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July Newsletter 1999

Dear Member

Fishing Report

July and early August 1999 will I am afraid be more famous for a heat wave than Trout fishing. However that's not to say that it was all doom and gloom.

Some tremendous fish, both browns and Rainbows have been caught from both bank and boat.

Leading the way is Malcolm Janik with a superb Brown of 9lb 12oz caught in the main basin some 100 yards off the bank on a sparkler tube fly fished in conjunction with a "Wet - Cell 2". This is Malcolm's best fish and is at present runner up to Lewis Carlin's 11lb 10½oz fish taken in June. The fish which was in very good nick contained some well digested small fry. So perhaps this is the start of the fry bashing!

Brian Rice also got among the big Browns when he caught an 8lb 7oz specimen from the bank near the Three (now Two) Trees at Normanton. The fish which was so silver that it resembled a fresh run Sea Trout gave Brian a tremendous battle with many towering leaps. The fish was taken in the evening on a size 10 green thorax Pheasant tail nymph.. The fish which was hooked by a sliver of skin was finally netted by Ruggles Fisher.

Leading the field for the best rainbow of the season and the present contender for the Trout & Salmon Trophy for the best rainbow caught by a club member is Ian Fixter with an 8lb 4oz fish. It was caught from a boat between the aerators on a green Fritz Booby fished "loch style" on a DI-7 line at great depth. The day was as per usual hot and sunny. Ian thinks that he had seen the fish leap earlier in the day in the same area.

The fish was in immaculate condition but put up a disappointing fight. As Ian suggested it may have been suffering from the "bends" having been drawn up from such a depth. Also it was hooked well back in the tongue which for some reason seems to inhibit their fighting qualities. Its stomach contained a small amount of daphnia. The fish was part of a bag weighing 29lb which included another 4lb fish.

Roger McCarthy has taken his lifetime best rainbow of 7lb 0¼oz. This fish was taken on a size 12 CDC buzzer fished on a five weight rod & line. The fly was fished static about 15m out from the dam wall. The take was a very gentle "sip" which gave no indication of size. It soon woke up, however, taking some 40 m of backing. The fish appeared to be much larger as it approached the net. It measured 28 ins. This according to the standard weight for length scale should have weighed in the region of 9lb 6oz.

Former club member Tony Curtis also caught a monster Brown while fishing just off the Harbour Wall in a match. The fish which weighed in at 9lb 4oz was part of a match catch of 36 lb 10oz.

There are still a few fish up the North and South arms given the right conditions. Generally, however, the bulk of the stock seems to be in the main basin grazing on the copious blooms of daphnia. There are plenty of fish to be caught from the dam at both ends and off the Sykes and Normanton banks. A lot of the fish are feeding spasmodically as indicated by the empty stomachs of the larger fish and the full stomachs of the stockies.

Junior News

The Rutland Water Fly Fishers Juniors Evening - Thursday 17th July 1999

The winners in each group were as follows:-

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Boatman</u>	<u>No. of fish</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Under 15s	1	Duncan de Salis	Wendy Miller	6 fish	12lb 10oz
	2	Tom Skinner	Graham Pearson	6 fish	12lb 0oz
	3	Matthew Stevens	Roger McCarthy	3 Fish	6lb 15oz
Over 15s	1	Matthew Ashman	Dave Ellis	3 Fish	9lb 7oz
	2	James Thomson	Andrew James	3 Fish	7lb 5oz
	3	Paul Abbott	Paul Miller	2 Fish	4lb 11oz

Best Fish - Overall - Matthew Ashman - 4lb 10oz.

Tuesday Night Boat league

Congratulations to 16 year old Matthew Tolliday for being the youngest angler ever to win a Tuesday Night Boat league match. He won the event on 29th June with 3 fish for 8lb 9oz. He also caught the biggest fish - a fine Rainbow of 4lb 5oz. This young man must be in great form. In a subsequent event he again caught the biggest fish - a Rainbow of 4lb 9oz which put him in joint second place with Paul Wild.

Mike Ellis Trophy for the best Rainbow caught by a Junior member

Matthew Tolliday also leads the field for Mike Ellis Trophy with his 4lb 14½oz Rainbow.

"Fario" Trophy for the best Brown caught by a Junior member

No Junior member has yet submitted a Brown Trout. If you catch a Brownie and you don't want to kill it weight it in the net then weigh the net and return the fish carefully to the water. You must be sure to have a witness.

