

Rutland Water Fly Fishers



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May 2008 Newsletter

Welcome members ...
... to the first colour A5 sized RWFF Newsletter. It is planned to keep the newsletter in this format as postal charges are against the A4 size.

Also the club needs articles to add each edition, so if you have a story, idea or a piece of information relevant to Rutland Water, plus a photograph, please send it John Wadham or Roy Taylor, their contact details are below ...

Rutland Fishing Update ...

Rutland Bank Fishing A report from Malcolm Shepherd

Despite very changeable weather conditions since the start of the season the bank fishing has been very good.

As usual, it has been a case of finding the fish: but once found it is possible to catch plenty of fish and I have had good success using buzzer and hares ear patterns.

The best time of day seems to be from midday onwards: this being the warmest part of the day.

In some areas of the lake there have been some good hatches of small buzzers and the fish are full of them when spooned.

Congratulations to RWFF member Richard Cooper who won the Independence Day trophy for the best fish on opening day with a Rainbow of 4lb 2oz. He is pictured below left with John Seaton.

One angler reported that the dam appeared to be "on fire" one calm evening

Once again the Norman-ton bank has fished well on South Westerly winds and the top end of Whitwell Creek opposite the Old Fishing Lodge.

This has fished well when the wind has been North - North West. Other areas



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that have fished are the Finches in the North arm and East Creek.

The high water over the last 18 months has allowed the fauna to re-colonise the margins. This has encouraged the fish to stay close in.

The fish have been grazing on Daphnia in large quantities: especially where the wind has been blowing into the bank for any length of time.

There have been some good sized fish caught: 3 - 4 pounders being common. However, all the fish so far seem to be this years stocking with just an odd over wintered fish.

I anticipate that, once the weather warms and we get some milder nights, the fishing will improve even further and the fish will move nearer to the surface to feed on the buzzer hatches.

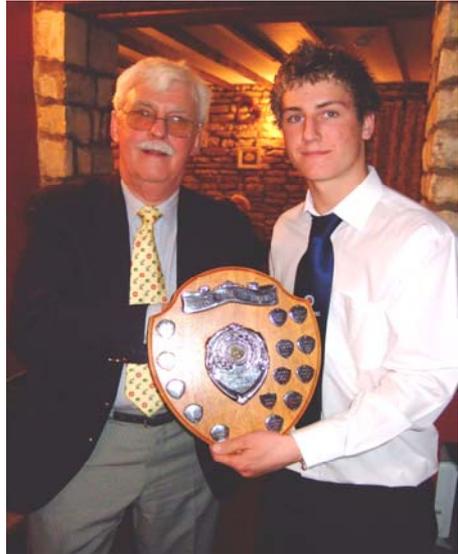
Let's hope the larger insects put in an appearance this year!

RWFF Pre-Season Club Dinner Thursday 27th March

The club pre-season dinner was held at the Fox & Hounds Inn at Exton. We were made very welcome here even receiving a welcoming greetings card from the management. Nothing seemed to be too much trouble for their staff who also volunteered to give us a lift in with the trophies.

John Maitland presented the prizes ably assisted by John Wadham.

The "Fario" junior trophy was presented to Tom Cooper (pictured



above) for winning the EYFA Loch Style Match at Grafham and winning a number of the Tuesday boat league heats.

Congratulations were offered to Jayne Alecock, Hilary Tomlinson, Mairi McFarlane and Elaine

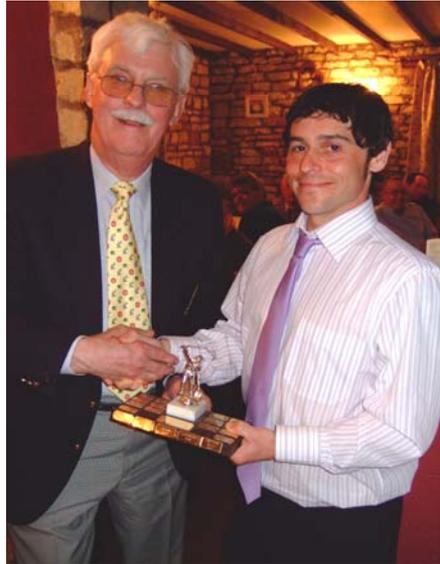


Sherry for gaining entry to the English Ladies final at Lake of Menteith in 2008.

Roy Taylor received the Cutting Trophy and accepted on behalf of Andrew Well and himself, 2nd place Trophy for the Loch Style match.

Jayne also received the Trout & Salmon Shield for the heaviest Rainbow (5lbs 6oz) caught by an adult club member in 2007.

It was a night of celebration for Jaime Weston and Phil Brown.



5oz.

Finally Roy Taylor was presented with the Rutland Horseshoe for his tireless efforts in getting the admin side of club affairs back on a sound footing. He was also pre-

Both members were presented with trophies that they had won individually and as a Boat Pair. In 2007 they won the Loch Style Trophy with 16 fish for 19lb 11oz.

