

Fishery News Week ending 22 August 2010

• **Flying finish for Phil as he wins Rutland Water's Tuesday Evening boat League**

Phil Longstaff of Market Harborough wins title by 20 points.

• **Mark Searle seals victory in Grafham Water evening boat league**

Mark, of Cambridge, takes title by just two points from England Youth angler Kieran Bonas

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Grafham Water

Fish week 516 (21,160) Returns 119 (4,681) Rod average 4.33 (4.52)

Anglers are enjoying a rod average of 4.33 at Grafham Water with the majority of fish being caught in the top three feet of the water mainly on small nymphs, boobies and blobs.

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. Also silver invicta and black boobies have produced some good sport on floating lines. The best area for the boat anglers this week has been towards around G, K, B and I buoys which are now producing good catch rates. Bank fishing has picked up this week with trout being caught off the G bank, deep water point and the north end of the dam. The best method for the bank anglers has been floating lines with damsel nymphs and red holographic diawl bachs.

Competition News

Invicta Tuesday Night Boat League

This was the final evening of the popular boat league. Mark Searle went into the final match with 57 points, 3 points ahead of England Youth flyfisher Kieran Bonas on 54 points. There was a good turnout on the final evening and it fished well. In the end although Kieran caught more fish than Mark on the night, it wasn't quite enough. The final result of the series saw Mark Searle winning on 64 points with Kieran Bonas only two points behind on 62 points.

Best Rainbow 3lb 12oz taken by I Jones.

Best Brown 5lb.

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

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

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner: Pete Jeffery of Huntingdon.

Forthcoming events:

Invicta Tuesday Night boat league

John Watts Trophy 28 August

Lexus Individual final 13 September (all boats booked)

Beginners courses: 29 August; 11,22 & 26 September; 9,24 and 31 October.

Rutland Water

Fish week 1,104 (season 26,249) Returns 381(7,032) Rod average 2.89 (3.73)

Rutland Water Flyfishers member Steve Crowder of Chiswick fished in torrential rain last Saturday and was rewarded with a superb over wintered 5lb 5¼oz Rainbow. Steve hooked the fish in around two feet of water with a small dry daddy longlegs. In fact last week's variable weather conditions didn't seem to put the fish off with good numbers of limits recorded. Bank anglers have been around the shallows of the North Arm and it was here that the best fish of the week was taken.

The main basin has finally seen steady numbers of fish limits around the aerators and drifts up to the marker buoys on the dam for boat anglers.

Elsewhere some fish have come out of the North Arm and a few boats have ventured up to the south arm with fish being taken off Manton Bay, Browns Island and New Zealand Point.

Prospects look good, another 5,750 Rainbows were stocked last week, bringing the total for the season to 78,160. Fish are feeding on corixa, daphnia, buzzers and a few remaining damsel nymphs. Fry feeding hasn't taken off yet but a few sticklebacks are showing on the surface.

Competition news

Anglian Water Four Man Lochstyle

This match was fished on Wednesday 18 August. It was a very close finish with Team Rio Masters squeezing past Team Loop by just an ounce.

15 Teams (60 anglers) took part with a good majority of boats heading towards the main basin. A variety of flies were used from lures, cormorants and boobies whilst others took numbers of fish on nymphs. The top individual on the day was Renegades team member John Hardy who caught his eight fish by around 11.30. His bag weighed 16lb 1½oz. The best Brown (3lb 13 3/8oz) was taken by Clive Chatwin of Greenwells. Phil Cotton, fishing for Team Tightlines, landed the best Rainbow at 3lb 12oz.

1st Team Rio Master 32 fish for 56lb 15oz

2nd Team Loop 30 fish for 56lb 14oz

3rd Peregrine Team Esthwaite 29 fish for 51lb 3 3/8oz

4th Renegades 28 fish for 49lb 6 7/8oz

5th RAF Fish Hawks 24 fish for 42lb 4oz

6th Flyboys 24 fish for 41lb 4oz

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Phil finishes with a flourish.

The 2010 boat league was won by Phil Longstaff in fine style as he won the final night with an 8 fish limit.

