

# Rutland Water Fly Fishers



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July 2008 Newsletter

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I am sure that no one needs to be reminded that May was as per 2007, a month of very mixed weather but until the end of the month a dry one.

This has caused the reservoirs water level to drop by about 1 meter.

Hopefully the recent heavy rains will fill up the source-rivers and this water will eventually reach the reservoir via

## Rutland Fishing Update ...

the AWS pumping regime.

It was sad to see the some of the finest spring blossom seen for many years wiped out by a North-Easterly gale on Monday 26th May.

Quite clearly the buzzer hatches in early season 2008 have arguably been the best for some years. Combine this with the following over wintering daphnia blooms, many of

last years over wintered stock fish are have made good condition.

The Tuesday Boat League has started again and is definitely worth a go evening if just for the wonderful sunsets we have at this time of year. The picture below of recently married Paul Wild, shows the delights of an evening afloat. Call the fishing lodge on 01780-686441 for details.

This year's fish have made such good condition that some of the March stockies could easily be mistaken for over wintered fish.

The boats have had the lion's share of the over wintered fish. However, bank fishermen have caught a much greater share of these than for some years. Also of great interest is the amount of Corixa that have been seen and found in the stomachs of the fish.



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However some of the best catches have come from the top of the South Arm when the wind has allowed. Al Owen and partner took 16 fish for an incredible 56lb from here. These were caught mainly on buzzer patterns of Al's design while on the drift.

The fish here are however very fickle and are on and off. However, when on, give fantastic sport. Two Scottish lads had a remarkable tally of large fish during their week's holiday with many Rainbows over 5lb and Browns to nearly 8lb.

Many have lost large fish or have been snapped on the strike or when a reel has jammed. So keep your tackle in good order and check your knots regularly! The persistent high water level of last summer and autumn has clearly allowed the margins to re-colonise which could account for the remarkable buzzer hatches.

We are now eagerly awaiting the arrival of the sedges which last June and July, with full water, gave us memorable fishing. With many over wintered fish left there should be grand sport ahead. Remember how it fished from mid June to mid July last year?

#### **This is what it is all about ...**

Above right is a photograph of Nic Mather aged 13 with personal best 3lb 10oz Rainbow caught on a Black & Grey Buzzer fished into a north wind from the bank near Normanton church.

It gave him quite a scrap taking much line. He had four others to 2lb and plenty of other pulls all within 20 meters of the bank!

#### **Bank Fishing Report May 2008 from Malcolm Shepherd**

The bank fishing at Rutland during May has been excellent despite some



very changeable weather with the wind most of the month coming from an east or north east direction somewhat limiting at times where one can fish.

However, the fish have been widespread though, as always, there have been hot spots. These have been the Normanton bank, from the Church to the Blue pipes, East Creek, Old Hall point, Yellowstone, Stockie Bay, and in the north arm Dickenson's bay.

The fish have been full of food when spooned and at any one time they contain small and large black buzzers, green buzzers, Corixa, as well as large amounts of daphnia. It is great to see so much food in them. This to me is always a good indication as to the condition of the lake itself. Methods for the month have been 15 ft leader with two nymph patterns.

Morning periods seem to be the buzzer time when black or green patterns have worked well. I have noticed during the afternoon and eve-

ning periods that more general patterns such as crunchers and the usual holographic red ribbed Diawl-Bach have worked well.

There have been good numbers of over wintered fish caught from the banks and I have had numbers of these in the 3 to 5 pound region, they put up a really good struggle.

There seems to be no particular place on the lake to encounter these fish and as they are widespread, you could pick them up anywhere you fish. This all adds to the excitement, as you do not know if the next fish will be another stockie or reel screamer.

It will be interesting now to see how June shapes up. If the weather turns hot then we can expect to see the fish move to deeper water as the buzzer hatches fade. If the weather stays cool maybe the bank fishing will remain good for just a bit longer.

Let's hope so.

### Bank Erosion

There is however, a downside to having high water in that it has caused the banks to become seriously eroded in many places. The Chairman and JW having not been on the bank for a year or so were horrified at what they saw.

Yellowstone Point being a graphic example of this: where the original bank stoning is now some two metres out from the banks!

