



The Association of Major Fly Fishing Clubs

2011 August Newsletter

All the Results – All the Reports – Each Month

I warned you not to take a fishing holiday the same week that I do!!

Last year on the River Ure it was rain which produced a thick brown muddy torrent.

This year it was **Wind** on Rutland. For five days it **blew** from the West. On the sixth – the day we did not fish - it was a flat calm.

On Rutland we averaged one fish each per day. On the day we drove home I received the following report from Mike Gunnell.

Fished Rutland on Saturday with Mike Barrett. We had 18 to the boat, and dropped several, with two fish around 4lbs, down the bottom of the South Arm. It was crawling with fish.

Midge tip, washing line and UV Cruchers was the method. But the conditions were ideal, cloudy and warm breeze. The day before it didn't fish at all apparently. (I know that!) It also fished well in the main bowl on Saturday with numerous eight fish limits.

We did eventually abandon Rutland and had a day on Eyebrook. **How can two waters so close be so different?** Eyebrook was almost magical. Apart from a two hour lull in the afternoon we caught all day on dries, with Shuttlecocks being the most effective.

It is clear from the Results of the two matches on Grafham during the same week that both these waters were difficult to *traditional* methods.

On one of the days we fished Rutland, two well know anglers fished on the rudder with tube flies and completed their limits in early afternoon.



A Reminder

In the July Issue I attached information about the **Burton Game Fishing and Fly Tying Festival**.

This is a new venture and it would be good to get it off to a good start.

So come on let's see if every member organisation can get together five tyers and send in at least one entry for the Fly Tying Competition. I think **ENTRIES** will be accepted until the middle of September.

Group Four have finished their Group Programme but all other Groups have matches in September.

The last one is Group One on Rutland on 24th. September and I shall be there. I should be able to get the September Newsletter out either the next, or next but one, day.

This will give everyone time to consider the Table Positions. Who needs to do what to get promotion, or beat relegation.

As I mentioned in the Group Four Round Five Report they have fished full teams for every match – so far.

This is the first time this has happened and congratulations are in order. I haven't looked back at all the years but my **STRONG** impression is that this has been the best year ever for participation. We have not had a **Team Absent** and very few times when teams have been short.

Group Three meet almost impossible conditions at Grafahm Water For their Round Four Match

Results

Name **No** **Weight**

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'

Bob Shaw	2	5lbs 12oz
Ray French	0	
Chris Nunn	2	3lbs 11oz
John Benford	1	3lbs 7oz
Ray Simpson	1	1lb 13oz
Ralph Painter	0	
TOTAL	14lbs 1oz	

Grafham Water F.F.A. 'B'

Peter Hartley	3	7lbs 2oz
Tony Sterling	0	
Joan Russell	0	
Gordon Alleyne	1	2lbs 5oz
Yusriy Smith	0	
Craig Barr	1	1lb 14oz
TOTAL	11lbs 5oz	

Invicta F.C. 'A'

Lawson Wight	1	2lbs 13oz
John Mees	1	1lb 15oz
Ron Lusardi	1	4lbs 2oz
Gary How	2	4lbs 10oz
Andy Newman	1	2lbs 12oz
Keiran Caulfield	1	2lbs 0oz
TOTAL	18lbs 4oz	

Tunbridge Wells

Keith Nicholson	3	7lbs 7oz
Vince Brooks	2	4lbs 8oz
Mick Dwyer	1	1lb 13oz
Jim McGonigle	0	
Keith Lawrence	2	5lbs 5oz
Bob Holland	0	
TOTAL	19lbs 1oz	

Best Bag 7lbs 7oz

Keith Nicholson (T. Wells)

Best Fish 4lbs 2oz

Ron Lusardi (Invicta)

“Challenging” was the most polite term I heard used when describing the fishing at Grafham for the group 3, fourth round match. The forecast was for hot (28 C), little or no wind and the possibility of thunderstorms and this proved spot on.

land a fish.