Loch Style Best Fish Winner went to Jaime and Phil won the Wadham Trophy with 8 fish for 17lb



sented with a super replica horse-shoe made by Gary Cooper.

The chairman thanked the hotel staff for an excellent meal with very attentive service in a pleasant ambience. To see their website, please visit:

www.foxandhoundsrutland.co.uk

Wheely - Boat Launch Friday 4th April 2008

The chairman & John Wadham were cordially invited to this event held at the Fishing Lodge, Normanton.

This a superb craft very similar to the existing "Coulam" models already in use at the lake incorporating an approach ramp, an elevating stand within the boat bounded by stainless steel hand rails.

Andy Beardsley demonstrated its handling ability and showed how

easily one can fish from it. It has what looked like a powerful out-board motor on the stern.

JW & Co were at the original test run for the prototype at the Game Fair at Harewood House many years ago. Our brief then was to test its stability.

We tried our best to tip it over – fortunately without success!

This new model looks more like the QE 2 in comparison!

The present new model is one of 7 ordered by AWS. It is fitted with an electric start 10hp outboard engine. This another step that AWS has taken towards assisting disabled anglers at their fisheries.

The attached photo shows (from left to right) Ray Price (Wheelyboat Trust), Jim Coulam of Coulam Boat Builders, Danny Peet cutting the ribbon, John Seaton (Anglian Water Senior Warden at Rutland Water),



Jake Williams (Anglian Water Recreation & Access Manager), John Marshall (Anglian Water Fisheries Manager), and Andy Beadsley of the Wheelyboat Trust.

RWFF Late News ...

Boats have been catching in the Main Basin. However on a very rough day Ken Merridan & Jim Watts found some good over-wintered specimens in the Manton Area.

On Thursday 10th April Junior member Angus Smith from Careby, (pictured below) weighed in a Rainbow for the Mike Ellis Junior Trophy.

This trophy is for the best Rainbow



caught by a Junior during the 2008 season.

The fish weighing 3lb 2oz was caught from the bank on a White & Green Lure between the Normanton Church & Three Trees.



Also new RWFF club member beginner Carl Porter accompanied by JW with his first fish from the bank a 3lb 6oz Rainbow taken close in in Church Bay on a "Black & green Tadpole". This fish gave him quite a scrap, making Carl an extremely happy angler, as the picture above shows.

Darren Dodd's son Luke on only his second outing, caught a 20lb Pike from the bank in Whitwell Creek on a Damsel nymph

Best Brown caught by a club and Orvis Team Rutland member was the 7lb 41/2 oz specimen caught by Mike Barrett (see picture on next page) from Sheffield.

The fish was taken from a boat off Sykes Lane on a black buzzer fished on a "Midge tip" line. Specimen fish forms are now



available from the Fishing Lodge shop or Warden's office. so if you catch a good fish come and weigh it in. If you want to return the fish to the water: just weigh it in the net or other receptacle in the presence of a witness - and then weigh the receptacle - of course!

RWFF Litter Pick Up 2008



Twenty five members and their families turned out on a lovely sunny Sunday morning for the litter pick.

This represents a very good attendance. It was especially nice to see youngsters and other family members willing to help out.

Some 31 bags of rubbish were collected. Trash included an inordinate number of drinks containers!

The Waterside Restaurant provided beverages and excellent generously filled bacon butties.

Thanks go to John Seaton, senior warden, for finding time in his busy schedule to organise the food and give us directions on the health & safety aspects of litter collection.

He also took the group photographs in front of our new notice board.

Before the off John Wadham

outlined how the event would proceed. John Maitland, RWFF Chairman, then thanked members for their attendance, the restaurant staff for their excellent butties and John Seaton for organising it and providing gloves and bags.

The event is sponsored by Anglian Water Services Ltd and the proceeds directed to the Rutland Memorial Hospital in Oakham where many club members have been the recipients of superb nursing care.

Rudder Match — Saturday April 12th Rutland Water

The fish were caught mainly in the main basin. However Graham Pearson & partner Mike Barrett caught in the Manton area. Most effective method proved to be to fish an Orange Blob on Di7 line.

The fish were again feeding mainly on daphnia. Some splendid conditioned over-wintered fish were caught. 152 fish were caught giving an average 7.6 fish per rod. Best catch was 16 fish for 46lb 10oz.

RWFF Enamel Pin Badges ...

If you need to replace your old pin or cloth badge, then now is the time. The new Badges as show above are available at the lodge or at any club event. Prices are £3 each and very good value and not bank



RWFF Tackle Auction 2008

Always a great social evening, but maybe in need of a rest for a year or so, due to the 'tackle lots' being down in numbers as well as prospective buyers!



