

RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS



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DIARY DATES

Please note that unless indicated otherwise, all meetings are held at 7.30 in the Victoria Hall, Oakham.

19th February—

Learn all about boat fishing from the experts

3rd March

Come along and tidy up before the start of the season—in aid of RACS

5th March

Tackle Auction—cash in that unused gear and get some new toys!

8th March

Leicester Fly Fishing Show—pop along and see John Maitland and Dick Stevens representing us again.

19th March

Annual dinner with top class speaker—it must be nearly time to get those fishing rods out! Please note that it will be held this year at The White Horse at Empingham

Fly Tying Evening

This was a well-attended meeting with some 45 members present: although it did not look like that number in the cavernous large room at the “Vicky” Hall. Our thanks to the fly dressers Trevor Ashby, Dave Doherty, Roger McCarthy, Bill McIlroy, who gave their skills

Time to get out that tackle

Another fishing season is upon us and no doubt many of you will have received the opening dates for the 2002 season. But for those not in the know, they are as follows:-

Ravensthorpe	Friday 1 st March	Pitsford	Friday 15 th March
Grafham Water	Saturday 23 rd March	Rutland Water	Thursday 28 th March

Full details will be published in Anglian Water's “Hooked” magazine out later this month. Don't forget the “two stage” payment of your fees: very useful if you are a bit “boracic” after the indulgences of the festive season! Second payments have to be received by 31st May. Also don't forget to include a passport size photograph with your application for season tickets, which will be available from 27th February 2002. More details from the fishing lodge on 01780 686441.



John Wadham's Fishing Report

freely. It was nice that all those who tied the patterns, freely offered advice on how to fish them.

Thanks to Dick Stephen ably assisted by John Maitland who gave us a very interesting technical demonstration of the relative strength of our favourite knots we use either to tie flies on or join lengths of the various nylons offered by members of the audience.

Our thanks also to the committee members who supplied some excellent food for the buffet in the interval. The former secretary, who helped the staff clear up afterwards was able to stock up his larder for a day or two with some fine goodies!

The prize giving was conducted by the Chairman assisted by John Wadham The Rutland Horseshoe with a

super replica crafted by Dick Stephen was awarded to Gary Legge for his inestimable hard work in setting up and running the RWFF web site.

The whole event was covered by the local press – Rutland Times.

Charles Jardine

We were very pleased to welcome this well-known fly caster, painter, book illustrator author and fly dresser and director of the Countryside Alliance.

He gave us an in-depth talk on the joys of “fly fishing” in fresh & salt water all over the world. Many overseas fisheries were explored from Alaska to Patagonia. He related an amusing incident in the States where he met a fellow angler who made him rather less than welcome on a free river suggesting, amid expletives, that this was his river and how dare he show his face in the wild like that!

Many different fly patterns were discussed with the emphasis of simplicity of tying.

The quality of the photographic illustrations of the natural insects was breathtaking. It was interesting that the representations produced by many well-known fly dressers were in many cases only remotely like God's original!

Perhaps that accounts for the success of patterns like GRHE & Diawl Bach etc. and why these are often more acceptable to the fish than the perfect imitation during a buzzer hatch.

Much credence was given to the old wet fly favourites, which the speaker suggested were much under used. Strong emphasis was placed on the absolute necessity to preserve our natural environment and not to leave loose waste nylon or other litter on the banks which could cause suffering to wildlife and endanger ones fishing rights. Overall the evening was very light hearted and was enjoyed by all present.