Junior membership - 1999

Junior members should find enclosed their membership book which is valid until the club Annual General Meeting on November 9th 1999. If you wish to continue as members after that, receive regular newsletters and attend the winter club functions you should contact Paul Wild our Treasurer - address and telephone number above. You will be notified of the membership fees after the AGM.

Don't forget to weigh in a fish which you think might be big enough to win one of the Trophies mentioned inside the back cover of your membership book. If you do catch one fill in a form at the Lodge. These may be found in a plastic envelope located next to our notice board.

English Youth Fly Fishing Championships - Rutland Water

Well done former junior club member and team captain Ben Golds for winning the event. Leon Brannigan vice - captain was a close second. The competitors all did well in catching a total of 116 fish for 223 lb.

RWFF member Roo Burrows won the Anglian Water trophy for the best fish of the day - a Rainbow of 3lb 4oz This won on a tie break with two other fish as he had the biggest overall catch. He also won the best fish award in the House of Hardy event in June.

Lureflash "Top Fish" competition

Congratulations to thirteen year old Charles Bowers for achieving second place with a good looking Rainbow of 6lb 4oz from Northamptonshire's Elinor Trout fishery.

If Junior members have any thing they might think interesting to other readers please contact the Secretary.

Request for assistance from Gary Legge.

Gary is going to the Outer Hebrides in September and is hoping to borrow or hire a small outboard from someone. If any one can help him out of his predicament please contact him on 01572 768352 or write to him at 1 Wellfield Close. South Witham, Grantham, Lincs NG33 5SN.

England Disabled National

Well done club member Ken Waters from Wing for winning this event with 5 fish for 11lb 4oz and Ian Bradfield also a club member from Yorkshire for finishing second with 5 fish for 9lb 14oz.

EMAP Fly Fishers pairs match - Rutland Water

Well done Andy Flitcroft fishing with Kevin Wilmot for winning the match. Andy also took the best fish of 3lb 6oz

The Ladies Home International

The Secretary apologises for omitting to draw members attention to the success of one of our new members Susan Sissons who came fourth and thus pre-qualified for next year.

Ladies Day at Grafham .

This event was a great success with many ladies out with a rod for the first time and will be repeated in 1999. So come on gentlemen here's is a good chance to get your ladies into the sport

RWFF Loch Style Trophy - August 1st 1999

Congratulations to the winners Sean Cutting & Dave Doherty to have done so well in the hottest day of the year. A just reward for Sean - our hard worked Competition secretary! Results attached

Winter Programme

If you have any ideas on what might be of interest to members for the long winter evenings please let your Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary know as soon as possible. Items considered for 1999/2000 are the ever popular Fly Tying evening, Cooking evening to which the ladies are invited, Tackle Auction, Forum, Dinner & Speaker evening, etc.

Final update

Rutland.

The main basin is still continuing to fish from the boats but with the cooler weather fish are at last returning up the Arms - particularly the South.

On the bank, Normanton Three Trees to the dam and the Sykes end of the Dam still seem to be the most reliable spot when the wind suits. There are mainly stock fish here with the odd good fish

Grafham

Still quite good from the boats in the right conditions. Fish are being caught from the West end of the lake on wets in the day time but with dries morning and evening. The "G" Buoy to the Bowl of the Dam fish are being caught on fast sinking lines and mini-lures. A recent GWFFA boat match produced quite a good result with an individual winning catch of 13 fish for 25lb 12oz.

Pitsford

Fish are well up in the water now with small lures and wets giving the best results.

Another 9lb Brown has been caught - but this time from Pitsford - from a boat on a small grey lure. This is the best fish of the season. The captor's boat partner was playing a 4lb fish simultaneously! Perhaps these fish were pals. Both fish were returned to the water. It can't be too bad there. In the Major Clubs Match on 13th August 36 anglers caught 251 fish.

Ravensthorpe

Fry patterns round the weed beds have been effective here with dry fly fishing during the day. HI-D lines with Orange or Green & Black lures being more effective on the bright days

AWS have a special midweek offer on here until end of August. Fish from 0700 to noon for £10 - 00 with boat hire £6 - 00

While this cooler weather persists there is a more than even chance that the fish will return to the banks.

Tight Lines

John Wadham