

RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS



March 2007

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Dave Downie

Thursday 15th February

Dave gave us a marvellous demonstration of sleight of hand in fly tying. His undeniable success as a competition angler speaks for itself.

Despite hailing from Glasgow – the Scots know a thing or two about Rutland - he tied patterns for our reservoir, mainly for the boat angler but which would no doubt be just as effective from the bank. He clearly demonstrated how killing these can be in the hands of our Northern brethren. Perhaps we are too dyed in the wool in our approach. There were clearly three or four preferred variations on the standard tyings.

Diawl Bach This ubiquitous pattern was tied with peacock herl dyed red.

Humongous This was tied with gold chenille body and gold flashabout tail. This pattern offered on a DI 6 often out-fished the rudder-fished tubes! He had caught Salmon,

Sea Trout and Pike on this version.

White Cat Booby this fly accounted for the record 17lb 13oz over-wintered Rainbow taken from the lake of Menteith and featured in the January edition of "Today's fly-fisher" magazine. He fishes this on a DI 3 and sometimes as a "washing line" set up with the Booby as a point fly with two nymphs up.

Klinkhåmer down to a size 24. This was very deftly tied with the hackle skilfully wound round the post and whip finished in situ.

Pink Shrimp He tied this a using a fluorescent flamingo pink blazie, a clear pearl flash back and copper wire rib with much lead foil underlay They were tied on a "Napek" long point barb-less hook designed by the Czechs.

Sand Eel He tied a fry imitation with a "Krystal skin" body. This felt quite slimy to the touch!

I am sure Dave would

be only too pleased to give you details of tying methods and materials. Dave is running a fly tying competition in aid of York Hill Children's Hospital. Contact him for entry details for this worthy cause.

He can be contacted at www.flyfishingworld.co.uk or try him on: 0141-812-0783.

This was quite an education in fly tying skill and the evening was much enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Sean Cutting & Nigel Millner for depicting Dave's efforts on the large screen and for recording the evening's entertainment.

Rutland Water

The 2007 Season

Stocking will be some 20,000 pre-season. AWS will be aiming for a minimum stock size of 750 gram with the majority at 900gram (2lb). There will be a smattering of some bonus 3lb plus fish. A good deal of the stock will be in by the end of June. In addition there will be a stocking of about 8-9,000 browns

of about 700 gram in weight.

In order that the catch rate can be monitored and a rational catch per rod reported, it is essential to submit your catch returns regularly. You may well have your permit taken away if you don't.

The lake is fuller than it has been for some time and still pouring in from the feeder streams and off the banks. Following the mildest winter on record, the fish should remain in the margins longer than in recent seasons. Won't it be such a joy to fish from grassy banks rather than sloshing about in the mud as per the last two seasons!

What ever the weather brings we are no doubt eager to get our rods out and get on the water again – Tight lines!

Tackle Auction

Thursday 1st March

This was attended by some 50 members and guests. There were 199 lots in total. We were a bit low on punters, but however we did collect

£112 on the door raffle.

A big hand for all the helpers on the night! Thanks are also due to all those who contributed and to the big spenders. Chris Evans generously bid for rods for the Water Aid Event in May!

As ever the show ran without a hitch thanks to the expertise of auctioneer Jeff Dale. Jeff generously donated his fee for the occasion to the England Youth Team.

RWFF would like to thank the Barnsdale Lodge Hotel staff for their excellent hospitality in the "Barn" where nothing seemed to be too much trouble.

Pre Season Dinner

Thursday March 15th

This is one of the pre season musts. It will again be held at the Whipper Inn Oakham. If you have not already returned your form to Jon Marshall, this is a final reminder as the closing date was March 5th. David Moore will be the guest of honour and will present the prizes.

Annual Litter Pick-Up Day Sunday 4th March 2007

Fourteen members and spouses turned out for this event on a very unprepossessing and wet Sunday morning. We were provided with delicious bacon baps and coffee before setting off with gloves on and bags waving in the wind. Some fourteen magnum bin liners of litter were collected. This equated to two bags per person – plus a marker buoy!

Rutland Water Fly Fishers would like to thank Anglian Water for sponsoring the club and for supplying the equipment. The RWFF committee would also like to thank club members and their families for turning out on such a rotten day. The proceeds for the event will be donated to the Rutland Memorial Hospital and a presentation made in due course. The local press – Rutland & Stamford Mercury - recorded the event for posterity.

Water Aid Day 16th/17th/18th May 2007

We have already 9 volunteers for this event. We need thirty in total to avoid any last minute panics as per 2006. So if you can help, please read the enclosed flier and return the tear off slip to John Wadham as soon as possible. We hope to get full press coverage and do our bit for under-developed countries. Lets hope for better weather than 2006!

The following have already put their names forward: David Lang, Bob Barr, Roy Taylor, Gordon

Bloodworth, John Innes, Peter Gover, Malcolm March, Brian Bonner, Stuart Ross, Dave Porter and Lew Carlin - who will be sounding the proclamation - part of the event not to be missed! If I have left out or added anyone please contact JW!

"Rutland Fishing"

Stuart Ilsley is moving his business from Station Road, Oakham to the Eyebrook Reservoir Tackle Shop on Thursday March 8th 2007. You can telephone him on: 01536-772128 or visit his website at www.rutlandfishing.com.

