



July Newsletter 2007

June 2007 will go down in history as the great soak. Despite this, temperatures were near average. Consequently, the lake has remained at a very high level with only minimal need for pumping. The surrounding land is up to field capacity and saturated. In many places the lake water is up over the banks.

So far, July has followed suit with long spells of thundery rain or thunderstorms. Not conducive to consistent fishing.

This high lake level has been a great advantage to the bank angler in keeping the fish close inshore with plenty of deep water at one's feet. This has obviated the need for waders. JW has still not used his this season.

The first three months of this 2007 season has certainly been a purple patch for the bank angler with fish so close to the bank well up in the water and

John Wadham's Fishing Report

best of all showing. In fact the rises this year – some lasting all day – have been the best for many years.

There has been very little sign of Daphnia, Corixa or Damsels in their diet. The much-vaunted large buzzer hatch was a non-event. The fish therefore have had to stoke up on other things.

To judge by the dense hatches of sedges the caddis must have quickly re-colonised the margins after last years draw down.

It is great to report that in contrast to previous seasons the fish have been feeding freely upon this harvest. Their stomachs contained two main species. One, a very small – size 16 black specimen: the other a large longhorn amber nymph represented by a size 10 or 8. The fish were most easily caught when on the latter pattern fished as a CDC. During the rise the fish would suddenly refuse ones offerings. This was mainly due to a hatch of caenis that oc-

curred between the early sedge and the later longhorns. Then, finally, the fish would again become impossible as they often switched to a tiny green buzzer.

Most of the fish appeared to be concentrated in the main basin East of a line drawn from the New Lodge to Whitwell Creek with the most to be found between the Blue Pipes and Fantasy Island. There have been some fish elsewhere E.g. Old hall, Barnhill Creek.

Particularly striking is the apparent paucity of fish at the top of the South Arm. This may well be due to the continued influx of relatively cold floodwater via the River Gwash. On many occasions the Manton Bay resembled "tomato soup". Also, with such a cool summer and comparatively low water temperatures the fish have preferred to remain on the down-wind shores.

In fact the fish remained on the Normanton Shore whatever the wind di-

rection. Normally this time of year the fish migrate to the top of the Arms to get into the cooler water thrown up by offshore westerly's.

The quality of stock-fish introduced have been above reproach. We recently had a bonus batch of large stockies: some over 6lb in weight. These commenced feeding immediately – mainly on sedge pupae. This time last year the fish had virtually stopped feeding and gradually lost condition.

This year the fish are currently feeding well. Some – especially the larger more "seasoned" fish – are "grazing" on the margin dwelling pin fry. They are almost feeding round your boots but very hard to tempt. These pin fry, which are now growing rapidly, should supply their immediate needs when the insects dry up. However, the majority are on still on insects.

Best patterns for the larger resident fish have been dries, hoppers, CDC, bobs bits. I.e. anything floating.

Best sunk patterns? Well anything goes. Especially Diawl Bach, buzzers, GRHE and all these fished just below the surface or on a "washing line" set up in conjunction with a booby: this latter often being taken in preference to the nymphs suspended therefrom!

Boats find the fish at last!

As you will see from the results below the boats are at last having some joy out in the lake and don't have to come within a rods length of the bank to catch!

Tuesday Boat League

In the latest match nearly every angler caught their limit – some very quickly
Winner was Leon Smith with 8 fish for 17lb 4oz 8dr.

The current leader board reads as follows:

		Points
1	Richard Cooper	31
2	Si Gaines	31
3	Paul Shaw	21
4	Leon Smith	19
6	Keith Jones	17
5	Paul Wild	16

RAF v EFFA

In this match most anglers took their 8 fish limit with a rod average of 7.3! Individual honours went to Roy Dixon fishing for EFFA with 8 fish for 16lb 4oz. A very close runner up was Dave Eames of the RAF with 8 fish for 16lb 3oz.

England Youth FFA Loch-Style Championship – Grafham water

Congratulations to the winner junior RWFF member Tom Cooper from Empingham.

He wins a place on the England Youth team for 2008. Tom also won week 5 of the Rutland Tuesday Boat League with 5 fish for 11lb 9oz 12dr.

Bank Erosion

AW staff have again warned us of the danger of under-cut banks and gaping cracks near the water's edge. Plans are in hand to carry out shoring up of these eroded banks.

Loch Style – Sunday September 16th 2007

If you want to fish please don't leave it until the last moment, as boats have to be booked. However, if you know you will be able to fish please contact Roy Taylor on 01572 723496 a.s.a.p.

Please support this event as much work goes in to organising it. A flier will be sent out nearer the

time. N.B. Next season's boat match fishing programme will be reviewed over the winter.

