

RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS



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John Wadham's Fishing Report

Sorry to have been out of touch for so long. A lot has happened since my last report.

The water level is now down about 2M and is nice and clear but there is still a total absence of marginal weed. It is very gratifying to report that at last the bank fishing has picked up. This is mainly due to the hordes of fry in the margins.

In the Hinckley Shield Bank Match fished on Sunday 10th October they averaged around 3 fish a rod. Admittedly many of the anglers caught their allotted two browns. However some mint conditioned Rainbows over 3lb were caught quite widely. Fantasy End of the Dam and Whitwell Creek producing the best catches. Mike Gunnell caught a Brown just under 6lb on the dam but had to return it to the water having already had his two browns!

It is gratifying to see that fish are now coming into Whitwell Creek and other spots in the main body of the lake with some anglers occasionally taking their limits. Other useful spots are Whitwell Car Park Front and the Mound where the fish are mainly on Daphnia and the Harbour Wall where the Browns and some Rainbows are knocking hell out of the fry. Top of the list this week was the 6lb 9oz brown taken from Whitwell Creek by Roger McCarthy.

Fry imitations, humungous or minkies – either suspended or sunk and still the ubiquitous diawl-bach are taking fish well.

Latest on the bank fishing.

On Sunday 17th October all those who had been on the beginners course throughout the season were invited to fish a lightweight match from bank and boat. Some very good fish were caught, mainly by the boat anglers.

However a beginner on the course run by John Wadham caught the best fish. The fish was taken from the bank in Whiwell

creek. It was a perfect Rainbow of 3lb 10oz. The fish, which gave the captor much arm ache, was caught on a Grey Jungle Minkie. There was a lot of frantic fry chasing going on Ernie's Point. These fish had been at it since dawn. So by the time we got to them at 2.00pm, they were pretty "bloated" and very picky and the beginners here had offers rather than fish. This was borne out by the fact that the 3lb 10oz fish contained 29 recognisable fry up to 2" and much more grey "mush" besides.

At the moment the boats are catching some superb Rainbows. Mostly down the centre of the lake. Although it is reported that fish were being caught from the boats alongside Cardiac Hill.

It will be very interesting to view the results of the North Arm challenge to be fished on 23rd October. Details of this from the Fishing Lodge on 01780 686441

Best one seen on Sunday weighed 5lb 3 oz and was in perfect condition. Most of these fish were caught well out in the lake and deep. The 5lb fish being

caught by Brian Moore (Flasher) to you and I on a Di8 sunk line.

No sign of last year's skinny specimens. This year we have, due mainly to the cold windy summer, mercifully been spared the brown algae.

Juniors successes

Congratulations to Matthew Newton who over the weekend 19th/20th September fished the England World Qualifier on the River Wharfe at Bolton Abbey and qualified to fish in the England World Youth team in the Czech republic next summer. He caught 11 fish in the two three hours fishing sessions. The rod average for the day was 6 fish

Congratulations to Richard Cooper who qualified for the under 15 England Team at Grafham in July. He caught 6 fish at the captains day at Ravensthorpe.

Rutland Fur & Feather

5 December 2004

Book now for this fun bank match on 01780 686441

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES - John Maitland, Chairman RWFF



It is good to hear that boat fishing at Rutland has continued to be excellent. I was invited to attend the dinner and prize-giving after the Anglian Water/Fulling Mill international final. In spite of windy rough conditions there had been many excellent bags and, talking to competitors, it was clear that fish were in excellent condition. The ergasilus gill parasite is at a very low level. This does not surprise me because epidemics of trout parasites in reservoirs generally fall back after very high initial levels. What a pity though that the trout have not yet come into the banks in force although some places have provided fair sport. Hopefully, falling temperatures will bring them in after the small perch which I am sure are there. Since my mobility is now pretty restricted I have not been tempted out very often. However, I see a specialist shortly and hope that the knee can be sorted out (again) well before next season.

Your Committee will shortly be sorting out the winter programme. If any members have suggestions for events or speakers do give either of the secretaries or me a call.

RWFF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Its that time of year again! The meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 8th November at the Empingham Cricket Club. You will see from your agenda that there are 2 motions to amend our rules this year. The first defines what happens to our assets should the Club disband. Don't worry we're not planning to do so, it is being done at the behest of our insurers. The second rule amendment is designed to regularise the appointment of our President and Vice President.

Our joint competition organisers have decided to step down this year. We are therefore looking for someone who would like to take on this interesting job. There is an opportunity to try out new ideas and you can be assured of the support of all the committee if you feel that you would like to give it a go. Please have a word with John Maitland if you would like to be considered.

Specimens for trophies

Below is a list of the winners of the annual club specimen fish trophies

Best Rainbow	Adult	John Wadham	5lb - 0oz
Best Brown	Adult	Roger McCarthy	6lb 9oz
Best Rainbow	Junior	Luke Shevlin	
Best Brown	Junior	Tom Cooper	2lb 5oz

If anyone has weighed in fish bigger than these you are asked to contact John Wadham a.s.a.p. Richard Baines was awarded the Mike Ellis trophy for the best Rainbow of the 2003 season.

