



The Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs

2009 Newsletter

All the Results – All the Reports – Each Round

June/July all the Round Three Results

New Fulling Mill Trophy for Group Four

It is about four years since the Association had enough members to have four groups. This year we are again fishing a fourth group.

Unfortunately when the trophy was last awarded it was badly damaged. We have made valiant efforts to have it repaired but all quotes we have had are more expensive than the statue was, when originally purchased.

I approached Barry Unwin of **Fulling Mill** and explained the situation. I do not think either Fulling Mill or the Association was happy with awarding a badly damaged trophy so Fulling Mill have agreed to finance a NEW Fulling Mill Trophy for Group Four.

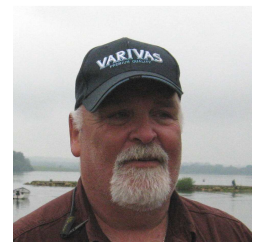
No decision has been made as to whether it will be a cup, shield or salver. I will include a picture in the next newsletter when it is ready.

DID YOU KNOW?



Micky Bewick

I received an e-mail from Micky the other day to say he had decided to go and live in Ireland. He said that the match he fished at Grafham on 23rd. May would be the last time he fished for Queen Mother F.F. in an A.M.F.C. match.



Micky managed the Queen

The Patron Saint of Anglers

The Patron Saint of Anglers (and Weavers) is St. Benno of Meissen (yes the famous pottery town in Germany).

About the same time as William of Normandy was invading England at the Battle of Hastings – 1066. Benno was in conflict with the ruler of the Holy Roman Empire- Emperor Henry IV.

The story goes that in order to stop Henry IV from entering the cathedral he threw the keys into the local river. A fish rescued the keys and kept them in its mouth until it was safe to return them.

In the above picture of St. Benno he is holding a fish with a key in its mouth. His Saint's Day is 16th. June

Not another apology!

The total points for Soldier Palmers 'B' Team in Group Three was incorrect.

Their total should be 6 points not the 4 that appeared in the May Newsletter

Mother Reservoir, until it closed for fishing a number years ago. He ran the Q.M. Team and was a member of our committee. Micky will be missed and we wish him ALL THE BEST.

Best Fish of the Season (so far) in the Round Three Match Fished at Hanningfield on 28th June for John Hancock of Bewl 'A'

Results

Name No Weight

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'

John Hancock	5	14lbs
Dave Withers	8	16lbs 6oz
Micky Dwyer	8	18lbs 14oz
Len Childs	8	16lbs 9oz
Rob Thomas	2	3lbs 1oz
Steve Collins	8	16lbs 13oz
TOTAL	85lbs	7oz

Fish Hawks 'A'

Mal Bruce	5	9lbs 12oz
Phil Thomas	8	14lbs 11oz
Al Gamble	8	16lbs 14oz
Col Martin	7	12lbs 10oz
Si Morris	7	13lbs 4oz
Al Grice Jackson	8	17lbs 12oz
TOTAL	94lbs	15oz

Hanningfield F.A.

Lloyd Pallet	8	18lbs 6oz
Alan Stern	3	7lbs
Gary Morris	8	20lbs 8oz
John Stevenson	8	15lbs 2oz
Phil Shaw- Brown	4	7lbs 9oz
Nathan Ineson	2	3lbs 10oz
TOTAL	72lbs	1oz

Rutland Water F.F.

Sean Cutting	8	19lbs 8oz
Mike Gunnell	6	12lbs 14oz
David Lang	8	17lbs 10oz
Ron Gent	5	9lbs 8oz
Mike Barrett	5	9lbs 7oz
David Holroyd	6	12lbs 12oz
TOTAL	81lbs	11oz

Soldier Palmers 'A'

Dave Hussein	8	13lbs 14oz
Graham Lumsden	7	18lbs 2oz
TOTAL	32lbs	

Best Bag 24lbs 11oz

Phil Thomas (Fish Hawks)

Best Fish of season

7lbs

John Hancock (Bewl 'A')

Pictured right

Average weight 2lbs 1oz

Average bag 6.5 fish

Confirmation

The team results given in the last Newsletter for Round Two were accurate. The winning margin between first(Fish Hawks) and second (Bewl) **was just 2oz**

As with most still waters after the beginning of the forecast B.BQ summer, Hanningfield was suffering from algal blooms. In this case it was the horrible flocculent algae. Fortunately it was not universal and clearer water could be found along Middlemead.

Not only that, but the fish were high in the water with floaters, midge tips and slow sinkers being the lines of choice.

The washing line technique was again successful with buzzers, crunchers and diawl bachs fished behind the ubiquitous booby.

One angler reported that it did not matter which line, or which nymphs, the fish always took the booby.