Farewell to David Moore

RWFF was represented by John Maitland and John Wadham, who by invitation, were at a recent party given by Anglian Water at the Water's Edge Café,



Normanton to say "good bye" to David Moore. Many of the local great and good of the angling world were also there.

David in his final post as Recreation & Access Manager for Anglian Water has been a good friend to RWFF. His knowledge of the biology and history of Rutland Water since its inception has been invaluable in support of it as a trout fishery.

We hope that "retirement" in his new role as Chairman of the Regional Fisheries, Environment and Recreation Advisory Committee will continue to bring him into contact with RWFF. We wish David and Helen well for the future. We also wish David "tight lines" with his newly acquired tackle!

RWFF Trophy Fish

Jayne Alecock leads the field in the Rainbow stakes with a fine fish weighing 5lb 5oz 12dr, caught from a boat in Yellowstone Bay, using a 6th Sense Slow Glass 'washing-line' setup with the 'Welsh' Booby on the point. Jayne caught this during the 2007

ELFA National Final, in which Jayne took second place to Sue Shaw. Both Jayne and fellow RWFF member Hilary Tomlinson qualified for the 2008 England Ladies team and will fish their International on the Lake of Menteith in Scotland on the 19th of June.

Malcolm March caught a 5lb 5oz 4dr Rainbow in week seven of the Tuesday Boat League. John Wadham took a 4lb 14oz 2dr Rainbow from the Old Hall Bay on a size 14CDC amber sedge pupa. The fish took almost all of the 100M of backing. This was an over-wintered fish that had been feeding mainly on large snails and contained about a dozen other assorted items.

Jamie Weston's 6lb 5oz fish is still the best Brown submitted so far.

Tom Pattenden from Oakham caught a 6lb 4oz Brown from the bank near the Blue Pipes at Normanton.

So, if you can beat these please contact JW and send him a specimen fish form. These are available from the Fishing Lodge shop or out of shop hours from the Warden's Office.

Catch & Release

With the high water level and below average water temperature, it has been decided to extend C&R at Rutland until further notice.

New Boats

On 22nd June Jim Coulam delivered the first of new generation of 16 ft boats due to be launched in this thirtieth anniversary year.

Annual Litter Pick-up day Sunday 4th March 2007

Some fourteen magnum bin liners of rubbish were collected.

Rutland Water Fly Fishers would like to thank Anglian Water for sponsoring the club in the sum of £150 and for supplying the equipment to carry out the work.



The proceeds for the event were donated to the Rutland Memorial Hospital and a presentation made to Maria Ward, Senior Nurse representing the Hospital on Tuesday July 3rd 2007.

Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs – Round 3 Rutland Water – 16th June 2007

Match Report by Kevin Taylor.

Rutland Water had been showing it's difficult side in the days leading up to this match, so 18 boats departed the landing stage, with 36 tentative anglers dividing their attention between the main basin and the south arm.

The anglers in the main basin tried many famous areas including Three trees, X Buoy and Fantasy Island but most ended up in the Stockie Bay area, where the later to be crowned individual match winner Graham Pearson had been concentrating his efforts. Floating line and 4 Diawl Bach variants proved to be the winning formula which secured the Rutland expert an 8 fish bag of large rainbows for 30lb ¼ oz including time bonus, for an early finish.

On the team front, the well drilled Soldier Palmers A Team had, as usual, been putting in some pre match practice and made it pay with a solid 33 fish total team bag for 88lb 6 ½ oz, way ahead of 2nd placed Bewl Bridge who boated 27 trout for 65lb 8oz. Local team Rutland Water Fly Fishers were 3rd with a 22 fish for 63lb 9 ¾ oz, which included some larger specimens, caught by Graham Pearson.

Overall, Rutland Water produced the goods again, with 36 anglers catching 132 trout, biggest fish 4lb 6 ½ oz caught by Phil Thomson of Bewl Bridge, rod average 3.67 and average weight 2lb 9oz.

Full Results ...

1 st Soldier Palmers A – 33 fish - 88lbs 6½ oz	6pts
2 nd Bewl Bridge – 27 fish - 65lb 8oz	5pts
3 rd Rutland Water – 22 fish – 63lb 9 ¾ oz	4pts
4 th Iver FC – 22 fish – 55lb 15 ¾ oz	3pts
5 th Fish Hawks – 18 fish – 49lb 1 ¼ oz	2pts
6 th Hanningfield – 10 fish – 20lb 11 ¼ oz	1pt

This makes the points after the 3 rounds:

1st Bewl	17pts
2nd Soldier Palmers	13
3rd RWFF	10
4th Hanningfield	9
5th Fish Hawks	8
6th Iver	5

So while Bewl are a long way clear, there's still all to play for!