

RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS



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WARNING Bank Erosion

AWS have asked us to warn you of the dangers of the eroded overhanging banks. In some cases the overhang is as much as a metre and appears to be held together with grass! Particular danger spots are the Finches Deep bank, West of Armley Wood, Yellowstone and the corner of the Mound. So don't stand too near the waters edge!

Junior's Evening

Put the 15th August in your diary to help out as a boatman at this year's junior's evening. Andy Flitcroft will be organising as usual. Please let him know if you will be available.

Osprey Update

A young female has just joined the male in Manton Bay. Leicester & Rutland Wildlife Trust are very keen that she stays and nests here. To encourage her, please keep well clear of the blue buoys around the nesting platform. Ospreys can be seen all round the reservoir so keep an eye out.

Luke and Daniel claim place in England's Youth Fly-fishing team

Two young club members, Luke Lavelle and Daniel Jackman were highly placed, 3rd and 4th, in the recent world team eliminator. Fished at Eyebrooke, on a very hard day, they both took a very creditable 6 fish for 10lb 4oz. It was a brilliant performance, given the condition, and they will now be travelling with the first team to Ireland, to fish Loch Cara, in the youth world championship in mid-August 2002. Well done and good luck to them both.



John Wadham's Fishing Report

As the Wadham Trophy on May 31st result proved, there were fish to be found all over the lake with no one spot being better than another.

It was good at last to see fish moving in the evenings and some good sport could be had with dries. This trend continued throughout the month but with the movement coming later and later in the day. The caenis put in an early appearance with JW having to take shelter from the "blizzard" in the car! There is away of dealing with this plague. Try standing your net in the water close behind you and hang an old coat on it. The caenis will be decoyed into

transposing on this rather than behind your glasses or up your nose!

So far the shallows have not produced their best. However Tim Appletons has provided intermittent catches as has the trans-former. Stocking here may have helped galvanise some of the bigger fish into action. Tom Pattenden lost an estimated 8-10lb fish at Tim Appletons. Burley has been producing from time to time when the wind allowed. Best methods seem to be CDCs and dries in the evenings. If you can find some feeding on pin fry - and they usually do this during the day- then a GRHE or silver thorax pheasant tail should do the biz! They have however, unusually at times, been taking some sedge pupae and of course

the tiny green buzzer which often hatches simultaneously!

Most productive areas are Normanton Church to the Dam, New Zealand to Gibbett Gorse, Tim Appletons and Burley, Yellowstone & Old Hall Point when the wind has been right.

There have recently been very extensive evening rises but the fish have been very hard to tempt; however a GRHE, amber nymph or sedge patterns have proved effective. Latest reports suggest that fish are also pulling in the mornings. This time last year they had stopped feeding around the banks. So let's hope this year that they carry on and put on more weight than the 2001 generation!

English Ladies Fly fishing Association - Ladies Day Rutland Sat 29th June

Some boatmen would also come in handy for this event. There will be 17 ladies wanting learn to cast etc. It seems such a good idea to encourage ones better half to have a go! The cost is £20 and will include casting tuition, tackle, fly tying with a few hours fishing from boat or bank and a buffet lunch. Details from Sue Noble at the Fishing Lodge on 01780 686441.

There is also a similar event at Grafham on Saturday July 6th – if you can help there, please contact Tracey Rathbone on 01480 810531

Outlook for Fishing

What is really needed for all forms of reservoir fishing is some settled weather. Even my neighbours Koi carp seem to have gone to sleep. Nature is a great leveller. With the absence of sun in June, coarse fish seem to have delayed their spawning till now. A visit to Grafham will confirm this with fish the size of TV sets wandering up and down the dam and cavorting about like lambs!

While on the subject of Grafham, the trout here seem to be growing at a prodigious rate and some season ticket holders are guardedly suggesting that it could be the best season there since 1975! The main reason for this amazing growth rate is the higher pH, which gives a much richer ecosystem. The main diet seems to be Daphnia, which is rich in protein. Here unlike, at Rutland they feed on sedges as long as the hatch lasts. The early season Grafham stockies now appear to be averaging about 3lb. Fish strong tackle, as many unwary anglers are being “snapped off” quite regularly. All patterns are working with deep nymphs from the bank and blobs & dries from the boats. As at Rutland they are just coming onto the pin fry, which should make for some exciting sport.

JOHN WADHAM TROPHY—

RWFF Members Evening Bank Match 31st May

Name	No of fish	Best fish	Weight	Place
Iain Barr	8		14lb 8oz	1
Bob Barr	7		12lb 5oz	2
Ziggy Leziakowski	4		8lb 2oz	3
Lin Walters	4		7lb 4oz	4
Paul Turner	3		6lb 8oz	5
Terry Oliver	3	2lb 13oz	6lb 3oz	6
Jamie Weston	3		6lb 0oz	7
Charles Bowers	3		5lb 14oz	8
Nigel Milner	3		5lb 14oz	8
Dan Perks	3		5lb 10oz	9
Paul Buck	2		4lb 2oz	10
Totals	43		82lb 4oz	
Averages	Fish/rod 3.31	catch/rod 6.33lb		

The match was fished in perfect conditions. A calm warm sunny evening after the first warm day for some time. Fish were moving at all the spots fished. This included Whitwell Front, East Creek, Green bank, Cardiac Hill and Stockie Bay. Ian and Bob caught their fish from East Creek on Buzzers and Diawl Bach respectively. The rest of the fish were caught on a variety of patterns. Charles caught on dries in front of the Whitwell car park where it apparently resembled a fish farm at feeding time! Some super Perch were also caught: some up to 2lb. Congratulations to the winner Iain Barr and to his dad the runner up and commiseration to those who failed to catch. Thanks to those who turned up to fish and to Nigel Savage of the AWS staff for staying overtime for the weigh in! Thanks also to Bryan, the restaurant manager for holding the bar open till 11.00pm. All in all a very enjoyable affair.

June Boat Fishing

Best attack seems to fish nymphs at anchor or “blobs” in the main basin. Don’t forget – no anchoring in the main basin. Apparently, when divers plunged to inspect the air lines (the blue pipes off Normanton bank), they found countless anchors. Fouling these pipes could interfere with the aerators and which are much needed at this time of year for the well being of the fish and of the Rutland environment as a whole.

Best spots seem to be off New Zealand Point/ Cardiac Hill to Ernies Point, and the top of both Arms and recently Normanton Church to Fantasy Island where Charles Bowers had a bonanza! As reported in the previous newsletter Michael Burnside who is one of our club members from South Yorkshire, broke the Rutland Water rainbow record with his fish of 14lb 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. This fish is therefore the largest specimen ever submitted for the RWFF Trout & Salmon Shield by a club member. Follow that!

Stocking at Rutland

Some 4,800 are being stocked this week and 4,000 next week bringing the total stock for the season to 60,700. Lets hope they feed right through and put on good weight for the autumn. The stock are spread as widely as possible but at this time of year they have to be introduced in weed free areas.

English Youth Practice Match

Sat. July 6th 2002 at Rutland

Charles Bowers has asked us if we could supply at least six boatmen for this event. If you can help please contact him at home on 01775 724274. This is a very important part of our function as a club to encourage youngsters as they represent the future of our sport. So please help if you can!