



In the July Newsletter I asked the following question

Where are the Big Fish?

*With more than half the season fished, the present winner of the East Thames Aggregates Shield for the Largest Fish of the season is Chris McLeod, with a fish of 5lbs 11oz.
This is the smallest since 2007.
The winner of the Lew Cass Cup, for the best fish in the Lowest Group is David Moore, with a fish of 4lbs 11oz.
This is the smallest since 2009
So where are the big fish in 2015?*

Having received the following from Martin Cottis we now all know! They are all in Chew!

I read with great interest about the lack of large fish this season. That gives even more cause to rue the lack of an event on Chew!

It is a rare day out there when I don't manage a five pound fish, and four pound fish are now quite ordinary!

The average weight for my clients is certainly around three pounds at the moment. Horse's competition at the weekend saw an eight pound rainbow caught and a seven pound one ounce brown.

There was also another rainbow over six pounds and many five pound fish.

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Extraordinary that we have no AMFC event this year!

Pike? NO SIGNS either. Even the regular pike fly fishers are beginning to wonder where they all are!

Let's hope that they are still there when we have one of our Association Matches on Chew in 2016.

This is a First!

After nearly thirty years of the A.M.F.C. it is difficult to find a first. But we have!

The team organising a group match has not fielding a team.

I'm not 'au fait' with the details but the fact remains that the Navy, who were the organisers for the Group Two Match on Rutland on September 2nd were missing.

However all was not lost because it just happened that the President and the Secretary had already booked a boat on the day so they took over the organisation.

The Autumn Association Match

The Autumn Association Match is on Draycote on **Saturday 26th SEPTEMBER**. This is one week earlier than usual.

John is confirming that the restaurant will be open for breakfast. The post match meal and presentations are also in the reservoir restaurant. Very Convenient!

Remember we need all the trophies back, preferable polished.

At the moment the best fish winners are Chris McLeod for the East Thames Aggregates Shield and David Moore for the Lew Cass Cup.

Only in Group Three is the winner already decided so there is everything to fish for in Groups One and Two. Should be a good match

Remember Draycote do not usually keep fish. Take yours home.

Note from Draycote

We normally open at 8.30 am at weekends, but on Saturday 26th September, I have arranged for us to open at 7.30am for your group. If you are able to give a rough idea of how many for breakfast, it would assist the kitchen.

Team Captains

Will you give John an indication of numbers?

Rutland Win on a Difficult Bewl

Average only 2.4 fish.

The weather on the day looked good .A light NNW wind, which did veer westerly during the day .There was a heavy dark cloud cover, but it did not rain for a change, after the recent floods in Tunbridge Wells . There was a definite chill in the wind.

The dry fly experts were rubbing their hands with glee, but it did not really work out that way. It was the fickle Bewl that some of us know very well!

Because of the high water temperatures & low oxygen levels Bewl had not been stocked for more than 3 weeks or so .Brown algae added to the problems making the fish uncooperative.

So the fishing was hard but it was a real test for the anglers. The fish were close to the top showing only occasionally.

Most anglers headed for the dam armed with Floaters, some Sink tips & Intermediates. Fish were caught there but I think the cold wind put off both the anglers and the fish.

During the afternoon most of the boats moved to the top of Hook Straight, it seemed much warmer there sheltered from the wind.

The fish that were caught were feeding on black buzzer or midge pupae if you want to be accurate; some of them were stuffed with them.

Only 83 fish were caught by 34 anglers which does indicate how difficult it was.

His nearest competitor was Martin Conroy with 6 fish at 8lbs 14oz.Martin caught on a floater just leaving a coral booby to look after itself. The largest fish was only 2lbs6oz, and was caught by Tony Kirkham of Queen Mother.



Winners: Rutland Water Flyfishers

Best Bag: Graham Hayward (Rutland)

Only one angler caught his limit, finishing at 4.35pm his fish weighed 15lbs 4oz.He also had the second largest fish at 2lbs 4oz.

Graham Hayward of Rutland Water F.A. deserves special mention for this bag .He was on a Slow glass line using a Split Candy floss Blob /Booby. Very good angling, this young guy needs watching!



Unfortunately Phil Hall of Queen Mother had already fished four times so his weight was excluded

GROUP ONE								
Team	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total Points	POSITION
Bewl Bridge F.C 'A'	1	3	1	1	4		10	6
Fish Hawks	4	5	6	5	3		23	1
Grafham Water F.A. 'A'	3	2	3	3	5		16	4
Queen Mother F.C.	2	1	5	2	2		12	5
Rutland Water F.F.	5	6	2	6	6		25	1

Nothing Decided in Group Two

Only one point separates the top three teams

Still no big fish but a rod average of 6.4
On a good day at Rutland.

