

# Rutland Water Fly Fishers



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After the well-documented wettest July on record, August has so far been benign with lovely quiet almost autumnal weather. At the time of writing the water level is falling slowly.

As per usual this time of year the fish left the banks in mid-July. This was later than in 2006 mainly I believe due to cooler weather and high water levels.

It is remarkable how fish stocked as far away as the Green Bank soon find their way to Normanton! The most consistently productive areas are still between Blue Pipes and Fantasy Island known as Mowmires Reach. The fish came closest to the bank in an incoming wind that slightly coloured up the gin clear water.

The place to be at the moment is out in a boat over the boils – provided you don't mind joining the queue! Most methods have worked well here from Di7

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to floaters with nymphs & dries.

The 'Rudder' fisherman have also been doing pretty well

However, the boats have not had it all their own way.

Well-known local farmer John Griffin from Egleton came up trumps on the Hambleton peninsula.

He caught one of the season's best Rainbows weighing 6lb 14oz taken on a GRHE on floating line from the bank. He also took the best brown of the week at 4lb 8oz plus another over 4lbs.

The best place is still the main basin area for both bank and boat.



"Malcolm Shepherd landing fish at Mowmires"

The only excuse for the fish entering the margins seems to be the hordes of the now "nail" as opposed to "pin" fry. However, these visitors are quality fish but well educated by now and

are hard to tempt. You need the fish to gang up on the fry to stand a chance of interesting them. They then seem more competitive and therefore more likely to take ones offering.

### Stocking

A lot of stock-fish have gone in recently making a total to date of 74,636.

So far, catch returns show a haul of 26,237 from 8,100 returns.

Jim Watts has the doubtful pleasure of collating these figures: so please make it as easy for him as you can by being sure to get them in on time!



"Roy Taylor with the nearby 'fleet' of boats at Mowmires"

## Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs 2007

### Division One, Eyebrook Reservoir, August 10

RWFF is up to second place in Division One of the 2007 Major Clubs competition after a strong performance at a sultry and flat calm Eyebrook Reservoir.

The six man team of Sean Cutting, Mike Gunnell, Jayne Alecock, Barry Vaughan, Al Owen and Gordon Bloodworth claimed second spot on the day with a total catch of 18 trout weighting 27lb 9oz after a series of sterling performances.

Leading the way was Club Captain Cutting who took a seven fish bag weighing 10lb 9oz mainly on floating line, orange CDC, black hoppers and black buzzers from the Stoke Dry end of the reservoir, where Gordon Bloodworth also found five fish on a floater and green ribbed cruncher. Barry Vaughan took the best fish of the match, a superb 3lb 5 oz specimen.

RWFF finished one fish and less than 1lb in weight behind winners and league leaders, Bewl Water FFC, who took 19 fish for 28lb 7oz to cement their position at the top of the league.

Points on the day were Bewl 6, RWFF 5, Fish Hawks 4, Iver 3, Soldier Palmers 2, Hanningfield 1.

So after four rounds of this year's competition, the team standings are:

1. Bewl	23 pts
2. RWFF	16 pts
3. Soldier Palmers	15 pts
4. Fish Hawks	12 pts
5. Hanningfield	10 pts
6. Iver	8 pts

With two rounds to go, both at Grafham - one in early September, the other early October - there is still all to play for!



*"JW's Sedge Pupa, tied with a CDC head which has taken a few fish for John around the Old Hall Bay and Mowmires areas of the lake"*

### Tuesday Boat League

Hot on the heels of his success in winning the EYFA International at Grafham, junior member Tom Cooper took first place in week 9 of the series. In week 10 it was brother Richard's turn to win with 8 fish for 17lb. He also now leads the field with two more heats to fish.

In the week 11 match Tom won with Hilary Tomlinson a very close runner up.

In week 13 Tom was the winner with 8 fish for 17lb 13oz taken - yes you've guessed it - on Di3 plus "blob". Dad, Gary, was runner up with three fish for 6lb 10oz. After this, the penultimate event, league placings show Richard leading with an unassailable lead of 54 points and Tom runner up with 41 points. So all to play for!

Well done the Coopers! Malcolm March is the current holder for best fish caught in the Boat League, with a fine 5lb 5¼oz Rainbow.

### Over 50's Boat Match

Jim Watts & Stuart Hume retained the title with eight fish for 16lb 6oz in horrendous weather.

### Bert Saint

It is with very great sadness that I have to report the demise of this much loved Rutland Bank Angler who passed away in the early hours of Saturday morning, the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

He will be much missed and always remembered for his cheerful bank-side banter. Our condolences go out to his family.



*"The stomach contents of an over wintered 4lb 14 Rainbow ex of Old Hall Bay"*

# Rutland Water Fly Fishers

## LOCH-STYLE PAIRS COMPETITION RUTLAND WATER

SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2007

FISHING FROM 9.30am - 5.30am

### PRIZES

£50 first place

£30 second place

£20 third place

THE COMPETITION WILL BE FISHED TO INTERNATIONAL RULES  
BUT WITH **NO TIME BONUS.**

- 10 BOATS HAVE BEEN RESERVED BY THE CLUB
- THEY WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED" BASIS.
- THEY WILL NEED TO BE PAID FOR AT LODGE ON MATCH DAY.

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Oakham, LE15 6GF.

**ENTRY CUT OFF DATE PM WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2007.**

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RWFF - LOCH STYLE BOAT COMPETITION ON SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2007.

PLEASE ALLOCATE ONE BOAT TO: .....

WHO WILL BE FISHING WITH (PARTNER): .....

Telephone contact number: .....