Tom Cooper, aged 13, is at present having further treatment for his femur injury of two years ago. We all wish him a speedy recovery. He has however been able to get out in the "Wheeler Boat" with a leg rest. If any one would like to take him out then I am sure his dad Gary, who also suffered a serious injury this summer, would be very pleased. Contact him on 01780 460254

RWFF COMPETITIONS

Cutting Trophy

Round 1 (bank) Sunday 25th April

The first of the Club competitions got off to a successful start with 13 anglers taking part. Although it was a bright sunny day with a brisk S to SE breeze a total of 34 fish were caught with most of the fish coming from the dam wall and the Green Bank, on floating or intermediate lines. The main diet was buzzers with most of the fish being around the 2½lb mark. Rod average 2.6

1st	Graham Cooper	7 fish	14lb	6ozs
2nd	Nigel Millner	6 fish	12lb	4ozs
3rd	Roy Taylor	6 fish	11lb	2ozs

Roger Thom Trophy

Sunday 16th May (boat)

Although a very hot sunny day with little to no breeze, a very useful day was had by all the 12 anglers that took part. 74 fish were caught mostly from the South Arm on floating lines and buzzers. Rod average 6.1

1st	John Tattersfield	8 fish	15lb	15ozs
2nd	Gary Cooper	8 fish	15lb	10ozs
3rd	Nigel Millner	8 fish	13lb	11ozs

Handby Cup

Sunday 13th June

An excellent day with 14 anglers taking part in a strong W / NW wind. Most fish were taken from the bottom of the South Arm on blobs and black lures using sinking lines. 63 fish were caught with a rod average of 4.5

1st	Graham Pearson			
	Mike Barrett	16 fish	32lb	11ozs
2nd	John Tattersfield			
	Martin Rowson	16 fish	29lb	6ozs
3rd	Roy Taylor			
	Andrew Wells	13 fish	29lb	5ozs

Oliver Cup 1st Round

Rutland Sunday 4th July

A disappointing turn out with only 7 anglers taking part. There was a moderate W / NW wind with all the fish being caught in the Main Basin on floating lines. The best flies were buzzers and dawl bachs. 14 fish caught with a rod average of 2.

1st	Martin Rowson	5 fish	8lb	5ozs
2nd	John Tattersfield	4 fish	6lb	15ozs
3rd	Lin Walters	2 fish	3lb	14ozs

Loch Style

Rutland 5th September

12 anglers competed for this one which turned out to be a quite difficult session. It was a nice warm sunny day with little or no wind. 36 fish were caught from the Main Basin and the South Arm, mainly on sinking lines using the washing line method.

1st	Leon Smith			
	Barry Vaughan	10 fish	23lb	10ozs
2nd	Bobb Barr			
	Keith Jones	12 fish	23lb	9ozs

Oliver Cup 2nd Round

Graffam 26th September

Only 6 anglers took part on what turned out to be an excellent days fishing. In a strong W / NW wind the 38 fish were caught drifting into Farm Bay, Church Bay and up to the Willows, all on intermediate lines and nymphs. Rod average 6.3

1st	Graham Cooper	8 fish	12lb	4ozs
2nd	David Holdrord	8 fish	11lb	12ozs
3rd	John Tattersfield	8 fish	11lb	2ozs

Overall winner from both rounds—John Tattersfield; Runner up—Martin Rowson



Richard Baines with his Mike Ellis trophy for the best Rainbow of the 2003 season



An interesting photo of the stomach contents of one rainbow that has clearly been hitting the fry in the margins!

Hinckley Shield bank fishing competition - Rutland Water, October 9

A consistent team performance from Greenwell Persuaders saw them retain the Hinckley Shield after an absorbing bank fishing competition involving seven teams of six anglers on an in-form Rutland Water. The Persuaders had a total of 30 fish for 54lb 4oz, 7lb ahead of runners-up Rutland Water FF who had 23 fish for 47lb 4oz, with Grafham Water FFA in third place just behind with 23 fish for 45lb 12oz.

Top individual rod on the day was Mark Brinkman of Grafham Water FFA with seven fish for 14lb 8oz from Whitwell Creek on small suspender minkies and black nymphs on a floating line. Greenwells Persuaders were led home by a captain's performance from Graham Willis who took six fish for 14lb from the Mound on humungus-type patterns.

A feature of the match was the number of brownies taken and, with only the first two to be kept to weigh in, many anglers were forced to put back large numbers of browns. One angler in Whitwell Creek returned no less than nine, while Mike Gunnell of RWFF was forced to return one specimen estimated at between 5 and 6lb in the seven he returned. Top rod for RWFF was Leon Smith who took six fish for 13lb 4oz, mainly from the blue pipes on red holographic daiwl bachs, again on a floater.

1 Greenwell Persuaders	30 fish	54lb 4oz
2 Rutland Water FF	23 fish	47lb 4oz
3 Grafham Water FA	23fish	45lb 12oz
4 East Midlands	16 fish	31lb 4oz
5 Draycote FF	10 fish	20lb 12oz
6 Leicester FF B	9 fish	20lb 8 oz
7 Leicester FF A	9 fish	16lb 12oz

Rod average for the 42 competitors was a highly creditable 2.86 with an average weight of 2lb per fish.

Stop press!!! - Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs 2004 - Group One. RWFF are placed third on weight although they tied with the 1st and 2nd on points - Full report with the next newsletter.