RWFF's CLUB COMPETITIONS 2002

<p>ROGER THOM TROPHY</p> <p>Sunday 19th May, Rutland.</p> <p>10.00am - 6.00pm</p>	<p>This competition will be an "Individual" boat competition. Fishing to International rules, with 8 Fish to the Rod. There will be time bonus given after the 8th fish is caught. The Club has provisionally booked 10 Boats. * Weigh in at the Lodge between 6.00pm -6.20pm prompt.</p> <p>Deadline for entries will be 10th May.</p>
<p>JOHN WADHAM TROPHY</p> <p>Friday 31st May, Rutland Water.</p> <p>6.00pm - 10.00pm</p>	<p>Individual bank fishing competition to fishery rules. This will be an 8 Fish and no time bonus match. A change to last year, as now the match will both start and finish at the lodge. Enter by booking in at the Lodge in person from 5.00pm onwards, with fishing starting no sooner than 6.00pm. Your name will be then entered on the Competitors list. Only those on the list will be eligible to weigh in at the Lodge between 10.15pm & 10.30pm. Note: There will be no meal after this match.</p>
<p>HANBY CUP</p> <p>Sunday 2nd June, Rutland Water.</p> <p>10.00am - 6.00pm</p>	<p>Pairs Boat fishing competition to fishery rules. Enter by booking in at the Lodge on the day. The Club has provisionally booked 10 boats.* Please note that 8 Fish and no time bonus applies for this Match and only 1st & 2nd place vouchers to be awarded. This is a Reservoir Rules Match. Weigh in at the Lodge between 6.00pm -6.20pm prompt.</p> <p>Deadline for entries will be 24th May.</p>
<p>G. ER CUP</p> <p>Sunday 23rd June, Rutland Water. Sunday 22nd September, Grafham.</p> <p>10.00am - 6.00pm</p>	<p>Individual boat fishing competition to be fished to "International Rules". Enter by application to Competition Secretary. Separate entry for each round. Please post your entry slips by closing deadline shown on bottom of slip. Overall winner will be determined by results from both rounds. The Club has provisionally booked 10 boats*. 8 Fish and a time bonus apply in these matches. Note: There may be a meal after the Grafham round match at the Horse & Panniers if wanted by the competitors?</p> <p>Deadline for entries will be 14th June & 13th September.</p>
<p>RWFF's PRO-AM</p> <p>Sunday 7th July, Rutland Water.</p> <p>10.00am - 6.00pm</p>	<p>This will be a "Boat Pairs" competition, fished to "International Rules". Entry by application to Competition Secretary. Entry form will be in Club newsletter. The draw for partners will be made on the day. The Club has provisionally booked 10 boats. * To enhance the interest the "Pro's" will not have to be Club Members. Match limits are 16 Fish to the Boat, with no time bonus.</p> <p>Deadline for entries will be 28th June.</p>
<p>LOCH STYLE</p> <p>Sunday 1st September, Rutland Water.</p> <p>10.00am - 6.00pm</p>	<p>Pair's Boat fishing competition to International "Loch Style" rules. Entry is by returning the entry slip. Limit is 16 Fish to the Boat, with no time bonus. There will be a "Best Fish" and 2nd Place Trophy presented. 1st & 2nd place vouchers only for this match. Weigh in at the lodge between 6.00pm-6.15pm prompt. The Club has provisionally booked 15 boats. *</p> <p>Deadline for entries will be 23rd August.</p>

PLEASE NOTE: For all the above matches there will again be several things planned for this coming season.

- There will be no exceptions made or people chased for late entries past the deadline date this season, as it causes the organiser too much unwanted stress!
- TBC for this 2002 season, Blue Ticket holders (*Catch & Release*) will get 2lbs per fish in all Individual Club Matches. Time bonus will then apply after the 8th fish caught in the match. This time bonus will be based on a ½lb per 15 minutes.
- There will be the presentation of the Competition Trophy "Replicas" after each of the Matches. The Original Trophies will be presented at the first Club Evening in January 2003.
- Vouchers for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places will be awarded after each Match.
- TBC - As in past seasons, in order to keep the day more of a social event, there will be a "choice of course" meal after each match at the **Horse & Panniers in North Luffenham**. The club has generously added £3 per person, per match to make up to the £6 necessary for this superb and freshly cooked food. We do need to have a minimum of 10 anglers per match meal to make it a success, so get your entries in fast!
- Regards the Pro-Am match, the word Pro will be defined as an "experienced angler".
- Due to high competition boat pressure for 2002, the Club has provisionally booked 10 boats for each Competition. Please will you fill in and send back your Match Slips with a pre-dated cheque per match as soon as you read this. If this does happen, any spare boats we do not need that day can be released back to the lodge, so that other anglers who wish to fish on that day, may. Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.