The weather was kind, the fishing was good and the result has produced the most interesting finish in Group Two for many years.

Light winds and intermittent cloud with two light rain showers on the afternoon provided great conditions for fishing.

With fifteen limits and no blanks the anglers took full advantage of the conditions.

At the start the fleet divided into two. One group going into the main bowl the other turning left out of the harbour and setting up drifts into the sailing Club and East Creek.

Both areas fished well so there was little motoring about trying to find fish.

Three competition boats took a chance and tried the South Arm. There were certainly fish in Hideaway and they were good fish.

Those that were caught were caught on dries but they were difficult to hook, and not enough were caught to keep the anglers there.

Here there was a disappointing average weight of less than 2lbs.



Four members of the winning Invicta 'A' Team

Most of the fish in the main bowl and sailing club area were caught on sinking lines and lures.

One angler, sarcastically, commented that he caught his fish on the Rutland Nymph – the Orange One.

Catching your fish in the morning was critical. From about 2.30pm the fish 'switched off' in both the Main Basin and the Sailing Club area.

Team	Rd1	R2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Total Points	POSITION
Grafham Water 'B'	4	3	2	4	5		18	2
Grey Lags	6	6	6	6	3		27	1
Hanningfield F.A.	5	1	3	2	4		15	4
Invicta 'B'	2	2	4	3	6		17	3
Mid Northants	1	5	1	5	2		14	5=
Soldier Palmers 'B'	3	4	5	1	1		14	5=

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GROUP 2 RESULTS 2015

Round 5 Venue: Rutland Date: 02 September 2015

1st	Invicta F.F.C. 'A'	6 pts
2nd	Tunbridge Wells F.F.C.	5 pts
3rd	Bristol Reservoirs F.F.A.	4 pts
4th	England Police F.F.A.	3 pts
5th	Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'	2 pts
6th	RNRMAA (did not fish)	0 pts

Total fish caught	192	
Rod average	6.4	
Average weight	1 lbs 15 oz	
Largest fish	4 lbs 1 oz	caught by Mick Facey (Invicta)
Best Bag inc. time bonus	21 lbs 13 oz	caught by Kieran Bonas (Invicta)

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Ray French	8	2 lbs 10 oz	16 lbs 2 oz	12 hrs 30 mins	5 lbs 8 oz	21 lbs 10 oz
Chris Nunn	5	1 lbs 14 oz	8 lbs 12 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	8 lbs 12 oz
Steve Baugh	6	2 lbs 0 oz	10 lbs 13 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	10 lbs 13 oz
John Dunmall	1	1 lbs 12 oz	1 lbs 12 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	1 lbs 12 oz
Tim Williams	8	2 lbs 2 oz	14 lbs 6 oz	15 hrs 20 mins	2 lbs 8 oz	16 lbs 14 oz
Jim McGonigle	6	2 lbs 5 oz	11 lbs 2 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	11 lbs 2 oz
Team Total	34		62 lbs 15 oz		8 lbs 0 oz	70 lbs 15 oz

Bristol Reservoirs F.F.A.	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Graham Currie	8	2 lbs 12 oz	16 lbs 12 oz	14 hrs 30 mins	3 lbs 8 oz	20 lbs 4 oz
Andrew Wiles	8	2 lbs 7 oz	15 lbs 10 oz	15 hrs 00 mins	3 lbs 0 oz	18 lbs 10 oz
Paul Crook	5	2 lbs 2 oz	8 lbs 15 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	8 lbs 15 oz
John Wingrove	7	2 lbs 8 oz	13 lbs 8 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	13 lbs 8 oz
Lisa Kibble	6	2 lbs 8 oz	12 lbs 2 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	12 lbs 2 oz
Martin Cottis	1	2 lbs 2 oz	2 lbs 2 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	2 lbs 2 oz
Team Total	35		69 lbs 1 oz		6 lbs 8 oz	75 lbs 9 oz

England Police F.F.A.	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Doug Skins	5	2 lbs 9 oz	10 lbs 0 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	10 lbs 0 oz
Baz Reece	8	2 lbs 10 oz	15 lbs 8 oz	15 hrs 00 mins	3 lbs 0 oz	18 lbs 8 oz
Richard Hood	5	2 lbs 2 oz	8 lbs 12 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	8 lbs 12 oz
Anton Duerden	1	1 lbs 13 oz	1 lbs 13 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	1 lbs 13 oz
Chris Webster	8	2 lbs 8 oz	14 lbs 6 oz	13 hrs 30 mins	4 lbs 8 oz	18 lbs 14 oz
Dave Allen	8	2 lbs 6 oz	14 lbs 12 oz	14 hrs 15 mins	3 lbs 12 oz	18 lbs 8 oz
Team Total	35		65 lbs 3 oz		11 lbs 4 oz	76 lbs 7 oz

