

RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS



October 2006

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John Wadham's Fishing Report

Fishing Report for October

Like September, October has broken all temperature records: especially some nights that were no colder than 18Deg C. This has maintained a very high water temp in the lake that at present stands at 15Deg C. This figure is normally reached in late June!

The water is now down about three metres but due to some pumping from source-rivers, that at last, are carrying some flood-water, is holding steady.

The water is however beautifully clear with plenty of available weed beds around the margins. But, with such warm water, fish have been reluctant to stay in the margins for too long in the mornings. This was borne out by the fish remaining off shore to feed on the fry. This was particularly

noticeable in the East Creek Area. Here, with binoculars, you could see plenty of fish chasing fry up to the surface!

Anglers fishing deep had some success with them, as they seemed to be running to the surface and then returning to base.

Look for the gulls and you will find plenty of fry feeders. The writer fished in East Creek – but, despite lush weed beds, no fish ventured near the shore. Maybe they will come to these, where there are plenty of fry, when the water temp drops.

Phil Clamp from Mansfield was much more successful out in the boat on Saturday taking the coveted catch of a pair of near 5 pound plus Rainbows.

Club members Mike Burnside & Ricky Richardson also did well taking ten fish in-

cluding seven over 3lb and a 4lb brown. Ricky also won the free boat from the weekly catch return draw.

The fishing has been patchy. One day so many fish to cast to. Other days it seemed that they might just as well have been netted out! The best period was mid month when both boat and bank fished as well as it has done for some years.

Despite their catch ability the fish seem to have little in their stomachs. Still, the main diet is odd terrestrials. The favourite being the hard backed Shield Bug and some tiny beetles with an odd green buzzer.

It is a pity that we cannot persuade the fish to bottom feed. They might then put some weight on!

Fish caught on Tuesday morning in Hambleton Wood contained only stones and weed!

Recently Brian Rice had an interesting session from the bank catching a 7lb 8oz Bream, Rainbow, Brown & Zander. Well variety is the essence of the sport. Isn't it!

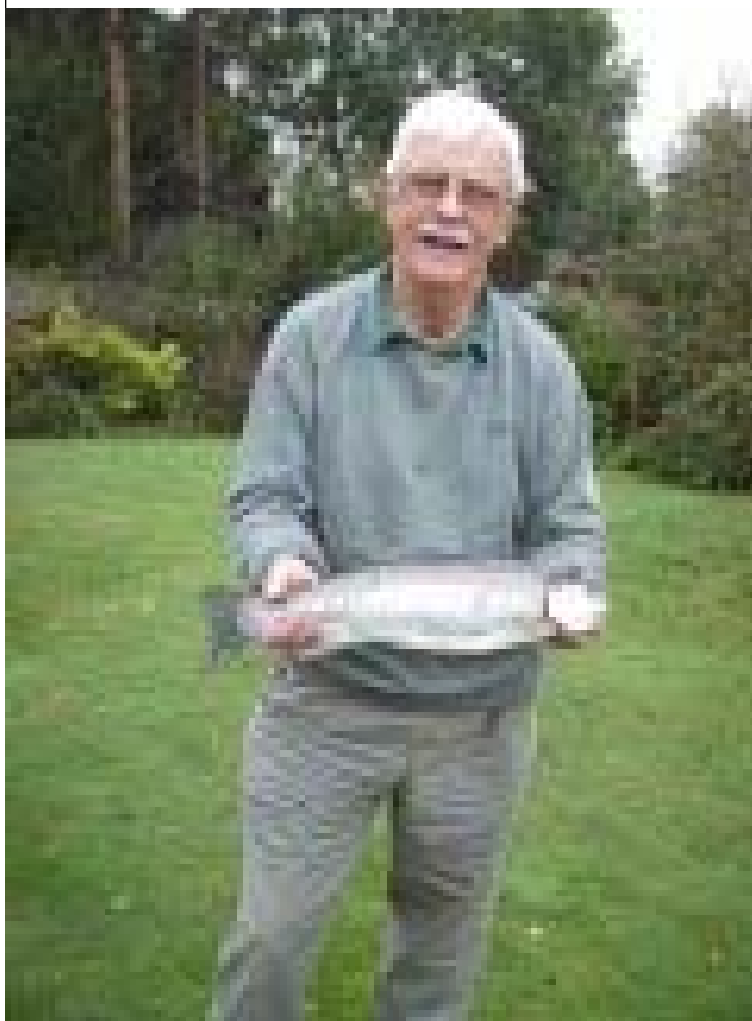
Where to fish?

