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JULY 1998 NEWSLETTER

Dear Member

Fishing Report - July 1998.

Bank Fishing

As usual, the weather had the last word in this July with persistent Westerly's limiting bank fishing to just a few spots. i.e. Tim Appleton's, Old Hall Bay, the tip of the Peninsula and Sailing Club Bay. Any spot you could fish following shift of wind from the dreaded Westerly could be productive and showed that there were fish elsewhere and some good catches were made on Burley, Old Hall Bay - between the Car Park and the Hall itself the Finches and the dam. At least the Westerly's and cool weather kept algal blooms to a minimum. The diet has been very mixed with many fish having nothing in their stomachs. The main food items have been Corixa, Sedge pupae, Sticklebacks, Snails and recently Green and Black buzzers. In the main basin they have mainly been grazing on Daphnia.

Some large fish are still being caught with Rainbows to 7lb being caught from both bank and boats

There seems to be a lot of fish in the main basin at the moment. This was borne out by the number of fish seen on the dam in the only Easterly wind on the weekend 8th/9th August. Those who fished on those few days had a bonanza. The fish were at the Sykes end in winds between North & East and at the Fantasy end in winds between East and South but all the way along in an East North Easterly. Some good fish were caught with Rainbows to 4lb and Browns to 5lb. These fish were here as the offshore wind drew cooler water up from the depths. Now back to Westerly's!

Ideally for the bank fisherman you need Southwest winds in April and May then Easterlies after that. Either way this would keep a good deal of the stock in the main body of the lake thus making them available to the bank fisherman.

The rest of the lake seems very quiet in this current hot weather. However, a prolonged spell of cooler winds between North West & North East could bring the fish back to some of the hitherto unfished areas.

Boat Fishing

Needless to say the boils have fished and there have been a lot of fish off Berrybuts and Gibbet gorse. Some good catches have been made off Burley and The Transformer in the North Arm and Manton Bay in the South Arm.

Most of this fishing has been with Hi-D lines as the fish appeared to be feeding very deep showing on the surface for only very short periods

Howard Evans has come up with another career best with a Rainbow 5lb 21/2oz caught during a Tuesday Boat League Match. The fish was taken on a red shuttlecock C-D-C fished loch style in front of the boat and helped win him the match

Specimen Fish Trophies

Some good fish have been caught but no more have been submitted for the club trophies. There are still no takers for the "Fario" Trophy for the best Brown Trout caught by a Junior member. So come on boys and girls try and catch one. The Browns will no doubt turn up for the fry at the back end. So that is probably your best chance. The winners so far are:-

Trout Fisherman Trophy - Best Brown - Dave Rix - 8lb 13oz

Trout & Salmon trophy - Best Rainbow - Graham Pearson - 7lb 11/2oz

Mike Ellis Trophy - Best Rainbow by a Junior member - Charles Bowers - 11b 8oz

Juniors Evening Thursday July 16th 1998

Wheelie Boat Launch - Saturday September 5th 1998. Rutland Fishing Lodge

The boat is being funded by SCROD Wanderers Piscatorial Society and will be presented to the Handicapped Anglers Trust (H.A.T.) in memory of the late Peter Tomlinson. They are testing these craft on the larger still waters. The secretary has tried these craft at the game fair on what are small waters. However it will be interesting to see how they perform in a good wave on the larger lakes like Rutland. If approved then they will be a boon to our local disabled. While the final decision on its use lies with the fishery manager, your views could be of interest to the presenters. For further details of these units please contact Brian Dunn on 01233 714127 or the Fishing lodge on 01780 686441 for the launch area etc.

Winter Programme

This will take on a different format from previous years. Having had no feed back from membership, the committee has proposed the following programme in outline.

- 1 Forum of well known angling personalities drawn from Club membership or outside.
- 2 Speaker on the entomology of the larger still waters
- 3 Fly Tying evening as per last year
- 4 “Big Name” speaker from world of entertainment / angling
- 5 Tackle Auction - note the new date **Tuesday 16th February**
- 6 Cooking evening to be put on by a club member well known in culinary circles
- 7 Dinner & Speaker evening
- 8 Angling holidays available on our budget from a well established firm in Hungerford.