In Hambleton Wood the roots a fine oak have finally given way and the tree has toppled into the water.

The aerial photograph on the next page just goes to show how big Rutland Water really is and how when a wind gets up, the 'ea shore' can have the power of mother nature thrown against it!

These undermined banks are quite a hazard to bank anglers and great care should be exercised by all when approaching the water to fish.

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**A 'Tale of Woe'** from Rob Holloway, RWFF Member.

Here's what happened on 29th March in Church Bay!

Michael my son and Justin Driemeyer and myself, a friend of his from South Africa, were fishing: myself by the willow trees in the water; Justin by the brick sluice and Michael twenty yards the other side.

Justin was using a borrowed rod from Michael, one of my reels & fished a Black & Green Goldhead. We all had the odd pull. Suddenly Justin gave a great shout that he had a fish on. Michael & I stopped fishing and took the net to him. This was no stockie. 50 m of backing and his reel screaming, the fish would not stop; 75m of backing

soon disappearing into the lake.

After about five minutes, Justin started to get control of the fish. When about 15 metres out from the shore Michael & I could see 13 to 15lb of Trout!

We could not make out whether it was a Rainbow or a Silver Brown: but what ever it was, Justin must have had it on for about 15 minutes, during which time it made many powerful runs.

Then, as we got it about 10m from the waters edge, it dived to the bottom and got round what we think was one of those rocks in front of the sluice and broke him up. So there are still one or two large fish in there! The day ended with a few nice Rainbows up to 4lb. A great day and one never to be forgotten"...



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### Cutting Trophy 2008 – 6<sup>th</sup> June

Thirteen members turned out for this four hour evening bank match in the most appalling conditions with torrential rain and an icy blast from the North.

Despite the weather, this proved to be the best ever result for this annual event with an amazing 4.54 fish per rod and an average weight of just under 2lb 6oz per fish. There were no nil returns! Results:

Name:	No of Fish	Best Fish:	Weigh	Place:
Phil Brown	8	3lbs 14oz	23lbs 4oz	1 <sup>st</sup>
Paul Wild	8	3lbs 2oz	16lbs 3oz	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Leon Smith	8	3lbs 0oz	15lbs 11oz	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ziggy Lesiakowski	7	2lbs 4oz	15lbs 8oz	4 <sup>th</sup>
Andy Wells	6	3lb 3oz (Br)	13lbs 6oz	5 <sup>th</sup>
Gary Cooper	3	-	7lbs 10oz	6 <sup>th</sup>
John Maitland	3	2lbs 8oz	6lbs 12oz	7 <sup>th</sup>
Hilary Tomlinson	4	-	6lbs 8oz	8 <sup>th</sup>
Jamie Weston	3	2lbs 12oz	6lbs 8oz	8 <sup>th</sup>
Rob Erskine	4	1lb 9oz	6lbs 5oz	10 <sup>th</sup>
Nigel Sudborough	3	2lbs 8oz	5lbs 9oz	11 <sup>th</sup>
Roy Taylor	1	2lbs 1oz	2lbs 1oz	12 <sup>th</sup>
Richard Cooper	1	2lbs 1oz	2lbs 1oz	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>		<b>127lbs 6oz</b>	



Congratulations to Phil Brown who ran out an easy winner with a superb eight fish catch for a total weight of 23lb 4oz taken by the "Washing Line" method with various nymphs propped up by a Booby.

His catch was taken from Stockie

Bay & Fantasy Island and included four over-wintered Rainbows between 3 & 4lb and was the heaviest catch taken in the history event.

Phil also took the prize for the best fish - a Rainbow of 3lb 14oz. The best brown of 3lb 3oz was caught by Andy Wells from Spalding.

Fish, which were all caught on floating lines, were taken in various places with Normanton Church to the Dam being the hot stretch. In many places the fish were feeding very close to the bank.

Most of the fish were caught on the ubiquitous Red Holographic Diawl Bach with one or two on crunchers. Paul Wild caught some on Emerger patterns.

Ziggy Lesiakowski lost his eighth fish



when his dropper knot caught in the top ring of his rod and the fish bolted and broke him!

Cakes & Ale were provided after the match and the Chairman, John Maitland thanked John Wadham for organising the event. This result clearly reflects this season's very high quality fishing.