Best places for the bank are Cardiac Hill, the seat opposite the Old Fishing Lodge, Sailing Club Bay Point, New Zealand Point, Yellowstone, Hambleton Wood & Old Hall Point when the wind allows

What to use?

When they have showed up they have responded well to dry patterns: especially CDC and hoppers. Diawl Bach and lures have been effective early and late the wind allows

CHAIRMAN'S FIRST FISH!



Our Chairman John Maitland is now more mobile and landed his first fish from the bank for two years. You might have been forgiven for thinking it was the first of his fishing career. Never was any one so chuffed to catch a 3lb 6 oz rainbow! Glad to have you back mate!

Specimen Fish 2006

Best Brown	Senior	Mike Netherclift	9lb 11oz
Best rainbow	Senior	John Wadham	4lb 4oz
Best Brown	Junior	Luke Shevlin	5lb 12oz
Best Rainbow	Junior	Luke Shevlin	4lb 0oz

Only fish caught before October 31st are eligible. We're sure JW's Rainbow has been eclipsed. If so tell him about it!

Fulling Mill International Final 2006

This was fished in bright sunny conditions and a fresh westerly wind. The catches reflected the difficult conditions. However, the final result was good with an average catch of 3.13 fish per rod.

George Memorial Trophy, Rudder Match – Saturday 14th October

Some very good catches were made in this match. It was won by Jamie Weston & Luke Shevlin. Their brace of fish weighed 9lb 1oz. Their best fish was Luke's 5lb 3oz Rainbow

LOCH STYLE TROPHY

RWFF-loch style competition was held at Rutland Water on the 10 September 2006. After a misty start the competition kicked off at 10am with a light SE wind which varied throughout the day at times becoming almost a flat calm with bright sunlight during the afternoon and a high of 24 degrees C and it was almost a relief to finish at 6pm.

A total of 21 anglers (11 boats) fished the competition with 14 of these achieving a limit bag - 143 fish were caught giving a total weight of 293lb. 51/2 oz. and an average of 6.8 fish per rod/angler and slightly over 2lb. per fish.

The best bag went to Graham Pearson and Mike Barratt with 16 fish for 39lb. 5oz. and they won the first prize of £30. The fish were caught of cul-de-cunard dries in the south arm near to browns Island. Gordon Bloodworth and Al Owen were next with 16 fish for a total 33lb. 3oz. and they took the second prize of £10. Again, they were fishing at the bottom of the south arm/Manton area and their fish were taken on dries. Lindsay Walters and Danny Perks were third with 31lb.101/2 oz. but no prize was awarded. Significantly all their fish were taken in the bottom of the North Arm on small wet flies.

Graham Pearson had the best fish a rainbow of 4lb.01/4oz. but because he had already been awarded the cash first prize, the prize for the best fish, a Fulling Mill fly rod which was donated/presented by Tony Beresford of Rutland Angling Services, was awarded to Roger Hurren with another rainbow of 3lb.101/2oz.

An enjoyable day was had by all, and from my point of view I must say it was great to see a club boat competition so well supported by the members.

Anglian Water Pairs Competition 7th October 2006

52 anglers braved strong winds in this popular match. Most elected to fish rudder but 18 decided to fish non rudder and in this section the two best fish were caught

In the non rudder section James Hunt took the best Rainbow 6lb 3oz and Keith Jones best Brown 5lb 2oz

In the rudder section Graham Pearson caught best Rainbow 4lb 6oz and best Brown 3lb 5oz

2006 / 2007 Winter Programme

November 30 th 2006	Forum	Chaired by Paul Wild
January 11 th 2007	Trevor Ashby	Fly tying with video support
January 18 th 2007	Committee Meeting	
January 25 th 2007	Cookery Evening	Ron Oldroyd Venue TBA
February 15 th 2007	Dave Downie	
February 22 nd 2007	Committee Meeting	
March 1 st 2007	Tackle Auction	— The Barn, Barnsdale Lodge
March 4 th 2007	Litter Pick Up	
March 15 th /22 nd 2007	Pre season dinner	– Whipper Inn, Oakham
March 29 th 2007	Committee Meeting	
June 28 th 2007	Committee Meeting	
November 8 th 2007	A.G.M	

All functions to be held at Empingham Cricket Clubhouse unless otherwise stated.

Competition dates to be advised in due course.