Ziggy Lesiakowski stood in for Jeff Dale as auctioneer and did a really splendid job. Kevin Taylor acted as 'lot' handler whilst Paul Wild and John Harrison looked after the money side of the evening.

The door was ably manned by Sean Cutting who managed to keep the raffle ticket sales in a positive position!

Next year the committee feels that the date and venue might be better used for the Cookery Evening as we had back in 2007.

Another picture of the evening can be seen on the next page ...



Rutland Bank Fishing II

a report from RWFF member,
Malcolm March.

On Wed 2 April I took a friend ,
Ian, on the bank near Fantasy Is-
land.

It was busy with other anglers,
windy and pretty awkward to cast.
Although I quickly landed a couple
of smallish stockies, Ian was hav-
ing problems casting in the wind,
so I took him over to the willows
at Sykes Lane. We got there at
about 4.30 pm.

We had a tremendous couple of
hours at Sykes, fishing size 12
black buzzers. There was a large
hatch of buzzers taking place and
spooned fish had masses of live
pupa in them, about size 14.

If pulls dried up we just adjusted

the depth we were fishing by re-
trieving earlier or later.

We only weighed the smallest fish
which was 3½ lb; the largest must
have been nearer 5 lb. A couple
seemed to be over wintered as
they made very powerful runs, had
no fat in them and had healed cor-
morant scars.

It was really great fun keeping the
fish out of the willow branches and
showed how much pressure an 8lb
line will take without breaking. I
started off with one dropper on a
10 foot leader but soon went over
to a single fly when my largest fish
snagged the dropper in the
branches ;fortunately the dropper
fly pinged off and I landed the fish
which was about 5 lb.

The following morning I walked the
dog at about 7 am and there was a
huge buzzer hatch taking place at

Edith Weston. Some anglers said it was the largest hatch seen for years. We went back that afternoon to the same place on Sykes and although we bagged up quickly, they were just not the same stamp of fish. That's fishing!

RWFF 2008 Match Details Wadham Trophy 2008

RWFF Members Only - Friday the 16th of May.

Individual bank fishing competition to fishery rules, with an 8 fish limit.

As last year, the match will both start and finish at the lodge. Enter by booking in at the Lodge in person from 5.00pm onwards, with fishing starting no sooner than 6.00pm, ending at 10.00pm.

Your name will be then entered on the Competitors list. Only those on the list will be eligible to weigh in at the Lodge between 10.15pm & 10.30pm.

Please contact the organiser, John Wadham on 01572-771092 or 07762-607630.

NOTE: Following the weigh-in there will be 'Cakes & Ale', plus prizes for the winning weight and best fish.

Cutting Trophy 2008

RWFF Members Only, Individual bank fishing competition to fishery rules, with an 8 fish limit. Bank Match to Reservoir Rules - Friday the 6th of June 2008.

The match will both start and finish at the lodge. Enter by booking in at the Lodge in person from 5.00pm onwards, with fishing starting no sooner than 6.00pm. Your name will be then entered on the Competitors list. Only those on the list will be eligible to weigh in at the Lodge between 10.15pm & 10.30pm.

Please contact the organiser, John Wadham on 01572-771092 or 07762-607630. **NOTE:** There will be no meal after this match.

Loch Style Trophy 2008

Pair's Boat fishing competition to International *Loch Style* rules— 9.30am to 5.30pm. Sunday 14th September 2008.

More details in the next newsletter.

Hanby Cup 2008

Pairs Boat fishing competition to fishery rules - Sunday the 2nd of November 2008.

More details in the next newsletter.

Water Aid—September 12th 2008

This as you can see is much later in the year. Perhaps we may get better weather then. If you can help please return the attached form to JW by post, ring up or Email:

john@ewadham.fsnet.co.uk

This is our great opportunity to show "Joe Public" that we care about more than filling our bags with fish. There will be further updates and you will be notified of any alterations. Thanks to those who have already put their names forward.

WATER AID

FRIDAY September 12th 2008 - 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 £17,000 for the charity from this one event alone.

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 boatmen are needed on the Friday - but, the more the merrier.

As boatmen you will be going out with novices.

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 & boat handling. 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 will be a trophy presented to the most successful volunteer boatman.

This was a tremendous event in previous years and the organisers have been profuse with their thanks for our involvement.

You will be apprised of progress, any further details or alterations to the

to the programme in subsequent newsletters.

If you can help, please return the tear off slip below and return to John Wadham or contact: -

John Wadham on: 01572 771092 or mobile: 07762 607630
Malcolm March on: 01780 722466 or mobile: 07906 350748

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I can help on the following days: -

Wednesday, September 10th:	No of helpers required	Tick
Make up rods/fly boxes/goodie bags	6	()
Thursday, September 11th:		
Finish goodie bags & some casting instruction	6	()
Friday, September 12th:		
Further casting clinic from 0830	6	()
Friday, September 12th:		
Boatman - fish 1000 – 1700	30	()

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