By now thunder was audible and the darkening sky and strengthening wind were threatening to force everyone off the water. Fortunately, the storm slipped by a few miles to the west. The cloud and breeze



Tunbridge Wells – Winners

At the off, all but one boat headed toward the eastern end of the reservoir as the teams that practiced the day before had reported a rod average of nearly 1 from this area! The oppressive conditions certainly seemed to be keeping the trout quiet around K buoy and the boats off the seat seemed to be faring no better.

brought some welcome relief but now the very slow catch rate seemed to come to a grinding halt and very few rods were seen to bend after this.

A difficult day was rounded off by excellent food and drink with good company in the delightfully cool garden at Wheatsheaf in Perry.

After a couple of hours having seen only one fish caught, the remaining 7 or so boats gradually headed for the rest of the fleet at G buoy and the bowl of the dam. Upon arriving at the dam it quickly became clear that the challenging theme was continuing and by 1 o'clock many boats had yet to



Ron Lusardi – Best Fish

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	TOTAL	POSITION
<i>Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'</i>	2	3	3	2			10	3
<i>Grafham Water F.F.A. 'B'</i>	1	2	2	1			6	4
<i>Invicta F.C. 'A'</i>	3	1	4	3			11	2
<i>Tunbridge Wells T.F.S.</i>	4	4	1	4			13	1

One Angler with a Seven Fish Bag Dominates the Group Four – Round Five Match On a Very Difficult Grafham

Results

Name **No** **Weight**

East Midlands T.F.A.

Allan Sefton	0	
Ian Pow	0	
Ashley Cooper	3	5lbs 14oz
Graham Bodsworth	0	
Mick Facey	0	
John Clarke	1	3lbs 3oz
TOTAL		9lbs 1oz

England Police F.F.A.

Gary Hoskins	2	5lbs 5oz
Martyn Barratt	3	6lbs 12oz
Chris Reeces	2	4lbs 11oz
Doug Skins	1	1lb 13oz
Steve Short	1	2lbs 5oz
Tony Smith	0	
TOTAL		20lbs 14oz

Invicta F.C. 'B'

Matt Willatt	2	5lbs 4oz
Paul Stevens	2	4lbs 4oz
Bob Ayres	1	1lb 12oz
John Brown	0	
David Moore	0	
John Caldwell	1	1lb 15oz
TOTAL		13lbs 3oz

Soldier Palmers 'B'

Si Elson	1	2lbs 9oz
Clark Colman	2	5lbs 5oz
Andy Draper	1	1lb 12oz
Jim Wright	0	
Paul Kitchen	7	16lbs 3oz
Graeme Ferguson	2	3lbs 9oz
TOTAL		29lbs 6oz

Best Bag 16lbs 3oz

Paul Kitchen (Soldier Palm.)

Best Fish 3lbs 6oz

Paul Kitchen (Soldier Palm.)

Paul Kitchen of Soldier Palmers 'B' with a seven fish bag, gave the performance of the day (For both Groups who were fishing on Grafham on the same day).

Paul fished a Midge Tip Line and heavy duty red Daiwl Bach's almost static around M Bouy.

As with Group Three, who were also fishing on the same day, the weather played a dominant role. Hot – still – thundery are always the worst weather conditions for catching fish in Still Waters.

come first and England Police get only one point in last place in the Autumn Association Match that they would have



Paul Kitchen



Soldier Palmers 'B' Team Winners

Slow and Deep was the way to get the occasional take and most boats ended up in the deepest water in the main bowl by the Dam. Even so nobody else managed more than three fish.. Eight anglers did not manage even a single fish.

This match completes the Group Programme for Group Four. It is statistically possible if Soldier Palmers 'B'

equal points and need to count total weight through the season.

The Association should congratulate Group Four. Every team has fielded a full team of anglers for every match.

This is unique in the annals of the Association!

Rd1 Rd 2 Rd 3 Rd 4 Rd 5 Rd 6 TOTALS POSITION

<i>East Midlands T.F.A.</i>	4	2	1	2	1		10	3
<i>England Police F.F.A.</i>	2	4	4	4	3		17	1
<i>Invicta F.C. 'B'</i>	3	1	2	1	2		9	4
<i>Soldier Palmers 'B'</i>	1	3	3	3	4		14	2