It is proposed that some meetings be held at the Fishing Lodge and others e.g. Tackle Auction / Cooking evening at the Victoria Hall.

The prize giving will take place at the fly tying evening - **NOT** - as previously at the A.G.M. So please get the Trophies back for engraving for November 1st.

Full details of all the Winter programme will be in place ready for the production of the new membership cards immediately after the A.G.M.

If you have any suggestions for speakers etc. please contact any member of your committee.

The Association of Major Clubs competitions -rounds 2 & 3

Round 2 - This was fished at Chew and fish were caught in most parts of the lake with the Diawl Bach proving a useful pattern. We did well to come fourth with one man short. Most fish were caught on sinking lines but the results were influenced by stocking taking place during the match with some rods homing in the stocking points. 29 anglers caught 120 fish averaging 2lb. Most fish were caught on nymphs but congratulations are due to Graham Pearson who took the second best bag of the match for R.W.F.F. on orange lures.

Result after two rounds were-

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| Mid Northants | 10 points |
| Bristol | 8 points |
| Royal Navy/ Marines | 5 points |
| R.W.F.F. | 5 points |
| East Midlands “A” | 3 points |

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| R.N./Marines | total bag | 90lb 71/2oz |
| R.W.F.F. | “` | 80lb 9oz |

Round 3 - This was fished at Grafham. Fish were caught mainly on slow sinkers and intermediates and on most patterns.

Congratulations to Keith Landless for taking the best bag of 7 fish for 15lb 2oz and to Andy Flitcroft for catching 8 fish with a time bonus for 13lb 4oz to give R.W.F.F. a comfortable win and moving us up to second place overall.

Results after three rounds

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| Mid Northants | 12 points |
| R.W.F.F. | 10 points |
| Bristol Reservoirs | 9 points |
| Royal Navy/ Marines | 8 points |
| East Midlands “A” | 7 points |

Club Competition results

1. The R.W.F.F. Loch Style Trophy

Congratulations to the winners Paul Wild & Kevin Taylor for winning with 16 fish for a total of 32lb 15oz and to Paul for the best Rainbow. Well done Sean Cutting for taking the heaviest bag of 20lb 3oz..

2. The R.W.F.F Pro/Am

There was a poor turn out for this event with only six anglers taking part. The winner was Sean Cutting - whatever happened to “two fish Cutting”? - with a total of six fish for 11lb 2oz. He’s improving!
The best rainbow in the boat round was 11lb 13oz by Dave Wainwright and the best rainbow for the band round was taken by Junior member Charles Bowers aged 12.

The club would like to say a big thank you to Sean Cutting for the well organised and smooth running of all the club competitions this Summer. For those not “in the know”, a lot of work goes into this job. And a thank you to all the other helpers.

Bailiffs Pairs Boat Match - Saturday 3rd October 1998

This will be held at Rutland Water and fished to reservoir rules. £30 -00 per angler which includes fishing permit, boat & evening meal. There are prizes for best rudder and non- rudder boat etc. More details from the Fishing Lodge on 01780 686441

Have you tried the fluorocarbon type lines available at the lodge? Unlike many other makes this is very reliable in lower breaking strains and seems to have good “wind knot” strength!

This leader material sinks very quickly so is ideal for deep fishing and for presenting the “pop up” C de C. You need a good buoyant pattern for this. The fish seem to be excited by the fly returning to the surface after you pull it down and then allow it to rise. Perhaps it appears to be hatching. The takes are often savage.

Lets hope for fairer winds and look forward to the arrival of the fish into the margins and back up to a sensible depth for a “back end” carnage. There is evidently a lot of large fish left in the lake to judge by the number of anglers being broken.

Sorry about the brevity of this letter.

Yours sincerely

John Wadham - Hon Secretary