



## May Newsletter

As we all know the season got off to a flier and continued throughout the second week thanks to some unseasonably warm weather. The tops of both arms are as yet unproductive having been well tested by those in the know.

The water has now cleared and the fishing become considerably more testing. Best time to fish seems to be between dawn and 1000. There seems to be little evening action. There have been spasmodic rises to the tiny buzzer – only imitable by one tied on a size 26 hook! They appeared unwilling to accept dries or emergers. However for some reason best known to themselves they have preferred Black & Green Taddies or other lures. However some anglers have fared well with buzzer imitations. Some of these being 10 times the size of the current insects! The hatches have been quite dense with the trees on the Hambleton approach road appearing to be smoking chimneys. The most productive areas for the bank angler have been from the seat opposite the old Whitwell Lodge to The

## John Wadham's Fishing Report

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> must be a day of dread for the trout as some 100 fish were caught from the Stockie bay area. They were not all stockies as a number were over-wintered. These were mainly around 2lb.

It is quite apparent that fish stocked into Rutland prior to June 2006 wintered much better than their counterparts introduced later on. Stomach contents analysis of bank caught fish suggested that they had apparently not fed from July to Christmas!

The early fish however had the benefit of rich spring feeding on Daphnia, followed by good hatches of green & brown buzzers and then hordes of pin fry and were consequently able to take advantage of the coarse fish fry in Autumn which for whatever reason remained in open water.

This is a great time to get youngster and beginners of any age into the sport.

One of JW's protégés 12-year-old Nick Mather from Empingham caught 4 Rainbows for 12lb 4oz next to Berrybutts -

Spinney on stick fly where on another visit he had a near 4lb over-wintered fish containing four 3" roach fry. This shoal of fry could be seen wandering along the margins between Berrybutts and NZ point.

He lost a "crock" which took his Damsel nymph only a rods length out in Stockie Bay and smashed him to smithereens and then as if to rub salt into the wound, jumped twice to show how big it was! Approaching 5lb I would say. However, all was soon forgotten when the next fish came to net.

Fry, mainly roach and bream, are also appearing in the Harbour. Best current patterns apart from buzzers & lures have been small Diawl-Backs.

The Chairman got into something big on the Yellowstone on this pattern. Sadly the fish was lost after 7 or 8 minutes - ouch!

There does seem to be quite a few fish up at Gibbet Gorse. Maybe they don't get so much fishing pressure there. Geoff Allsop from Warsop catching a steady limit here when all other areas

blanked!

It is refreshing to report the capture of fish from Dickenson's and Whitwell Creek where some nice silver fish have been caught recently. Old Hall point is still reliable with one or two limits from here.

The fish so far seem mainly interested in the hordes of tiny buzzers. They need to stoke up on something more substantial if they are to put on good weight to get them through the lean times ahead. The daphnia is at last starting to bloom. This is rich fodder as will be the larger buzzers when they appear. This food store should soon, in this very forward season, put in an appearance.

Interestingly enough some anglers are already having some success with Hawthorn flies and other dries. One angler who confessed to only catching a few fish had a bonanza on this pattern last week. These are meaty mouthfuls and as one who has almost choked on one will testify! Lets hope they fall onto the water in thousands like they did in 1993. It then

brought up some of the large browns and rainbows. Some fish containing as many as 500 specimens or parts thereof!

Best fish reported so far this season is the 10lb 1oz Brownie caught by Colin Faiers in a single man boat in the Main Basin. It was caught a small competition sized black lure. The fish took right at the end of the retrieve just as the lure was about to be lifted off to cast!

The water level; continues well up which makes for very pleasant fishing conditions and much chair work! 5,500 fish went in last week. This should galvanise the resident fish into action as per Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April! What ever the state of the fishing there can be no denying that this has been the most fabulous spring with May Bugs and May blossom appearing in April! The bluebells in Hambleton, Armley and Barnsdale woods are a joy to behold.

#### **Club Specimen Fish Trophies**

There have been some fine fish caught by members. So if you catch one that in your view merits submission for a club best fish trophy, fill in a RWFF specimen catch return form. These are available from the Rutland tackle shop or, out of shop hours, from the Wardens office.

Details of the Trophies are given on the inside of the back cover of your membership book. If you catch an eligible specimen in any of the club matches, don't forget to record it.

#### **Two Handed Rods**

The Greys 13'AFTM 7/8 or 8/9 rods were a delight to handle and were so light as to be able to be used single handed. They seemed ideal for those afflicted with "Rutland Arm" and other physical ailments and suitable for bank or boat

#### **Lexus EFC Individual International Qualifier**

Congratulations to Leon Smith for winning this event and then going on to get second in the Bob Church Frank Cutler Memorial Trophy.

#### **Trout Masters fish off 21<sup>st</sup> April**

1	Pete Andrews	8
fish	20lb 13oz	
2	Phil Brown (RWFF)	8
fish	18lb 12oz	
3	Mike Netherclift (RWFF)	2
fish	3lb 11oz	

This was fished on a difficult day in bright sunshine: a tribute to the skill of the winners!

#### **Water Aid – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

This your last chance to volunteer for boatmen for this prestigious event. Please contact John Wadham on 01572-771092 or 07762-

607630

AWS, Water Aid and RWFF are extremely grateful that so many members felt able to help out. The following RWFF members have very kindly offered to give up their time for this good cause. *See attached list.*

#### **AWS Tuesday Boat League Rutland Water - 2007**

This kicks off on Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to improve your skills as you will very often share a boat with an expert and also learn something about boat handling. It is great value for money. All details form the Lodge on 01780-686441.