Invicta F.F.C. 'A'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Mark Haycock	8	2 lbs 10 oz	16 lbs 9 oz	13 hrs 45 mins	4 lbs 4 oz	20 lbs 13 oz
Chria McLeod	6	2 lbs 8 oz	12 lbs 11 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	12 lbs 11 oz
John Mees	8	2 lbs 2 oz	15 lbs 7 oz	14 hrs 40 mins	3 lbs 4 oz	18 lbs 11 oz
Kieran Bonas	8	2 lbs 12 oz	17 lbs 9 oz	13 hrs 45 mins	4 lbs 4 oz	21 lbs 13 oz
Mick Facey	7	4 lbs 1 oz	15 lbs 3 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	15 lbs 3 oz
Graham Bodsworth	8	2 lbs 7 oz	16 lbs 9 oz	16 hrs 30 mins	1 lbs 8 oz	18 lbs 1 oz
Team Total	45		94 lbs 0 oz		13 lbs 4 oz	107 lbs 4 oz

RNRMAA	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
		lbs oz	lbs oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	lbs oz
		lbs oz	lbs oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	lbs oz
		lbs oz	lbs oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	lbs oz
		lbs oz	lbs oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	lbs oz
		lbs oz	lbs oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	lbs oz
Team Total			lbs oz		lbs oz	lbs oz

Tunbridge Wells F.F.C.	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Mick Dwyer	8	2 lbs 3 oz	14 lbs 9 oz	16 hrs 30 mins	1 lbs 8 oz	16 lbs 1 oz
Bob Holland	7	2 lbs 7 oz	13 lbs 4 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	13 lbs 4 oz
Jeff Latter	8	2 lbs 9 oz	16 lbs 14 oz	14 hrs 15 mins	3 lbs 12 oz	20 lbs 10 oz
Simon Newman	4	2 lbs 2 oz	7 lbs 1 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	7 lbs 1 oz
Mick Priest	8	3 lbs 5 oz	16 lbs 11 oz	16 hrs 30 mins	1 lbs 8 oz	18 lbs 3 oz
Bob Shaw	8	2 lbs 12 oz	16 lbs 1 oz	15 hrs 32 mins	2 lbs 4 oz	18 lbs 5 oz
Team Total	43		84 lbs 8 oz		9 lbs 0 oz	93 lbs 8 oz

Back to Mediterranean Fishing For Group Three - Round Five at Eyebrook On Saturday 22nd August

With temperatures in the high twenty's – with lots of sunshine – with little wind and just before the end a couple of claps of thunder, you can imagine what the expectations were for Group Three.

Nevertheless Si Griffith of Grey Lags caught a limit. Two other



anglers came close with seven fish each. Simon Sells of Invicta and Alex Urquhart of Grafham.

Si caught his fish on little shuttlecocks. Four on Owlets and four on one he bought in the morning. What a good buy! It seems as though too

many anglers who fished dries did not go small enough.

The fish were everywhere in the main bowl, but perhaps concentrating over the deeper water rather than the margins.

For the successful anglers patience was the game.

You left you dries out there and waited. It took Si six and a half hours to get his limit.



Vince Howley (Hannfield) – Best



Invicta 'B' had one more fish that anyone else and won.

Joan Russell the sixth member of Invicta 'B'



GROUP THREE								
Team	Rd1	R2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Total Points	POSITION
Grafham Water 'B'	4	3	2	4	5		18	2
Grey Lags	6	6	6	6	3		27	1
Hanningfield F.A.	5	1	3	2	4		15	4
Invicta 'B'	2	2	4	3	6		17	3
Mid Northants	1	5	1	5	2		14	5=
Soldier Palmers 'B'	3	4	5	1	1		14	5=

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GROUP 3 RESULTS 2015

Round 5 **Venue:** **Eyebrook** **Date:** **22 August 2015**

1st	Invicta F.F.C. 'B'	6 pts
2nd	GWFFA 'B'	5 pts
3rd	Hanningfield F.C.	4 pts
4th	Greylags	3 pts
5th	Mid Northants	2 pts
6th	Soldier Palmers 'B'	1 pt

