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Dear member,

Fishing Report - June 1997

May ended in the doldrums and June started where May left off with cold NE winds and even frost on a few nights. What we should have guessed was, that the fish had migrated upwind to the Dam. Any wind North of East the fish were at the Sykes End and any wind South of East, fish the Fantasy End. With the low water you may now fish off the bank in front of Fantasy but with the rapidly rising water level following all the recent rain this will no doubt soon be out of bounds. Some very large fish were present at both ends of the dam and some superb over wintered Rainbows and Browns both in excess of 5lb were taken - mainly in the evening. As I write, the tops of the arms are just starting to fish from the bank. However the fish did not arrive here in quantity until July 10th last year. So there is hope yet! The 1997 stockies have mended quickly in a very warm spring with an abundance of food items. Some lads from Darlington caught fish on the Dam which were "stuffed to the gills" with sedge pupae. This happened last year but the novelty soon wore off when the small green buzzer and the Damsels appeared. The abundance of food was apparent to the secretary when cleaning a near 5lb over wintered fish from the dam which contained an estimated 4500 bloodworms in a variety of colours. Also in the stomach of the larger fish were snails & caddis. This suggests the fish were feeding in deep water well out of the range of bank anglers then coming in the evening with already full stomachs to mop up a few hatching buzzers. Consequently, they could be very difficult. Some of these awkward fish were grazing on floating snails drifting out of the dam corners. Some fine specimens were caught during this period on dries, suspenders, Shipman's & greased nymphs. The poor midday fishing in June was reflected in the results of the Oliver Cup - more of that anon. During this period the rudder fisherman appeared to fare quite well. At last we have a taker for the Trophy for the best Rainbow. The fish weighing 5lb 10oz was caught by Roger McCarthy boat fishing at Tim Appleton's on a size 12 Black Pheasant Tail on a floating line while at anchor during the Hanby Cup match. Just shows that there are some fish up there! Please use the forms for specimen fish for the trophies. They are located in our "suggestion box" on the right side of the notice board in the weighing in area at the lodge. If in doubt ask one of the A.W.S. staff. Most of the reports of members' catches have been obtained by ringing around or asking the right questions. So come on let's have some feed back! Reports will be treated with discretion as appropriate. As reported last month, many of the Browns have been released after capture. That's all fine and dandy but I and others have observed browns being beached then returned. That is like "sandpapering" their gills. Ideally, bring the fish to net as soon as practicable and gently unhook it in the net well out in the water. Hold it level in the water and if it does not swim away freely or if its survival appears unlikely then I am sure it is better to kill it. If the fish has fought long and hard it will be exhausted and when returned would be unlikely to survive anyway. If you feel there are only Browns there, move on. Don't just stand there putting them back all day as one gentleman told me he had done. There are some tremendous rainbows for both boat and bank anglers. I gather some lusty specimens have been caught and seen around what has now come to be known as Brown's Island. The Browns and the Rainbows don't seem to mix. It is however worth waiting on a good spot for the Rainbows to arrive. If there is a good food source there, then, sure enough the Rainbows - especially the over wintered ones - will know about it. Remember, they have been in there longer than most of the Browns.

Fishing Report - June 1997 (Contd.)

A visit to the Rivers Nene and the Welland on 28th June showed that they were both swollen and very coloured by recent heavy rain and with the Guash in full flood at Sounding Bridge causing the whole of the Manton Bay to become very coloured, A.W.S. should now be able to get some much needed water into the lake to prevent too much of a draw down. Needle Fry are now in evidence around the margins and have attracted some good fish which have proved difficult to catch. However Rob Landless seemed to have the answer by catching 6 "clonkers" at Stockie Bay Point" one morning. Yes, you have guessed it. Next morning nothing! The general feeling is that the cormorants are also as good as or even better than us at locating the fish and of course the fish will move on.

Juniors Evening Thursday 17th July -

The secretary will regrettably not be able to be there for family reasons. So Roger McCarthy would be very grateful for a replacement helper for what promises to be a fun evening.

English Youth National Eliminator - Rutland Water - Sunday 20th July 1997

Mike Watts is still looking for volunteer boatmen for this event. If you are a reasonably competent boat handler and can help out please contact him on 01536 514381.

The Wadham Trophy. Friday June 6th

Some 16 anglers took part - a new record for the event. The weather was perfect with a light S.S.E wind, warm and overcast.. Despite this, in some places, the fish did not show up until 9 pm. 30 fish were caught - very good for an evening match and really marked an upturn in sport. Congratulations to Lynn Walters who was the winner with 8 fish for 15lb 9oz caught from the bank in the Carrot Creek area Fish were observed all around the lake. The bar at the lodge remained open till 11.00 pm so that those who blanked could drown their sorrows and the winners could celebrate. Either way we had a drink! The Trophy will be presented at a Winter function

1st	L.Walters	8 Fish	15lb - 9oz
2nd	P.Buck	4 Fish	6lb - 12 1/4oz
3rd	S.Cutting	4 Fish	6lb - 4oz
Best Fish	Dick Stephen	Rainbow	3lb 11 1/2 oz

Oliver Cup - First Round - Rutland Water - Sunday June 8th 1997.

