with only one blanking.

Peterborough's Keith Jones won the night with seven fish. Keith drifted off Ernies Point at Whitwell.

1st Keith Jones 7 fish for 12lb 10¼oz

2nd Phil Welbourn 7 fish for 11lb 3½oz

3rd Tom Cooper 6 fish for 10lb 7½oz

League placings

Phil Longstaff has a strong lead on 66 points with Richard Cooper in second with 44 points and Keith Jones in third place with 38 points.

Please note that an extra week has been added to the league so the final date will be Tuesday 17 August.

Two forthcoming competitions in August include:

Help for Heroes match Saturday 14 August. Entries are still being taken for this event which includes a tremendous tackle auction and evening meal.

Anglian Water four man Lochstyle team event Wednesday 18 August. This is open to all and you can put your own team of four together.

To find out more about both these matches call 01780 686441.

Best Rainbow 4lb 10oz taken by M Severn of Derby.

Best boat areas The main basin, drifts around the aerators and the top of the North Arm.

Best bank areas North Arm shallows, Carrot Creek, Barnhill Creek, Normanton, Whitwell, Sykes Lane.

Best methods Bank anglers - Dries and nymphs.

Boat anglers - Mini lures, gold/silver tubes, blobs, cormorants and nymphs/dries.

Mid week boat winner Michael Skipper of Oakham.

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.

Tuesday Night Boat League continues to 17 August

Beginners courses: 7,18 & 22 August; 5,11,15 & 18 September 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 374 (10,278) Returns 117 (3,024) Rod average 3.1 (3.4)

Mr Gayton of Wellingborough had a superb day from a boat this week, catching 8 fish. His best fish was a 6½lb Rainbow with four other Rainbows over 4lb and a Brown of 3lb 6oz. Season ticket holder Gerard Todd of Rushden took the best fish of the week a Rainbow of 8¼lb. Anglers have continued to catch some superb quality fish this week from Pitsford. Fishing from a boat using either small diawl bachs, nymphs or buzzers on floating line. Rudder fishing using lures or tube flies have been the most popular methods.

Bank fishing is more challenging at the moment with late evening being the best time using buzzers or nymphs and dry flies.

Best Rainbow 8¼lb taken by Gerard Todd of Rushden.

Best Brown 5lb 2oz taken by T Plummer.

Best boat areas Dam and main bowl.

Best bank areas Gravells.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner Bob Smith of Dodford, Northampton.

Fish stocked 575

Forthcoming events:

Beginners courses: 14 & 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 481 (8,402) Returns 72 (1,756) Rod average 6.7 (4.78)

Another super week at Ravensthorpe with fish coming to dries quite freely at times during the day given a ripple and a bit of cloud anglers are tempting some nice fish from the Coton End shallows and the Ravensthorpe shore. Daddies, hoppers, deer hare, sedge and small emergers are all taking their share. Nymphs and black or olive buzzers fished almost static from anchored boats also going well.

Anglers are taking advantage of the weed free banks and decent water condition to enjoy some exciting top of the water sport. Early and late are the best times. Top rod this week was Mike Osgood with 17 fish on Thursday from Platform 6.

Peter Gordon from Milton Keynes took a nice 9lb 5oz Rainbow from the boats, the fish coming to a black sedge pattern. Chris Neal and Tom Coombes returned 27 fish to their boat on Friday. Small emergers and hares ears were the successful flies.

Best Rainbow 9lb 5oz taken by Peter Gordon of Milton Keynes.

Best boat areas Coton shallows, Island and Hickmans Spinney

Best bank areas Platforms 3 to 12.

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner R Barlow of London.