

RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS



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John Wadham's Fishing Report

Fishing Report for June

May has been a month of varied fortunes with very mixed weather and more awkwardly, winds from all points of the compass: with the westerly prevailing.

With the recent heavy rainfall the lake is still filling up with the R Guash pouring floodwater into the South Arm. This coloured water is spreading out right across Manton Bay, and from the North Brook the Tim Appleton's part of the North Arm is also affected

The water elsewhere is still crystal clear: so imitations and presentation has to be pretty good. It pays to keep out of sight or sit down while fishing.

During the warm spell mid month the lake fished very well from both boat & bank. Some superb browns were caught. Of particular note was the fish weighing an estimated 14lb caught by Paul Friend on one of his "Friendly" tubes. The fish, which was very deep in shape, was returned un-

harmd to the water.

It is gratifying to report the return of the Corixa to the margins. This creature is a very important part on the fish's diet and encourages the fish to come into the margins to feed on them: especially in autumn. One gentleman on holiday from North Wales reported that most of his fish caught from either side of the Old Hall were feeding on Corixa in a few inches of water.

A new buzzer is hatching now. It is olive green about size 10 with very prominent orange "cheeks" It appeared at the same time last year and brought some good fish into the margins.

Most fish recently have been catholic in their diet with daphnia and bloodworms in most fish

It is interesting to report that the best fish are still in the main basin area. Not, as one would have expected, at the top of the South Arm. Although Ziggy's boat partner in the Water Aid event caught a 6lb Brownie off the bunds wall and Paul Friend's

giant was caught here At the same time Ziggy caught a pair of 5lb rainbows from the Sykes Lane end of the dam. Stockie Bay produced some of the best fish this month with a number of big Browns and 4lb + over-wintered Rainbows turning up; mainly on buzzer patterns. Although one angler caught some fine rainbows on a Minkie! At the same time Ziggy caught a pair of 5lb rainbows from the Sykes Lane end of the dam.

The best fish I saw was a 6lb 14oz Brown caught by club member Gary West. It was a PB for him. JW took a picture of this perfect specimen and then promptly damaged the LCD screen on his first digital camera. Sorry Gary!

There have been odd rises on dull days or in the evening. One dull morning fish were moving on Old Hall Point but proving very tricky. Along came this youngster and showed us all how to do it by catching on high-speed dries ripped across ..cont...

DIARY DATES

4th June
Hanby Cup

9th June
Wadham Trophy
(This will be of the same format as the Cutting Trophy)

10th September
Loch Style Trophy

...cont.. their noses. It was in fact only his second outing. He had at least a dozen offers and finished up with three fish and his family was well chuffed so was his teacher JW.

Another gratifying bit of news is the presence of fish in Dickenson's Bay. Two members reported good rises and plenty of pulls here from both bank & boat. JW visited this area and found huge Carp spawning in the neck of the bay. No sign of fish on Burley or Tim Appleton's yet. But I will keep checking this out!

There seems to be quite a lot of fish between Sailing Club and Berrybuts given the right wind. Cyril from Grantham caught over-wintered fish up to 4lb 12oz off the harbour wall. The early stockfish are now almost indistinguishable from over-wintered specimens.

This year has seen a considerable increase in the number of over-wintered fish. No claims so far for the senior seasonal trophy for best Rainbow for 2006. Lets hope flaming June brings some quieter weather

Cutting Trophy

Luke Shevlin won this convincingly – see attached results. He had the best Brown & Rainbow for the match. He is still a junior member and therefore both the Brown 5lb 12oz and the 4lb 0oz Rainbow will qualify for the John Wadham "Fario" and the Mike Ellis Trophies respectively as the best fish weighed in so far this season. He caught the fish from Stockie Bay on buzzers.



Water Aid Fly fishing Challenge

For the second year in a row this was fished in the most appalling conditions. There was some doubt that the boats would go out. However despite a few last minute panics over gillies everyone got out onto the water. The weather could hardly have been worse with squalls of heavy rain and a very strong SW wind. However most were able to find some shelter. Many commented that they got wetter from the water than from the rain from above!

RWFF member Ziggy Lesiakowski was the winning ghillie for the novices representing the "Betafence" team. His two proteges John Carter and John Thompson caught 8 fish for 23lb 1oz finishing first and third among the 134 competitors. John Carter took the best fish of the day, a brown of 6lb. The fish were taken on a tube on a floating line.