RWFF TROPHY WINNERS 2007

TROUT FISHERMAN SHIELD

Best Brown (Senior)
Mike Nethercliff
9lb 11oz

TROUT & SALMON SHIELD

Best Rainbow (Senior)
J Wadham
4lb 4oz

MIKE ELLIS TROPHY

Best Rainbow (Junior)
Richard Cooper
5lb 0oz

FARIO TROPHY

Best Brown (Junior)
L Shevlin
5lb 12oz

LOCH STYLE TROPHY

1st Place
G. Pearson & M. Barrett
16 fish for 39lb 5oz

LOCH STYLE TROPHY

2nd Place
G. Bloodworth & Al Owen
16 fish for 30lb 3oz

LOCH STYLE

(BEST FISH)
G Pearson 4lb 1/4oz

HANBY CUP

J Weston & P Brown
11 fish for 25lb 0oz

CUTTING TROPHY

Luke Shevlin

WADHAM TROPHY

Phil Brown

RUTLAND HORSESHOE

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RWFF Competition Dates 2007

Wadham Trophy – Bank Match
Friday evening May 11th.

Oliver Cup - Boat Match
Sunday, May 27th.

Cutting Trophy – Bank Match
Friday evening, June 1st.

Hanby Cup - Boat Match
Sunday, June 17th.

Loch-style Trophy - Boat Match
Sunday, September 16th.

The new 'Nymph and Diawl Bach' match will be held on Rutland Water. The date is still to be announced



Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs 2007

Anglers needed to fish the Bewl round of this brilliant competition on the 12th of May. Check out the RWFF web site for all details.

TWO-HANDED FLY RODS FOR RESERVOIR BANK ANGLERS — AN ARTICLE BY HENRY LOWE

I see a few folk out with 2-handers around reservoir trout fisheries, and have tried using one hoping for a better, or at least a useful alternative, approach for this fishing. The results have been encouraging, provided that a few adjustments are made to tackle and technique.

If the 2-hander is to be as good as or better than the single-hander for reservoir bank anglers, the tackle must suit their 'normal' trout fly-fishing methods. Tackle and techniques need to include -

- Reasonably light fly lines; I take #7 as normal, #8 as heaviest.
- Fishing deep nymphs on long leaders, up to at least 20 ft.
- Retrieve of flies near to the bank or at least to shallow water.
- Relatively long casting.
- Comfortable fishing in adverse winds.
- Fishing, hooking and playing trout with an outfit that feels sensible in the hand, able to use small flies and leaders to suit.

Experience shows that:
Suitable outfits are available.

- Rods at 12.5 to 13 feet, rated #8 or #8/9, light and with tips sensitive enough to handle #7 lines comfortably. As a member of the Hardy Greys Academy, I have been using the Greys GRXi 13 ft #8/9 rod, which performs nicely in this role, but I know there are other rods to a similar specification which should be satisfactory.
- Fly lines; floaters at WF7, sinkers at WF8, best with short to medium-length heads, 30 ft to 40 ft (maximum), heads tapered for all or much of their length. I have found the Hardy Mach I lines work nicely for me. Leaders with tapered butts definitely improve presentation of the flies.

Satisfactory handling and casting are not too difficult.

- The 13ft rod (unlike a 14 footer!) feels good for this fishing and for playing reservoir trout, its length giving control without being heavy. Casting is less demanding of muscles and joints!
- A casting sequence, combining a modified roll cast to lift line and flies with a single back-and-forward cast ending with a good shoot of line, is the basis of a comfortable fishing method. After fishing out the cast, correct 'fingering' is needed to control the line (the 'Double Spey Lift') and put out the whole line-head for a smooth transition to the next cast. We'll show you this.
- Inevitably, there are limits on how close in to the angler the flies will fish at the end of a retrieve. If you need to bring them really close to the water's edge, fish at an angle to the bank and bring them in further away from you. The longer rod makes a nice long, fish catching lift to end the retrieve.
- In strong cross winds, the 2-hander is a winner! Fishing can be easy in conditions that make using a single-hander a struggle, and you can adapt simply to wind direction.

Hardy Greys 5-star Academy instructors will be at Rutland Water from 10.30 am on Saturday 14 April 07 to demonstrate and to help anglers to try this way of fishing. No booking and no fee required. Bring your own 2-hander outfit (to or near the specifications above), or have a go with those available on the day.

Selected outfits will be available to buy at Rutland during or immediately after the demonstrations.

ALL enquiries to Henry Lowe on 01223-245886 or henrylowe4@googlemail.com

HELP — Urgently Required

The England Ladies urgently need the help of 28 Boatmen for their Home International at Grafham Water on Thursday the 31st of May 2007. I am told that they are apparently offering to pay £30 to anyone who is willing to help. Not bad to be paid for helping at such an interesting event!

WATER AID FRIDAY May 18th 2007 - 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 £19,000 for the charity from this one event alone – we are going for £20,000 this year! 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** gillies are needed on the Friday-but, the more the merrier. GWFFA & Invicta FF have kindly offered to help out with boatmen. As gillies you will be going out with novices. Take your own gear, as you will also be able to fish. 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.

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 has been a proposal mooted to offer a trophy to the most successful volunteer boatman
- This was a tremendous event last year and the organisers were profuse with their thanks for our involvement.

You will be apprised of progress, any further details or alterations to the programme in subsequent newsletters.

If you can help please return the tear off slip at the bottom this page or contact John Wadham on 01572-771092 or 07762-607630 a.s.a.p.

For further information please contact the Anglian Water Services Organiser, Chris Evans at chrisd.evans@btinternet.com

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I would like to help on the following days: -

			No of helpers required	Tick	
Wednesday	May 16th	Make up fly boxes and goodie bags	6	()	
Thursday	May 17 th	Make up rods – some casting instruction	6	()	
Friday	May 18 th	Further casting clinic from 0830	6	()	
"	"	"	Boat gillie - fish 1000 – 1700	30	()

Name & Address: -

Post Code: -

Tel No: -

Please note the web page link – www.awwaffic.org.

Any sponsorship from companies that any member's work for would be very welcome, as would items for the auction sale and raffle prizes.