I believe that most of the



Fortunately also, there were lots of fish along Middlemead and that is where all the boats converged.

The weather was kind. Overcast with very light winds.

anglers from Soldier Palmers, who previously fished in the 'A' Team have decided to concentrate on the more *prestigious(?)* International Competitions. This has left the Soldier Palmers struggling. **Stick in there lads!**

Fish Hawks 'A' Team, (pictured above) with back to back wins head the table by one point over Bewl 'A' Team.

Half way through the season and those two teams are beginning to open up a small gap. There is still a long way to go and the gap is not so big and everything could change.



Hot – Sunny and Windless but Group Two still manage a 5.2 Average In their Round Three Match on Rutland on Sunday 28th. June

Results

Name **No** **Weight**

Bristol Reservoirs F.A.

Tony George	4	8lbs 9oz
Tony Baldwin	6	14lbs 7.75oz
Paul Roach	5	12lbs 5.5oz
Andrew Wales	3	6lbs 10oz
Andre Guysler	8	19lbs 2oz
Glyn Holmes	8	20lbs 0oz
TOTAL	81lbs	12.25oz

Grafham Water F.F.A. 'A'

Richard Kesek	8	24lbs 14oz
Harley Smith	4	9lbs 4.5oz
Andy Linwood	2	4lbs 2oz
Mark Brinkman	5	10lbs 11oz
Gorden Alleyne	3	6lbs 11oz
John Batter	3	7lbs 0.25oz
TOTAL	62lbs	10.75oz

Iver F.F.

Ron Lusardi	6	12lbs 10.5oz
Eddie Gray	6	13lbs 9.75oz
Ray Simpson	6	17lbs 2oz
Clive Collier	6	11lbs 15.5oz
Roy Palmer	5	10lbs 4.75oz
Simon Newman	7	19lbs 4oz
TOTAL	84lbs	14.5oz

Queen Mother F.F.

Dave Kidby	3	6lbs 2.5oz
Tony Kirkham	5	11lbs 14.5oz
Martin Conroy	4	8lbs 14oz
Danny Peat	8	23lbs 12.5oz
Mikle Hill	7	18lbs 10.25oz
Al Munn	7	15lbs 5.5oz
TOTAL	84lbs	11.25oz

Royal Navy/Marines

Al Mundy	7	16lbs 15.75oz
Dave Morton	2	3lbs 13oz
Ron Tutt	4	8lbs 15.5oz
Tony Wilkinson	4	10lbs
Neil Jones	4	9lbs 15.5oz
Nigel Evans	7	17lbs
TOTAL	66lbs	11.75oz

Best Bag 24lbs 14oz

Richard Kesek (G.W.F.F.A.)

Best Fish 5lbs 1.5oz

Ray Simpson (Iver F.C.)



If you wanted almost perfect conditions to persuade you NOT to go fishing on a large still water, Sunday 28th. June would a good example.

By mid day Rutland was a flat calm. By mid day the cloud had burned off and it was **HOT**. Additionally the widespread algae bloom covered most of the reservoir.



Iver F.C. Winners

As they left the harbour, half the boats turned left to go to Yellowstone and the other half right, to go to the main bowl.

It was not long before the Yellowstone boats were also in the main basin.

The boils had been put *out of bounds* and most of the boats headed across to the North Shore at Sykes Lane. This was the wrong decision and the only boat who chose Fantasy Island found fish immediately.

This boat with Richard Kesek and Danny Peet was the only one with both anglers catching a limit. It is possible that their success was influenced by the fact that the water in this area was clear.

By mid afternoon at least sixteen boats were concentrated in this area, which continued to give fish, although much more slowly as the afternoon progresses.

Eddie Gray reported loosing two fish in the last half hour from this area.

Not many years ago every boat, in these conditions, would have set out with a HiD or similar. As they left the harbour almost every boat had a floater on. Every report I had was that fish were caught on floaters, or sink tips and slow sinkers, with buzzers

being the most successful flies.

Richard Kesek (below) had his limit before midday. He used a sink tip and a buzzer/diawl bach/buzzer/diawl bach four fly combination and all his fish came to the buzzers.



Half way through the season and it is close at both the top of the table and the bottom. There is still time for things to change.

With the Lodge restaurant closing at 5.00 pm. We moved to the Royal Oak at North Luffeneham for an excellent meal.

The Good – the bad but Grafham is never Ugly

Finding the fish and then finding the method difficult for all but the privileged few in the Group Three Round Three match on Grafham on 15th. July

Results

Name **No** **Weight**

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'

Bob Shaw	4	9lbs 2oz
Mick Phips	1	2lbs
Ray French	5	12lbs 10oz
Doug Skins	6	14lbs 9oz
David Little	2	4lbs 3oz
Ken Holmes	4	9lbs 5oz
TOTAL		51lbs 13oz

Crawley F. C.