#### **Membership Renewals**

Just another brief note to ask if you have paid your 2007 subscription and not received your RWFF handbook, please can you get in touch with our Secretary.

#### **Anglian Water/Fulling Mill 2007**

Two local teams, both Captained by RWFF members, ie: Craig & Iain Barr made it through the first heat on Saturday the 28 at Rutland. Iain's Team Barr/Redbull came 2nd with 34 fish and Craig's Rutland Raiders were hot on his heels in third place with 25.



#### **RWFF Club Matches 2007**

- **Wadham Trophy** — Bank Match, Friday evening, May 12th
- **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

These are great reasons for all club members to get together and share a day out. You never know, you might like it and even learn something from your partner if for instance you spend a day drawn together in a boat!

If you have never entered one of the club competitions, why not telephone or email one of the committee members to ask what they are all about? As the BT add went, 'Its Good To Talk'.

# WATER AID PROGRAMME

## RUTLAND WATER

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> May 2007

In order to ensure that it all goes smoothly I have drawn up the following itinerary for RWFF

### Wednesday May 16th

1100hrs	Assemble fly fishing kits for novices - leader + wool	2 hours
1300hrs	Lunch for helpers from Waters Edge Cafe (see John Seaton)	
1400hrs	Make up fly box selections for novices	3 hours

### Thursday May 17th

1500hrs	Make up goodie bags.	2 hours
1700hrs	Casting clinic for novices	Ad lib
	Re-assemble kits (for novices clinic on 19th)	

### Friday May 18th

0800hrs	Assemble at the fishing lodge for group photograph and briefing
0805hrs	Casting clinic for novices
0930hrs	Briefing by AWS
1000hrs	Fishing
1700 hrs	Weigh in

The casting clinics will be supervised by JW and Malcolm March will be held in the field west of the lodge below the Normanton car park. Style access is near west end of harbour wall. For safety reasons the area will be cordoned off from the public.

As there may be more for the casting than previously anticipated it would help if as many boatmen as possible could help with the casting on 18th.

Also, it would be ideal if one gillie could pick up a pair of beginners at registration and stay with them for the duration ushering them around.

Please get to the fishing lodge on time on 18th as Lewis Carlin has arranged for a photographer to be present so that we get some press coverage - *It would help if we had a spare camera on hand – just in case!*

After the match, there will be a meal and presentation to which we are invited. Followed immediately by the auction.

As last year all the boats will be in use so, I am sorry to say, it will be three in a boat. It might therefore be a good idea to show one or both of your protégés how to use the motor. That way you can sit in the middle, direct operations and duck as appropriate! It might also be worth, matching left & right-handers or showing right-handers how to cast over the left shoulder. Feel free to take your own fishing equipment out in the boat. Life jackets will be available. There will be sufficient fishing kits for all novices who must wear hat & glasses, be in possession of rod licences and be aware of the fishery regulations and safety code. For identification purposes we hope to be supplied with bright yellow AWS vests.

Any problems. Please contact:-

Malcolm March	01780 722466
John Wadham	01572 771092 or mobile 07762 607630

**If you are unable to attend please let one of us know in good time**

E. J. Wadham 27/04/2006

### **WATER AID HELPERS 2007**

#### **Boatmen for Friday 18/05/2007**

Jane Alecock, Bob Barr, Gordon Bloodworth, Brian Bonner, Charles Bowers, Lew Carlin, Peter de Kremer, Len Francis, Roger Gill, Peter Gover, John Innes, Bill Kingston, David Lang, Ziggy Lesiakowski, Malcolm March, Roger McCarthy, Al Owen, Graham Pearson, Dave Porter, Stuart Ross, Luke Shevlin, Hilary Tomlinson and Rob Waddington.

#### **All three days 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> May**

Brian Bonner, Malcolm March, Roger McCarthy, Dave Porter, John Wadham, Peter Welton and Lew Carlin.

# JOHN WADHAM TROPHY

## R.W.F.F Members Only Bank Match

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2007

Book in at the Lodge from 1715

Fish 1800 to 2130 Hours

8 Fish Limit

Prizes for Winning Weight & Best Fish

**Weigh In No Later than 2200 Hours**

"Cakes and Ale" at 2200 Hours

Lock up 2230 Hours

Contact Organiser - John Wadham  
Tel No. 01572 771092 Or 07762 607630

# CUTTING TROPHY

FRIDAY 1st JUNE

**R.W.F.F Members Only Bank Match**

Book in at the Lodge from 1715

Contact Organiser - John Wadham  
Tel No. 01572 771092 Or 07762 607630

Fish 1800 to 2200 Hours

**8 Fish Limit**

**WEIGH IN No later than 2230 Hours**

"CAKES & ALE" 2230 Hours

Lock Up 2300 Hours

# Oliver Cup 2007

**R.W.F.F's**

**'Buzzer & Diawl Bach'**

**Floating Line Boat Match**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2007

Book in at the Lodge from 0900

Telephone 01780-686441

Fish 1000 to 1800 Hours

8 Fish Limit—no time bonus

**Prizes for Winning Weight & Best Fish**

20 boats booked – first come first served

Contact Organiser - Tony Beresford