There was a turn out of 8 competitors for this event - one of whom came from Cheshire. The weather was mixed with a moderate South West wind and a hint of thunder for most of the day. In common with the prevailing slump in the fishing at the time not a single fish was seen. The results speak for themselves. Congratulations to Steve Crowson for winning. It took only one stockie to achieve second place. All methods were tried. Steve caught with super Hi-D tactics in front of the boat. The rudder men were seen to catch quite a few confirming the deep feeding habits of the fish at that time. Needless to say there was no need for a time allowance!

1st	Steve Crowson	3 Fish	5lb 0oz
2nd	John Wadham	1 Fish	11lb 14oz
3rd	Dave Allen	1 Fish	11lb 12oz
3rd	Peter Cliff	1 Fish	11lb 7oz
4th	Andrew Flitcroft	1 Fish	11lb 5oz

The Hanby Cup Sunday 22nd June 1997

Congratulations to the winners Roger McCarthy & Nigel Savage fishing in the Tim Appleton's Area. It was a closely fought contest with Gary Chewter & Will Ormiston a very close second and Bill Goodale & Alan Wood third. There were many other good bags of fish taken. The lake fished very well for the event. The full results list may be seen on our notice board at the Fishing Lodge.

1 st	R..McCarthy & N..Savage	16 fish	32lb - 5oz
2nd	G..Chewter & W.Ormiston	16 fish	31lb - 12oz
3rd	W.Goodale & Alan Wood	16 fish	29lb - 9oz
Best Fish	R.McCarthy	Rainbow	5lb 10oz

The Roger Thom Trophy Sunday 13th July 1997

The secretary regrets the late delivery of the application forms for this event. Please do your best to get them back to Roger McCarthy or ring him on 01664 67024 - as soon as you can just in case he has to book any extra boats.

The Loch Style Competition - Sunday August 3rd - Rutland Water

Please find forms and rules enclosed. Please note that you must book your own boats.

Float Tube Event Friday 18th July Rutland water.

The event starts at 1500 hours for the afternoon and evening. Try them out. Advice will be available from experts. Free tuition. All equipment except rods, lines & flies provided. For further details please ring the lodge on 01780 721999. Launching area dependant on weather and wind direction.

Triple "A" Army Outing - Rutland Water - Sunday September 7th 1997

The army will be fishing the "Triple A" inter - services match at Rutland in mid September and would like to be taken out by some of our knowledgeable club members on Sunday 7th Sept so that they can familiarise themselves with the water prior to the event in the following week. They would be grateful for the assistance of about fourteen "guides" on a first come first served basis. The boat hire and supper and will be free to guides. Please contact Sean Cutting for further details on 01780 720833.

Association of Major Clubs Competition - Bewl Water - Saturday 28th June 1997

At last success for R.W.F.F.! Congratulations to our team for achieving second place with 53lb - 8oz behind Grafham Water F.F. with 55lb - 3oz. These were good catches on a hard day when rising fish were hard to find in what appeared to be ideal conditions. A paucity of insects and an injection of cold water after three days of heavy rain appeared to curtail fish movement. Our team could have perhaps won had the secretary caught more than one tiny rainbow when the average per rod seemed to about 4 fish! A good time was had by all in one of the prettiest reservoir environments in the U.K. The food afterwards was very good and welcome after a hard day. The successful team were:-

Peter Cliff	Jon Marshall (Capt)
Mike Gilbert	John Wadham
Bill Law	Rob Waddington

Juniors News

Congratulations to Matthew Hanford who is in the news again with the capture of a Brown of 4lb 3oz taken from a boat off "Brown's Island" on the 30th May. This fish leads the stakes for the "Fario" trophy for the best Brown of the season by a junior member. Why "Fario" you may ask? Well "Fario" is the Latin for "Brown" - the full name being "Salmo Trutta -Forma Fario" The Trophy which is a rosewood type shield was presented by the present secretary to the club in 1988. It will be given away at a suitable winter function. If you chaps have any news of big catches, match successes or other items of interest for the newsletter let me have them as soon as you can. Letters normally go out at the end of each month. So we have to make a dead line for the 24th of the month. Any items received after this date will be included in the next letter. We have 31 members for the junior Evening on Thursday 17th July which promises to be great fun. Any problems or queries about the event on July 17th, please ring Roger McCarthy on 01664 67024.

"Fly in the Sky 1997"

Trevor Ashby has spent a gruelling 10 sessions tying flies for Sky Television's "Tight Lines" programme hosted by Bruno Brookes. Trevor quipped that, during the number of takes and retakes, he must have tied the equivalent of 1000 flies - sounds hard work to me, but such is Trevor's reputation that I am sure they will all be gems. The programmes will be broadcast monthly from July until February and will cover most of the still water patterns in common use to day - including of course Trevor's "Bungy Bloodworm" which has accounted for many good over wintered Rainbows for its perpetrator. The first programme goes out on Thursday 3rd July at 8.00 pm and subsequently on 31st July, 4th September & 2nd October and thereafter on or about the beginning of each month all on the "Tight Lines" programme which may be on Sky Sports 1, 2 or 3. So it will pay to check which station it is on. Don't miss it!

Competition Results

These will appear on the Club Notice Board at the Fishing Lodge

With some exciting fishing to come may I wish you all tight lines.

Yours Sincerely

John Wadham - Hon Secretary