### Thwart Boards/Boat Seats

RWFF currently provide a total of 26, with 4 new boards being added to the list on the 1st of June this year. See the photograph on the bottom of the left hand page.

RWFF offer these Thwart Boards/Boat Seats as a service to its own members and to visiting Rutland Water anglers alike.

The boards, which are made from a solid Ash planks for health and safety reasons are kept in a lean-to attached to the green Anglian Water container from which the life jackets are issued i.e. to the left of the boat jetty. 'Hire' of the boards is 50p per day or part thereof and this money should be inserted into a slot at the back of the lean-to. Please see photographs below for precise location and details.

Because the boards are made from Ash and have to be machined to take off the upper edges, they cost a considerable amount of money to purchase and by the time the end stops are fitted and the boards painted and varnished they actually cost just over £35 each. This does not include members of



the committee's time and effort.

Even after they are put into use the boards have to be maintained as they soon get knocked about with end stops smashed off etc. They are also tested at least once a season to ensure that they can take the weight they are designed for.

This very scientific test comprises of placing the board across two bricks (one at either end) and two of the **younger** members of the committee jumping up and down on them. Not a pretty sight I can assure you!!

The 50p are collected in a small safe within the container, which is regularly emptied by our treasurer Paul Wild and paid into club funds. These takings, although fairly minor do help to subsidise our club funds with things like

postage, stationery and visiting speakers during the winter programme. They will also help to meet the cost of this new colour newsletter.

Given the above, it is clearly in the members interest that if they or a guest use one of the boards they pay the 'hire' fee and where possible they help and encourage visiting anglers to use the boards by showing them where they are kept **and the location of the 50p slot**. This, and assisting Anglian Water staff to keep the boards neatly stacked in the lean-to will all help to preserve the life of the boards and it follows on from there our clubs income.

### **Burley Buzzers**

Green buzzers "collected" from a cloud of insects on the A606 alongside Burley Reach May 15th 2008. This many have not seen for some years...



### **John Dodds - Memorial Cup**

14 anglers turned out for this match, now in its 5th year.

They fished from 0830 – 1300 then 1400 – 1730 in a North East wind and rain. They caught 88 fish – mainly Rainbows and 35-40 Browns returned

Results - provided by Rob Holloway: -

1. David Depear, 8 Fish for 19lb 43/4oz
2. Tim Ramm, 8 fish for 18lb 53/4oz
3. Rob Holloway, 8 fish for 17lb 83/4oz

A very good day was had all and to be carried on for a good many years to come.

The match is a light hearted affair and is fished in memory of the late John Dodds, founder member of RWFF.

### **Water Aid—September 12th 2008**

This as you can see is much later in the year. Perhaps we may get better weather then. If you can help please return the attached form to JW by post, ring up or Email:

[john@ewadham.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:john@ewadham.fsnet.co.uk)

This is our great opportunity to show "Joe Public" that we care about more than filling our bags with fish. There will be further updates and you will be notified of any alterations. Thanks to those who have already put their names forward.

### **Loch Style Trophy 2008**

Pair's Boat fishing competition to International *Loch Style* rules - 9.30am to 5.30pm. Sunday 14th September 2008.

Entry is by contacting the Rutland Water Fishing Lodge and reserving a boat for yourself and a named partner.

If you are an individual and are unable to find a partner and wish to fish this match, RWFF if asked will endeavour to find you a partner if at all possible.

The match organiser will be Roy Tay-

lor. Please contact him on:  
01572-23496 or

[roy\\_taylor\\_home@hotmail.com](mailto:roy_taylor_home@hotmail.com).

Rules are based on International Rules and fishing to 16 Fish to the Boat, with no time bonus given. There will be a 1st place prize and a "Best Fish" prize presented. The Club will provisionally book 10 boats.

**NOTE:** Weigh in at the lodge between 6.00pm-6.15pm prompt. Also there will be no food following the match.

### Hanby Cup 2008

Pairs Boat fishing competition to fishery rules - Sunday the 2nd of November 2008.

Enter by booking in at the Lodge on the day. The Club has provisionally

booked 10 boats.\* This match will be organised by Paul Wild.

