

# RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS



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## DIARY DATES

Friday 24th June  
**Water Aid Day**

Sunday 3rd July –  
**Fish & Feast Chal-  
lenge**

Afternoon / evening  
boat match with food.  
13.00 – 21.00  
Food 17.00—18.00

Sunday 4th Sept.  
**Loch Style**

## STOP PRESS

The wardens have asked us to pass on the warning that there is blue green algae in some of the margins and the usual care should be taken

## WANTED

The Committee are looking for help with the Notice Board at the Lodge and the RWFF Web Site. If you have a little spare time for the notice board or are able to up keep a Web Site, the Chairman or Secretary would love to hear from you.



## Fishing Report for June 2005

Last month will go down in history as one of the colder Mays of recent times: probably the coldest since the wintry month of 1996. Despite this, the lake seems to be more fertile than in recent seasons. The water is still at a very high level, which is ideal for the bank angler and ensures that the margins continue to remain well colonised by fauna. This is quite evident to judge by the recent vast hatches of buzzers coming off in relatively shallow water.

This is arguably the best opening two months at Rutland for some years. Many of the early stockies and indeed the over-wintered fish have put on good weight and are quite difficult to tell apart. The water temp rose at a snails pace during the month and is now nearing the optimum for the fish to feed avidly. They are at present grazing on buzzers of all sizes & colours, cad-

## John Wadham's Fishing Report

dis, olives, snails, ostracods, daphnia, olives, tiny green/red larvae. These latter may be found in the margins on rocks and other vegetation. If you turn these rocks over you will find all sorts of fish snap. Good also to see Corixa re-appearing in the margins. On the “glorious first of June” - when it poured all day, a dense bloom of microcystis – blue green algae appeared in the margins. This can have the effect of reducing the visibility on the lee shores almost to nil. The fish don't mind as it gives them some cover. However the brown algae which appeared for one day on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May immediately put fish off the feed: but it was thankfully dispersed by the strong south westerly wind on the Monday. So, where to fish? Most productive spots from the bank have been Old hall Bay & point. Hambleton Bay (to the West of Old Hall), Normanton Pontoon Bay Point, New Zealand Point, Berrybuts, Gibbet Gorse and particularly Normanton blue pipes where JW witnessed three people playing fish simul-

taneously. Where ever you go the fish seem to pull all day. Mick Huffer from Nottingham, here for a week's holiday, has caught his eight fish limit almost every day between 0800 and 1700 hours. This has included some really good fish especially from the Old Hall Bay and Normanton: again, mainly on olive buzzers. Mick says that if you want the better fish which seem to stand offshore a bit, cast beyond the inshore stockies. Sadly, the North Arm, west of an imaginary line drawn from The Transformer to Barnsdale Road seems to be totally devoid of fish. This is very sad, as this was one of the best parts of the lake for the bank angler from mid-May onwards. This is not JW's view as many newcomers to the lake have been quite surprised by how dead the lake seems. They soon changed their minds when recommended to fish the South arm. However, the stockie browns seem to have taken over the stretch from Three Trees to cont.....

.....Armley Wood. Perhaps as well to leave them alone as they can be caught three at a time. There are some rainbows on the Finches as one or two have caught them here.

The hatch of the larger buzzers, which started on the 18th of the month, coincided with a temporary daphnia crash. However the daphnia has now bloomed again and the fish are spoilt for choice and appear to be ready to consider anything in the way of food. Typical was a 3lb Rainbow caught from the Old hall Point, which contained: daphnia, various sizes and colours of buzzers, green & red larvae, larger bloodworms, snails, caddis, ostracods (tiny free swimming mussels the size of daphnia), amber sedge pupae and assorted dries. Another fish was found to contain about 300 large buzzers all the same size & colour.

This one of the most interesting parts of the sport which the catch & release anglers miss out on.

The better fish have been late evening arrivals so it is worth staying on till the death.

At last, there have been some sort of evening rises in a number of places. That which occurred in the Hambleton Bay and the Old Hall Car Park Corner on Bank Holiday Sunday was the best the JW had seen in quite a few seasons. Some very large fish were seen pushing huge volumes of water ahead of them and very close to the bank! A CDC GRHE proving acceptable to some of them. The evening rises, especially at Normanton & Old Hall, are lasting longer each day – particularly if the wind drops.

On Monday night on the East end of Old hall point JW had a vicious pull close in and within 15 seconds was “spooled”. The fish taking some 90M of backing plus fly line in one reel shredding run: then it all went slack. Ouch! My thanks to other anglers for giving me a clear run down the bank so as to follow it. However all was soon forgotten as one hour later the same thing happened again this time on the West corner and after losing some 70 m of backing, a 2lb Rainbow, foul hooked amidships arrived at the net! How would a 5lb foul-hooked fish go? Moral: get more backing on the reel now!

The average size of bank caught fish is 2.2lb with a good smattering of 3lb fish. One angler however took 4 Rainbows for 16lb off then Old Hall point and returned a 5lb+ Brown.

Most effective patterns for the bank angler have been olive buzzers, stick fly, GRHE, Damsel, B+G tadpole, Diawl-bach

For a short while the boats were taking some enormous fish from Manton, Hideaway & Cattle Trough Bays.

Graham Bailiss caught two Browns over 7lb and a 10lb plus specimen. These were all returned to the water.

