

RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS



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John Wadham's Fishing Report

Fishing Report for November

The water was down about 2.5m but with recent rain has recovered a little.

However the drought continues. We desperately need rain. Not only to refresh the rivers and drains but to recharge the ground-water supplies which is the main source of water in for example Kent, Nottinghamshire & north Lincolnshire. The sooner Rutland fills up the better so that the exposed areas have time to re-colonise for next spring.

The recent warm weather has made fishing quite comfortable for November. The fish have responded pretty well but in localised areas.

Bigger fish are certainly on the move. As usual the larger Browns put in an appearance and some lusty specimens have been caught— but too late alas! As you would expect, Whitwell Creek and East Creek have produced some

good fish.

Congratulations to junior member Tom Cooper from Empingham took a magnificent 6lb 4oz rainbow from Whitwell Creek. Tom said, "I cast out my floating line with a white Minkie. The lure hit the water and the fish took it on the drop".

Congratulations also to junior member Sam Albutt was runner up for this trophy with a 2lb 12oz specimen caught in April during the Cutting Trophy bank match.

Apart from Sam's fish, Tom's fish is the only specimen fish weighed in for any of the club trophies this season. However, if I have omitted anyone who has caught a specimen fish and had it witnessed, weighed in and has submitted a form please contact JW.

One of the best fish of the season is the 9lb 11oz Rainbow caught on a grey Minkie: also came from the bank in Whitwell Creek.

Robbie Winram from the Rutland shop has been joining in the Whitwell Creek bonanza. Last Tues-

day, using size 10 & 12 pin fry patterns of his own tying, he caught thirteen fish from the West bank. He caught all through the day fishing it very slowly on a floater. The fish averaged over 2lb with the best 3lb 8oz. He also found it very effective at various other spots around the bank.

It is gratifying to report the Stockie Bay has at last come up trumps with one angler taking six good fish from here.

Most effective patterns from bank and boat have been fry imitations: either floating, suspended or sub-surface. Although some have had success with various nymphs Boats have also been doing well with Ken Merridan & Jimmy Watts having quite a bonanza. Don't forget that the boats come off the water at the end of the month.

In most areas, fish have been feeding avidly on fry but in the Old Hall Bay for example, Rainbows appeared to have empty stomachs.

Rutland Water Fur & Feather bank match - Sun- day 4th December

If you want to fish this ticket only (in advance) match you better get your skates on and contact the lodge for a slot a.s.a.p. – 01780 686441

There is a six fish limit. Tickets are £24 – 00 or £12 – 00 for season ticket holders & juniors: this to include meals and prizes. This is the best test of the bank fishing. The outcome will therefore be very interesting.

Pike Fishing

Sounds as if Ravensthorpe was the best bet with several fish over 30lb being taken.

Speaker Evening

Our first event of the winter programme is on the 5th Dec. with Paul Procter, a distinguished 'river man'. It should be a interesting evening with a free sausage & mash supper. See you there!

Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs 2005 - Group One

End of season report

RWFF claimed a narrow victory and 6pts in the final round of the Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs at Grafham Water in September, when a four-man team took 15 fish for 28lbs11oz and first place.

In second spot with 14 fish for 28lbs exactly were Bewl Bridge Flyfishers A, followed by Soldier Palmers A with 14 fish for 25lbs.

Top rod for RWFF was Steve Crowson with five fish for 10lbs 1 oz, taken mainly on orange blobs near G buoy. Andrew Flitcroft also took five fish for 8lb 5oz on boobies from the Savages Creek area

The win meant that RWFF finished third overall for the 2005 season with a total of 23 pts and a total weight of 295lbs, behind Bewl Bridge who finished with 25pts and 346lbs and the 2005 champions, Soldier Palmers A, who were clear winners with 27 pts and a total of 385lbs.

The final Group One league table looked like this:

1 Solder Palmers A	27 pts
2 Bewl Bridge FF 'A'	25pts
3 Rutland Water FF	23pts
4 Fish Hawks	20pts
5 Grafham Water FA	16 pts
6 Hanningfield FA	14pts

This season's newcomers Hanningfield were relegated and will be replaced next season by Iver FC, clear winners of Division Two.

The results from the final round at Grafham on the day looked like this:

1 Rutland Water FF	15 fish	28 lb 11oz	6pts
2 Bewl Bridge FF A	14 fish	28lb 0oz	5pts
3 Soldier Palmers A	14 fish	25lb 0oz	4pts
4 Fish Hawks	15 fish	24lb 12oz	3pts
5 Hanningfield	13 fish	24lb 11oz	2pts
6 Grafham Water	12 fish	19lb 11oz	1pts

2005—2006 Winter Programme

You will find enclosed with this newsletter a separate programme for this winter. We recommend that you pin it up somewhere obvious as an aide memoir. This year we have some interesting speakers as well as our popular old favourites. Please note that the meetings at the Empingham Cricket Club are now on a Thursday. The good news is that there will be a free supper on each of the 4 nights, either sausage & mash or a cold buffet.

Membership Renewal

Its that time of year again. We have decided to leave the membership fees unchanged this year. Did you know that if you attended the majority of the winter events you would more than recoup your membership costs. If you fished one or two of the competitions and stayed for the subsidized meal you would actually then be in profit. Even if you can't manage any of this because of your location then the invaluable fishing report still makes membership the best deal around. So come on, strike whilst the iron hot and send Paul Wild a cheque.