Total fish caught	101	
Rod average	2.8	
Average weight	2 lbs 1 oz	
Largest fish	3 lbs 5 oz	caught by Vince Howley (Hanningfield)
Best Bag inc. time bonus	16 lbs 15 oz	caught by Si Morris (Greylags)

Greylags	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Kim Green	4	2 lbs 4 oz	8 lbs 14 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	8 lbs 14 oz
Colin Faires	4	2 lbs 8 oz	7 lbs 14 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	7 lbs 14 oz
Si Morris	8	2 lbs 5 oz	15 lbs 7 oz	16 hrs 20 mins	1 lbs 8 oz	16 lbs 15 oz
Kerry Richardson	1	1 lbs 14 oz	1 lbs 14 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	1 lbs 14 oz
Nigel Sudborough	1	1 lbs 12 oz	1 lbs 12 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	1 lbs 12 oz
Peter Lewis	1	1 lbs 14 oz	1 lbs 14 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	1 lbs 14 oz
Team Total	19		37 lbs 11 oz		1 lbs 8 oz	39 lbs 3 oz

GWFFA 'B'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Tony Starling	2	1 lbs 13 oz	3 lbs 8 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	3 lbs 8 oz
David Spall	4	2 lbs 4 oz	7 lbs 12 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	7 lbs 12 oz
Steve Jones	0	lbs oz	lbs oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	lbs oz
Hilary Tomlinson	5	2 lbs 8 oz	10 lbs 14 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	10 lbs 14 oz
Eileen Chatwin	2	2 lbs 3 oz	3 lbs 13 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	3 lbs 13 oz
Alex Urquhart	7	2 lbs 9 oz	15 lbs 3 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	15 lbs 3 oz
Team Total	20		41 lbs 2 oz		lbs oz	41 lbs 2 oz

Hanningfield F.A.	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Vince Howley	6	3 lbs 5 oz	13 lbs 1 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	13 lbs 1 oz
Julian Weddle	2	1 lbs 12 oz	3 lbs 8 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	3 lbs 8 oz
Neil Cohen	1	2 lbs 7 oz	2 lbs 7 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	2 lbs 7 oz
David Franklin	6	2 lbs 10 oz	12 lbs 10 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	12 lbs 10 oz
Mick Newton	2	1 lbs 15 oz	3 lbs 11 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	3 lbs 11 oz
Ray Malyon	2	2 lbs 3 oz	4 lbs 0 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	4 lbs 0 oz
Team Total	19		39 lbs 5 oz		lbs oz	39 lbs 5 oz

Invicta F.F.C. 'B'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
John Caldwell	3	2 lbs 6 oz	6 lbs 3 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	6 lbs 3 oz
Alan Prevost	0	lbs oz	lbs oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	lbs oz
Joan Russell	4	2 lbs 0 oz	7 lbs 9 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	7 lbs 9 oz
Simon Sells	7	2 lbs 9 oz	14 lbs 8 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	14 lbs 8 oz
Paul Heavens	3	2 lbs 5 oz	6 lbs 2 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	6 lbs 2 oz
David Moore	4	2 lbs 3 oz	7 lbs 15 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	7 lbs 15 oz
Team Total	21		42 lbs 5 oz		lbs oz	42 lbs 5 oz

Mid Northants T.F.A.	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Ashley Cooper	3	2 lbs 4 oz	6 lbs 0 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	6 lbs 0 oz
John Clarke	4	2 lbs 7 oz	8 lbs 2 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	8 lbs 2 oz
Paul Gayton	1	1 lbs 12 oz	1 lbs 12 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	1 lbs 12 oz
David Currie	1	2 lbs 5 oz	2 lbs 5 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	2 lbs 5 oz
Terry Mitchell	1	1 lbs 14 oz	1 lbs 14 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	1 lbs 14 oz
Seumus Halliday	2	2 lbs 2 oz	3 lbs 13 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	3 lbs 13 oz
Team Total	12		23 lbs 14 oz		lbs oz	23 lbs 14 oz

Soldier Palmers 'B'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Jamie Nairn	1	2 lbs 0 oz	2 lbs 0 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	2 lbs 0 oz
Mike Gould	3	2 lbs 13 oz	7 lbs 7 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	7 lbs 7 oz
Dave Prince	4	2 lbs 2 oz	7 lbs 8 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	7 lbs 8 oz
Tug Lawson	1	2 lbs 12 oz	2 lbs 12 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	2 lbs 12 oz
John Gamon	1	2 lbs 6 oz	2 lbs 6 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	2 lbs 6 oz
Dave Norbury	0	lbs oz	lbs oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	lbs oz
Team Total	10		22 lbs 1 oz		lbs oz	22 lbs 1 oz