

Fishery News Week ending 8 August 2010

· Celebrity anglers Help the Heroes Pairs at Rutland Water Saturday 14 August

**Guests include Ex England goal keeper David Seaman, presenter John Wilson
and World Champion Iain Barr**

Entries are still being taken for this event which includes a tremendous tackle auction

and evening meal. Further details from Rutland Water Fishing Lodge 01780 686441

· New rod casts magic for Steve Betts landing him Rutland Water's best Rainbow of the week

7lb 8oz Rainbow for Steve Betts of Peterborough - plus it's his first fish on his new rod!

· Biggest Rainbow of the week weighs 8lb 1oz at Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Jason Clarke of Whiston fishes washing line set up to take superb Rainbow.

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Grafham Water

Fish week 715 (20,308) Returns 240 (4,440) Rod average 2.97(4.57)

Anglers have enjoyed steady sport at Grafham Water this week and the vast majority of trout are being caught in the top three feet of the water mainly on small nymphs.

Boat anglers have had the best 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 produced some good sport on floating lines. The best areas for the boat anglers at the beginning of last week were Rainbow Point, Nature Reserve frontage, L buoy and the lodge frontage. However, towards the end of the week and for the first time this season, G,K, B and I buoys started to produce good catch rates by fishing the same methods as earlier in the week.

Bank anglers have found the fishing challenging this week but there have been a few trout caught off the G bank which is promising as this area is nearly always the most productive bank fishing on the reservoir. The best method for the bank anglers has been floating lines with damsel nymphs and red holographic diawl bachs.

Competition News

Inter club floating line match 31 July

13 teams of 4 anglers competed in this match catching 1423 trout to give a rod average of 3.09. The victorious team on the day was Invicta B who narrowly beat GWFFA D by 7oz. Top individual on the day was Gary How of Invicta B. Gary caught 8 trout weighing 16lb 12oz by drifting from Savages Creek to Hede End with a tequila booby on the top dropper with two red diawl bachs behind. Best fish on the day was caught by Mark Searle (Invicta the G Boys) a cracking over wintered Rainbow of 3lb 8oz.

1st Invicta B 18 fish for 35lb 3oz

2nd GWFFA D 18 fish for 34lb 12oz

3rd GWFFA A 16 fish for 30lb 2oz

Invicta Tuesday Night Boat League

16 Anglers took part in this week's boat league catching 19 trout. Top rod on the evening was Invicta chairman Lawson Wight. Lawson caught and released three trout in the three hour match. Peter Oldham, Adam Worker, Alan Briggs and Kieran Caulfield shared second place with two fish apiece.

Best Rainbow 4lb 8oz taken by Patrick Stratton of Ramsey.

Best Brown 4lb 8oz.

Best boat areas Savages Creek, Boils, L,K,B,G and I buoys, lodge frontage.

Best bank areas Hill Farm, G bank.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner Gary Hardy of St Neots.

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

Rutland Water

Fish week 742 (season 24,625) Returns 315 (6,486) Rod average 2.35(3.79)

Steve Betts from Eastrea near Peterborough recorded the best fish of the week - an excellent 7lb 8oz Rainbow. Steve fished a sinking line with a gold and silver tube fly. He was boat fishing off the mouth of Dickensons Bay and it was the first fish he has caught on his new rod.

Graham Willis and Paul Mitchell shared a boat on Sunday with Graham taking a lovely Rainbow of 5lb 11oz. Paul, of Nuneaton, landed the best Brown of the week at 6lb 6oz.

Boat anglers have caught in the Main Basin around the aerators and drifts into Fantasy Island. Other areas include the Mound, Willow Bay and Whitwell front. Fish have also come from the top of the North Arm along from Tim Appleton's to the transformer.

Bank anglers have had challenging but exciting sport fishing up the North Arm shallows. Fish have been feeding in around as little as one foot of water at times with a well placed dry/emergent pattern taking corixa feeding fish. Damsel nymphs have also been on the diet with buzzer and sedge in the evenings.

