

**Fishery News** Week ending 4 July 2010

**Rutland Water's no riddle for Michael (Jimmy) Riddell**

Personal best Brown and best Brown of the week weighs in at 12lb 9oz for Hartlepool angler

**Oliver lands more than he bargains for at Grafham Water**

11lb 12oz Zander for Oliver Avis as he practices for Youth International

**Pick of the Pike with Anglian Water**

Boat fish for Pike from 16 June at Rutland, Grafham & Pitsford - permits to fish with flies over 10cm, using a wire trace for pike & zander.

**Pike permits (plus usual boat fees)**

Predator season permit £199

Predator day permit £15

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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  
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**Grafham Water**

**Fish week 251 (16,877) Returns 138 (3,401) Rod average 1.81(4.96)**

The fishing at Grafham Water this week has been a little challenging with the hot and bright days that we have been experiencing for the past fortnight. Boat anglers have had the best of the sport this week mainly at Savages Creek, Rainbow Point and L buoy and on the Boils at I buoy. The main methods for the boat anglers have been crunchers, claret or bibio hoppers, tequila boobies and damsel nymphs pulled slowly just below the surface.

Bank anglers have had some success by fishing floating lines with diawl bachs, damsel nymphs and crunchers from the Plummer and Mander banks.

Oliver Avis from Manchester got more than he bargained for whilst practicing for the Youth National. Oliver took an 11lb 12oz Zander on a yellow blob with floating line from the Willows.

**Competition News**

**Invicta Tuesday Night Boat League**

20 anglers took part in this week's boat league. Fen Oakley and Bob Ayres who both managed to catch two fish each shared top rod on the evening.

Best Rainbow 3lb 14oz taken by Neil Cameron of Newmarket.

Best Brown 4lb taken by J Reed of Bury St Edmunds.

Best boat areas Savages Creek, Rainbow Point, L buoy, Boils.

Best bank areas Plummer and Mander car park frontages.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner P Burr of Knebworth

Fish stocked 2,500

**Forthcoming events:**

**Invicta Tuesday Night boat league**

**Anglian Water Airflo International Midland Final** 12 July

**Anglian Water Airflo International Southern Final** 19 July

**Youth International** 28 July

**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 957 (season 21,407) Returns 361 (5,215) Rod average 2.65(4.1)**

Michael Riddell (known as `Jimmy' to most people) recorded a personal best Brown last Thursday. Jimmy was fishing with boat partner Al Owen and netted a superb 12lb 9oz specimen, fishing a floating line and one of Al's buzzers. The fish took around 30 minutes to boat. Originally from Hartlepool, Jimmy now lives in France, and made the most of his short stay in England to visit Rutland Water for two days. On the second day of his visit Jimmy fished in an RAF competition and recorded the top individual spot on the day.

The best Rainbow of the week weighed in at 4lb 14½oz and was recorded by Hilary Tomlinson of Whissendine. This was part of a brace of fish including a nice Brown which

won Hilary this week's Tuesday Night Boat League match.

The recent hot weather has made fishing more challenging, although fish are active on the surface feeding on pin fry and damsels. There are still good numbers of fish feeding on other items of food ranging from buzzers which are still hatching in good numbers, especially in late evening, to corixa, sedge and daphnia.

### **Competition news**

#### **Tuesday night boat league week 8**

Hilary Tomlinson's excellent brace of fish was the best bag on the night to give her victory in week 8. The title race is on between Phil Longstaff and Richard Cooper with both consistently winning points every week.

1<sup>st</sup> Hilary Tomlinson 2 fish for 7lb 7½oz

2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Longstaff 3 fish for 5lb 15½oz

3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Cooper 2 fish for 4lb 0½oz

Best Rainbow 4lb 14½oz taken by Hilary Tomlinson.

Best Brown 12lb 9oz taken by M Riddell of Hartlepool.

Best boat areas Top of the North Arm, Carrot Creek to Armley Wood. Sailing Club, New Zealand Point, Yellowstone, Laxhill, cattle trough Bay, Gibbets Gorse.

Best bank areas: Sailing Club, Normanton, Sykes Lane, Gibbets Gorse.

Best methods: Floating/midge tip lines with nymphs/buzzers, diawl bach, damsel nymphs.

Mid week boat winner: J Dempsey of Bedworth, Coventry.

### **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:** 11, 18 & 25 July; 1,7,18 & 22 August and other dates throughout the season.

## **Tuesday Evening Boat League**

**Anglian Water Over 50's Loch style 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 159 (8,876) Returns 105 (2,562) Rod average 1.4(3.4)**

Fly fishing legend Bob Church and boat partner Mick Green shared a boat last Wednesday. Despite hot and bright conditions they both caught a fish each from the Small Half. Bob's fish was a 7lb Brown and Mick caught a 7lb 6oz Rainbow. Bob, who returned his fish to fight another day, caught his Brown on a white and green minkie purchased from the tackle shop in the morning.

Pitsford Water hosted a qualifier for the Individual Lexus European Flyfishing Championships on Saturday. 15 Anglers fished catching 52 fish. The top rod was Milan Hladik. Milan, from the Czech Republic, caught his bag limit using a fast glass intermediate line and a damsel nymph.

1<sup>st</sup> Milan Hladik. 8 fish for 17lb 14oz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Hedges 6 fish for 13lb 2oz  
3<sup>rd</sup> John Pearn 7 fish for 12lb 4oz  
4<sup>th</sup> Laurence Foster 6 fish for 9lb 15oz

Best Rainbow 7lb 6oz taken by Mick Green.

Best Brown 7lb taken by Bob Church

Best boat areas the dam, small half and the boils.

Best bank areas Northfields shore and the Pines.

Best methods Floating and intermediate lines, nymphs and dries just under the surface.

Mid week boat winner: G Brown of Northampton.

Fish stocked 700

## **Forthcoming events:**

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

season.

## **Ravensthorpe Reservoir**

**Fish week 313 (7,001) Returns 74 (1,471) Rod average 4.2(4.7)**

Anglers at Ravensthorpe have enjoyed some great sport this week, despite the hot, bright conditions.

Mr Elliot and Mr Hoskins from Bromsgrove had a super day from the boat taking 42 fish between them. Peter Gordon enjoyed another great day at Ravensthorpe catching over 30 fish in two afternoon sessions. Many other anglers reported catches into double figures.

The best fish of the week was a lovely Rainbow of 8lb taken by Martin Shea of Wrexham. Martin fished with a floating line and orange-cheeked buzzers from a boat at the Coton End of the reservoir, also taking another nine fish in the evening.

Best methods have been floating lines, with black or green buzzers or green diawl bachs. Bank fishing has been good in early morning or late evening. Floating lines with hares ears, small nymphs or olives are working well.

Best Rainbow 8lb taken by Martin Shea of Wrexham.

Best boat areas Coton End.

Best bank areas: Platforms 5 to 12.

Best methods: Susan Deacon of South Kilworth.

Fish stocked: 500