Bob Sanger	1	1lb 8oz
Bob Birchall	1	2lbs 2oz
Billy King	3	6lbs 8oz
Stef van Furens	2	3lbs 9oz
Alan Hall	5	12lbs
Tony Kaatze	2	4lbs 1oz
TOTAL		29lbs 12oz

Fish Hawks 'B'

Si Gaines	8	19lbs 13oz
Keith Jones	0	
Mark O'Neil	0	
Dave McKay	0	
Dave Newing	5	11lbs 15oz

TOTAL		31lbs 12oz

Invicta F.C. 'A'

Alan Taylor	0	
Mike Smith	3	7lbs 3oz
John Brownbridge	4	8lbs 3oz
Lawson Wight	6	13lbs 5oz
John Caldwell	2	4lbs 12oz
Chris McLoed	3	5lbs 11oz
TOTAL		32lbs 9oz

Soldier Palmers 'B'

John Gamon	5	10lbs 12oz
Dave Froggatt	5	9lbs 6oz
Jamie Thomas	5	12lbs 5oz
Garry Cullen	3	7lbs 5oz

TOTAL		39lbs 12oz

Best Bag 19lbs 13oz

Si Gaines (Fish Hawks 'B')

Best Fish 3lbs 5oz

Si Gaines (Fish Hawks 'B')

Mike Smith (Invicta F.C. 'A')

Average Weight 2lbs 4oz

Average Catch 3.10 each

It was warm, it was windy from the South West and there was little evidence of hatching fly. This made Grafham rather difficult!

At the start the fleet split into two groups. One group turning left, and drifting out from the Lymage Bank towards L. Buoy. The rest turning right, and drifting off the Sludge Lagoon Bank.

Very few boats headed for the North Shore and the rough water. The winning Bewl 'B'

about the fastest sinkers needed and even then takes came as the fly was lifting upwards towards the surface.

So high in the water were the fish that anglers reported chasing behaviour as boobies were waked across the surface.

Comment by the Association Secretary concerning the wind!

Dave Froggatt, my boat partner of the day, netted five trout and three caps. Two were his and one mine!



Team, (above) bucked this trend, and slipped away to Savages. They were also the only team who caught consistently on nymphs.

By mid day the boats that had started on the Western banks had also moved to the Sludge Lagoon. By then boats were braving the increasingly uncomfortable conditions and extending their drifts further out into the middle. By mid afternoon this extended right onto the Northern Shore.

The only limit (and the only limit caught in Group Four, who also fished on the day) came from these boats.

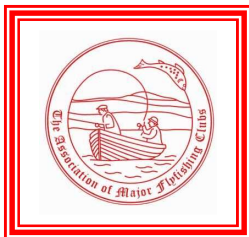
With no fly life on the water lures dominated the day. However with cloud cover almost all day the fish were high in the water. Di 4's were

Black was the favoured colour and fast and jerky the required retrieve.

One of only two limits on the day came to cormorants held static and vertical as the boat drifted towards it and then two quick rips upwards, with a brief hold between rips and before the flies were lifted off the water for the next cast.

Si Gaines (Fish Hawks 'B') BEST BAG





Challenge Table 2009 – Running Scores

Points scored for:

Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Totals	Position
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Group One

<i>Bowl Bridge F.C. 'A'</i>	3	4	4				11	2
<i>Fish Hawks 'A'</i>	2	5	5				12	1
<i>Hanningfield F.A.</i>	4	3	2				9	3
<i>Rutland Water F.F.</i>	1	2	3				6	5
<i>Soldier Palmers 'A'</i>	5	1	1				7	4

Group Two

<i>Bristol Reservoirs F.A.</i>	3	3	3				9	2=
<i>Grafham Water F.A. 'A'</i>	4	4	1				9	2=
<i>Iver F.C.</i>	0	1	5				6	4=
<i>Queen Mother F.C.</i>	0	2	4				6	4=
<i>Royal Navy/Marines</i>	5	5	2				12	1

Group Three

<i>Bowl Bridge F.C. 'B'</i>	3	5	5				13	1
<i>Crawley F.C.</i>	1	1	1				3	5
<i>Fish Hawks 'B'</i>	4	2	2				8	3=
<i>Invicta F.C. 'A'</i>	5	3	3				11	2
<i>Soldier Palmers 'B'</i>	2	2	4				8	3=

Group Four

<i>East Midlands .T.F.A</i>	4	4	3				11	1
<i>Grafham Water F.A. 'B'</i>	3	3	4				10	2
<i>Invicta F.C. 'B'</i>	1	2	1				4	4
<i>Tunbridge Wells F.C.</i>	2	1	2				5	3