Please note that 8 Fish and no time bonus applies for this Match and only 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place vouchers to be awarded. This is a Reservoir Rules Match.

**NOTE:** Weigh in at the Lodge between 9.30pm - 4.30pm.

### Newsletter Format

What do you think folks? I think, as do many others to judge by feed back, that it is a great improvement. Our thanks go to Sean Cutting for setting it up and organising its production. By the way if you would like to advertise our rates are very good, i.e.: ¼ Page is £10, ½ Page is £15 and a Full Page is only £25! Good value we believe ...

### Wadham Trophy 2008 – 16<sup>th</sup> May

The match was fished on a dull, cold overcast evening in a light North Easterly wind. This wind opened up plenty of bank space. Fish were caught at various locations including Dickenson's, Old Hall, Blue Pipes and Church Bay. First and second weights came from Old Hall Point. Most people had plenty of pulls and numerous fish were lost. Results:

Name:	No of Fish	Best Fish:	Weigh	Place:
Paul Wild	7	2lbs 7oz	14lbs 7oz	1 <sup>st</sup>
Hilary Tomlinson	6	2lbs 6oz	12lbs 2oz	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ziggy Lesiakowski	4	<b>3lbs 4oz</b>	11lbs 6oz	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Richard Cooper	4	2lbs 8oz	9lbs 4oz	4 <sup>th</sup>
Roy Taylor	4	2lbs 6oz	8lbs 4oz	5 <sup>th</sup>
Dave Porter	3	2lbs 9oz	7lbs 4oz	6 <sup>th</sup>
Jamie Weston	2	2lbs 6oz	4lbs 6oz	7 <sup>th</sup>
Lewis Carlin	1	2lbs 6oz	2lbs 6oz	8 <sup>th</sup>
2 nil returns - <b>Total:</b>	<b>32 Fish</b>		<b>69lbs 7oz</b>	

Ziggy Lesiakowski had the best average weight per fish of 2lb13oz.

Best patterns on the evening were Buzzers & Diawl Bach's fished on floating lines. Many fish were seen to be rising, especially between the Normanton Church and the Blue Pipes stretch of the water.

# WATER AID

**FRIDAY September 12th 2008 - RUTLAND WATER**

This is our opportunity to show to the world and those who would chose to interfere in our recreation that we care more about the needs of underdeveloped countries rather than just filling our bags with fish. Last year we helped in raising over £17,000 for the charity from this one event alone.

The aim of Water Aid is to show other countries how to make the best use of their water resources and teach them the basics of sanitation

## **RWFF involvement ...**

We had a very good turn out last year and this year we will again be featured in the press.

At least thirty boatmen are needed on the Friday - but, the more the merrier.

As boatmen you will be going out with novices.

They are trying to do this on a one to one basis.

An area will be set aside for the casting clinic in the field below the main Normanton car park where casting volunteers should assemble: all those needing instruction will be sent here on the day.

You don't need to be a professional for the casting sessions. Just teach them the basics including safety aspects e.g. Eye protection, hat, life jackets & boat handling. Tackle will be available from AWS on the day and for the casting clinic.

The organisers want to avoid two novices going out in a boat together unaccompanied - a recipe for disaster - but at the same time want to get them out on the water on the day. Only we can do this!

There will be a trophy presented to the most successful volunteer boatman.

This was a tremendous event in previous years and the organisers have been profuse with their thanks for our involvement.

You will be apprised of progress, any further details or alterations to the

to the programme in subsequent newsletters.

If you can help, please return the tear off slip below and return to John Wadham or contact: -

John Wadham on: 01572 771092 or mobile: 07762 607630  
Malcolm March on: 01780 722466 or mobile: 07906 350748

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I can help on the following days: -

<b>Wednesday, September 10th:</b>	No of helpers required	Tick
Make up rods/fly boxes/goodie bags	<b>6</b>	( )
<b>Thursday, September 11th:</b>		
Finish goodie bags & some casting instruction	<b>6</b>	( )
<b>Friday, September 12th:</b>		
Further casting clinic from 0830	<b>6</b>	( )
<b>Friday, September 12th:</b>		
Boatman - fish 1000 – 1700	<b>30</b>	( )

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