Phil won £50 in tackle vouchers presented to him by warden Nigel Savage. The best fish taken during the league was Hilary Tomlinson's 4lb 14½oz Rainbow taken on week 8. Hilary won a £10 tackle voucher.

Week 15

1st Phil Longstaff 8 fish for 15lb 4½oz.

2nd Richard Cooper 5 fish for 9lb 6¾oz

3rd Bob Norman 3 fish for 4lb 11oz.

Best fish Paul Wild 2lb 15½oz Brown.

2010 Tuesday Night Boat League final placing

1st Phil Longstaff 83 points
2nd Richard Cooper 63 points
3rd Keith Jones 47 points
4th Paul Wild 42 points
5th Bob Norman 32 points
6th Hilary Tomlinson 29 points

A total of 224 rods fished this 15 week series, catching 510 fish. Anglian Water would like to thank everyone who fished this year and we look forward to the 2011 boat league. A welcome highlight for anglers returning to the pontoon on Tuesday evenings was the delicious fish and chips delivered to the lodge by Sid's Fish and Chips of Stamford.

Best Rainbow 5lb 5¼oz taken by Steve Crowden from Chiswick.

Best boat areas Drifts through the aerators onto the dam and Normanton bank.
Bottom of the North Arm, Finches, Armley Wood, New Zealand Point.

Best bank areas North Arm shallows, Normanton, Sykes Lane, New Zealand Point.

Best methods Bank anglers - dries and nymphs.
Boat anglers - As for bank anglers, but include various sinking lines and lures.

Mid week boat winner Phil Welbourn of Deeping St James.

Fish stocked 5,750.

Forthcoming events:

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

Lexus Team final 3 and 4 September - please note all boats are booked. Limited number of boats available throughout this coming week - please check for availability.

Beginners courses: 5,11,15 & 18 September; 3,16 & 30 October.

Pitsford Water

Fish week 4.1(3.45) Returns 138 (3,426) Rod average 4.1 (3.45)

Pitsford Water continues to fish phenomenally well, with a rod average of over four fish a rod. Sport remains in the main basin area with drifting boats and traditional flies like silver invicta and mini muddlers taking fish. Other favoured patterns are the old diawl bach fished on the washing line style. The top of the narrows is now worth visiting as well with good fish seen moving close to weed beds on the Cliffs and Sermans bank. Lots of good quality fish have been recorded this week with fish between 3 and 5lb regularly being caught.

Invicta club members fished at Pitsford last week with ten anglers taking 56 fish so achieving a rod average of 5.6. Graham Williams recorded the heaviest bag with 6 fish for 11lb 6oz.

Bank anglers are still finding access a little tricky and need to take care when wading. Nick Nicholson, of Haselbech, Northampton, gave it a go on Wednesday and banked 5 superb quality Rainbows. His best was an over wintered Rainbow of 5lb 7oz, he also took a brace of Brown trout with his best weighing 4lb 12oz. Nick fished near to Rigbys Point. Bank fishing will improve as weed rots down and water levels change. The weed beds are a magnet to the trout, hosting lots of food.

Best Rainbow 6lb

Best Brown 6lb

Best boat areas Main bowl, Dam, Sailing Club Bay, Narrows, Gravel banks.

Best bank areas Rigbys Point, Stilton Point, Gravels, Duffers Reach.
Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner Ivor Warne of Bucks.

Fish stocked 300

Forthcoming events:

Beginners courses: 28 August; 4,8 & 25 September; 2,10 and 23 October.

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

Ravensthorpe Rservoir

Fish week 415 (9,647) Returns 105(2,075) Rod average 3.95(4.65)

The best fishing at Ravensthorpe is at the Coton end with boat anglers reporting some good catches. Most fish have been taken just sub surface or on the top on dries depending on the weather conditions. The best flies have been diawl bach, GRHE, buzzers, or hoppers fished on floating lines whilst drifting. Bank anglers are using similar methods to the boat anglers and are taking fish from the platforms.

Best Rainbow 5lb.

Best Brown 4lb.

Best boat areas Coton End/dam.

Best bank areas Platforms 11 and 12.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner Stan Hillman of Banbury.