On another occasion Phil Brown took two 6lb+ Browns and returned an even larger one. He also took a 5lb Rainbow. Most of these fish have been caught on olive buzzers.

## Charles Scoops the John Boon Trophy



Charles Bowers was recently presented with the John Boon Trophy by Sean Cutting. Charles won it at the final leg of the Federation of Midlands Fly Fishers, England Eliminator at Rutland. It is a prestigious trophy awarded to the angler who is overall top rod after the two round ‘Odds + Sods’ matches.

Poignantly we have learned that John Boon recently passed away in New Zealand.

## Water Aid

Thanks to all those who have volunteered for this event. Details for all those taking part are enclosed with this newsletter. If there are any problems or you have not received details of this itinerary, please contact JW.

# John Wadham Trophy

FRIDAY JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005

NAME	No of fish	BEST FISH	WEIGHT	PLACE
Michael Loy	8	3lb 13oz	18lb 1oz	1
Nigel Millner	8	3lb 10oz	16lb 3oz	2
Paul wild	8	3lb 10oz	15lb 14oz	3
Gary cooper	8	-	14lb 9oz	4
Bob Barr	8	-	14lb 8oz	5
Tom Cooper (Junior)	8	-	14lb 4oz	6
Roger McCarthy	6	-	10lb 12oz	7
Roy Taylor	3	2lb 13oz	7lb 14oz	8
Richard Cooper (Junior)	4	-	7lb 9oz	9
Lin Walters	4	-	7lb 8oz	10
Ziggy Lesiakowski	4	-	7lb 0oz	11
Dan Perks	3	-	6lb 3oz	12
John Barnet	1	-	1lb 6oz	13

There were two nil returns. This is a record catch for this event and reasonably reflects the current quality of the fishing.

The event started off in torrential rain and strong winds. Undaunted, six anglers went on to catch their limit; some in double quick time! These were a mixture of stockfish and some silvery well-seasoned specimens. Roy Taylor took three well-mended fish from Sailing Club Bay. The fish were caught very widely. Viz: Ernie's Point, Normanton, Sailing Club Bay & Sykes Lane. Congratulations to Mike Loy who swept the board taking heaviest bag & best fish: thus winning the trophy that will be presented at the Annual Dinner in March. The fish were caught on a variety of patterns. Congratulations to Tom Cooper aged 14, for catching his limit. Ziggy had much fun pulling hoppers through the waves.



## A recent note from Stuart to John Wadham

You may be interested to hear the sequel to our fishing since seeing you this morning. About an hour after you had left I had spent an unproductive time up on Old Hall Point and needed a pee so I cast out, put the rod down and started the rigmarole of taking off jacket and lowering body waders etc before getting down to business. Halfway through the reel screeched and the rod shot off down the bank, into the water before I could get to it and I saw it disappearing for at least a hundred yards on a course for Gibbets Gorse until it disappeared from sight. We tried to hail some boats for help but none heard us. At this point my fairly new rod and reel and the new line which was making its debut today was feared lost. Some ten minutes later however an angler on the right hand side of the Point shouted he could see a fly line travelling in the direction of Green Bank and parallel to us. He managed to cast out over my line and drew it in so I could wade in to get hold of it which I did and , with great aplomb I thought, hand lined first the fish and then my rod in safely. What a relief!!

## Hanby Cup Results 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of fish</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Best Fish</u>	<u>Combined weight</u>	<u>Position</u>
Andy Wells	8	21lb 5oz	3lb 9oz	35lb 13oz	1
Roy Taylor	6	14lb 6oz	4lb 4oz		
John Tattersfield	8	24lb 3oz	6lb 12oz	35lb 8oz	2
Martin Rowson	5	11lb 5oz	2lb 12oz		
Mike Barrett	6	14lb 0oz	3lb 0oz	19lb 11oz	3
Harry Palmer	2	5lb 11oz	3lb 5oz		
Dave Holroyd	3	8lb 5oz	3lb 8oz	18lb 3oz	4
John Innes	4	9lb 14oz	3lb 10oz		
Dan Perks	6	13lb 11oz	2lb 15oz	13lb 11oz	5
Lin Walters	-	-	-		

Five boats fished and most elected to fish the South arm and main basin. Weather: SSW wind with sunshine & overcast skies. Wind dropped after 1400 leaving a near flat calm by 1700Temp 16Deg C. Some fish were caught early on the rudder and gold & silver tubes. In time this method ceased to be effective due to the drop in wind. The buzzers & damsels proved more effective. Martin Rouse caught in Hideaway Bay. John Tattersfield's 6lb 12oz Brown came from Willow Bay on a size 14 Green Buzzer just before the end of the match. Roy Taylor & Andy Wells caught off NZ point on intermediate lines. Following an apparent draw for first place, a second weigh in was carried out by John Seaton. Eleven of fish taken were over three pounds with the best at 4lb 4oz taken by Roy Taylor. The day ended with a ploughman's and a pint in the "Waters Edge"

## Club Trophies & Monthly Fish Prize

If you catch a specimen fish and want to submit it for one of the club trophies – details inside back cover of membership book - please fill in a form. These are available from the office at the fishing lodge or from the filing box on the right hand side of our notice board in the garage.  
If you have a fish over 4lb, see the warden and get you photo taken and you'll be in line for the monthly £10. There have been plenty of fish caught over 4lbs but either they have not been caught by members or you are being very shy!