Competition News

Tuesday Evening Boat League

It was lucky week 13 for Richard Cooper of Empingham. Richard won with 5 fish to earn 10 points giving him a running total of 54 league points. League leader Phil Longstaff failed to win any points this week but he still heads the rest of the field with a 10 point margin and two weeks to go.

1st Richard Cooper 5 fish for 8lb 3¾oz

2nd Paul Kirkup 4 fish for 7lb 11¼oz

3rd Paul Wild 3 fish for 5lb 5oz

Help for Heroes match Saturday 14 August.

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Best Rainbow 7lb 8oz taken by Steve Betts of Peterborough.

Best Brown 6lb 6oz taken by Paul Mitchell of Nuneaton.

Best boat areas The Mound, Willow Bay, Whitwell front, aerators, drifts onto the Normanton bank, top of the North Arm.

Best bank areas Top of the North Arm (shallows, Normanton, Whitwell, Sykes Lane).

Best methods Bank anglers - dry fly, nymphs.

Boat anglers - as for bank and include mini lures, gold/silver tubes.

Mid week boat winner Dan Perks.

Fish stocked 3,660.

Forthcoming events:

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

Tuesday Night Boat League continues to 17 August

Beginners courses: 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 01780 686441 for more information.

Anglian Water Loch Style 4 Man Team 18 August

Pitsford Water

Fish week 548 (10,826) Returns 136 (3,160) Rod average 4.03(3.43)

The recent conditions have been overcast with a gentle wind and have proved ideal for the boat anglers with a rod average of 4 plus. Anglers have taken lots of bag limits and some superb quality fish have come to a variety of methods. With Rainbows feeding in the upper layers try fishing a floating line or midge tip with small dries, emergers and nymphs for the best sport. Top flies are green flashback diawls, GRHE, olive crunchers, daddies and buzzers. Alternatively some quality Rainbows and Browns are being taken on mainly silver tubes on the rudder from the main bowl and the narrows.

Messrs Mead and Campbell quickly achieved double limits when drifting their boats in the main bowl. They fished floating lines with diawls and crunchers. D Aldridge from Horsley fished a damsel and GRHE to take a cracking bag from the bank. His two best fish weighed 4lb each.

Competition news

The Association of Midland Fly Fisher Clubs fished Pitsford Water on Saturday. Anglers weighed in 123 fish for a 5.5 rod average. Top rod was Dave Summers of English Police FF with 8 fish for 18lb, closely followed by Mick Fairey with 17lb and David Moore at 16lb 5oz.

Bank anglers are advised to speak to either Brian or Kay at the fishing lodge to ascertain the best areas to fish as conditions change on a daily basis.

The Pike anglers are taking plenty of jacks up to 12lb.

Best Rainbow 4lb taken by D Aldridge of Horsley.

Best boat areas Main bowl, narrows.

Best bank areas Gravels, Gorge, Rigbys.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner P Navin of Helsby, Cheshire.

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 523(8,925) Returns 101(1,857) Rod average 5.19 (4.8)

The fishing at Ravensthorpe is superb for both bank and boat anglers with a 5 plus rod

average. The majority of fish have been caught in the top two feet of water. Top Rainbow this week was taken by Jason Clarke of Whiston. Jason fished from a boat off the Coton car park using a washing line set up with two diawls to take his fish. Brian Perry of Royston returned 17 fish on Thursday, again fishing diawls and crunchers from a drifting boat.

The Coton End is dominating the catch rates with fish rising freely to large or small dries, emergers or sub surface nymphs, depending on the light and wind conditions. Top flies are black hoppers, deer's hair sedge, parachutes, olive crunchers, bobs bits, skinny damsels and size 12/14 thinly dressed green diawls.

Best Rainbow 8lb 1oz taken by Jason Clarke of Whiston,

Best boat areas Coton End to Island. Domes to Mongers Point.

Best bank areas Coton car park and Platforms 11 and 12.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner Dave Watts of Milton Keynes.