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Dear member

Fishing report

For the first time in four seasons the water level is dropping at quite a rate. The one main benefit of this is that the weed beds, which at present harbour hordes of perch and roach fry, can be more easily covered by the bank fisherman. There seems to have been a coarse fish explosion this year with roach shoals taking as much as ten minutes to pass by. These fish should be a good buffer against the cormorants and pike.

At present the banks are fairly quiet, due mainly to the heat wave. The water temp in the margins being 23deg C, at times, well above the comfort limit for rainbows. However the boats have reported plenty of activity in the middle of the South Arm as indicated by the results of various matches. This may well be due to the fact that the "boils" are at present inoperative and the fish are more widely distributed. The weather forecast suggests an end to the heat wave, so hopefully the lake will not become too stratified. The main diet at the moment is still fry – but these are growing rapidly and may as well be called "nail" fry. Some fish are feeding on snails but many are, as one would expect this year, are just "snacking". This has been a very good year for rising fish. Even in the cool of April and the heat wave in July there was much surface activity.

Juniors evening – Thursday 26th July - Rutland Water

This was an unqualified success largely due to the time and effort put in by Andy Flitcroft in co-ordinating the event. There is always that last minute panic but everything seems to gel in the end.

Thanks are due to the generosity of our sponsors Anglian Water, Masterline, Sportfish, Trout Fisherman, and Trout & Salmon magazines.

Congratulations and thanks to all of our boatmen, some of who took time off work, to help the youngsters produce a catch of two fish per rod. This was a particularly great achievement in the tough, near flat calm conditions.

Apparently there was a lot of surface activity when the boats got out there; But this faded later in the evening. There were only a few blanks. This is no disgrace. Rutland Water is not the easiest place to tackle. Many a competent angler has been water licked here. There is a saying that goes "if you can catch them here you can catch them anywhere". So don't be put off if you didn't catch. We hope all you youngsters had a great evening out and learnt something from your boatmen.

The Chairman gave away the prizes and thanked the sponsors for their generosity and the Tickled Trout restaurant for supplying the food and remaining open until 10.30pm. He thanked all the boatmen for their support. In particular, he thanked Andy Flitcroft for the enormous amount of effort in co-

ordinating the function. He also thanked the secretary for doing the admin and weigh in. This year the boys and girls were placed in two groups according to experience on a scale of 0-5 and 5-10.

The winners were

Group 1 5-10 John Harris from Temple Cloud, Bristol with 5 fish for 9lb 0oz.

Group 2 0-5 Chris Lack from Tixover near Stamford with 4 fish for 6lb 7½oz

The best fish was caught by Luke Lavelle from Northampton - a 2lb 11½oz Rainbow

The best boatman, accompanying John Harris, was Dave Doherty

The total catch was 60 fish from 31 young anglers. This equates to two fish a rod. This the best catch rate in the history of the event

Congratulations to John Harris, as he was recently placed 8th in the English Youth Fly Fishing championship at Grafham.

Pablo Mullins, who also took part in our youth evening, won the English Youth Championship.

RWFF's PRO-AM 2001 – Rutland Water

This was fished on a hard day with 18 fishing. Fish were mainly caught on DI7 line and blobs. The top results were:-

1st Sean Cutting / Tony Shields - 13 fish / 24lb 4oz

2nd Dave Doherty / Charles Bowers (junior member) – 13 fish / 23lb 8oz

3rd Paul Buck / Dan Perks - 11 fish / 20lb 15oz

Best fish – Charles Bowers 2lb 12oz.

Total catch – 62 fish / average of 3.44 per rod

Ladies Day August 19th 2001 – Rutland Water

This is a great fun day and a superb opportunity for the ladies to show that they can perform at fly fishing as well as or better than the gentlemen. There will be plenty of expertise on hand to teach the newcomers or sort out those casting problems. There will be representatives from international teams and STANIC or APGAI instructors on hand to help out. All ladies are welcome, whatever their experience.

So come on ladies! It's great fun and if you don't catch anything it doesn't matter a jot. The event in June at Grafham was cancelled due to lack of support and continuing fears about foot and mouth. So lets have a good turn out for Rutland!

There will be instruction on tackle, casting, boat handling and of course the chance to fish. The cost is £15 including lunch.

For booking and further details contact Sue Noble at the Normanton Fishing Lodge at Rutland Water as soon as possible on 01780 686441.

RWFF Winter Activities Programme 2001/2002

Your committee, whilst trying to devise an interesting programme for this winter, decided to find out what you, the members, want. Please find enclosed a short questionnaire where you can express your preferences and ideas. If you could return it completed to the secretary before the end of August, your name will be entered for a **free draw for a £20 voucher** to spend at the fishing lodge. The outcome will be a full programme, to be published in the 2002 membership booklet, issued in November.

Yours sincerely, John Wadham, Hon. Secretary