

Rutland Water Fly Fishers



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Members may have noticed the absence of John Wadham, our Activities Secretary, from the reservoir over the past six weeks. He is slowly recovering from an operation to replace much of his right ankle joint.

After initial treatment he spent three weeks in the Memorial Hospital, Rutland Ward and is now convalescing at home with regular nurse and physio visitors.

I am glad to report that he keeps cheerful and looks forward to hopefully being able to attend some of our winter activities. I am sure we all wish him a full recovery so that he can be on the banks next season.

John Maitland – Chairman.

Bank Fishing ...

Although fishing from the bank has been rather sporadic since the last newsletter, there have been some excellent catches recorded.

John Griffin struck again with four fish for 15lb. off

the point at Old Hall on a mixture of Black Buzzers and Hares Ear Nymphs and these included a brown of over 6lb, plus three rainbows to over 4lb. When he returned to the same spot the following evening and in almost identical conditions the fish had disappeared.

Other 'hot spots' include New Zealand Point; East Creek and Church bay on the south bank, Yellowstone to Inman's Spinney and Old Hall on the peninsular - although there are unconfirmed reports that fish are being taken in Barnhill creek.

The north bank also now seems to be waking up and fish are being taken along Cardiac hill from the woods to the pines at the end of Barnsdale creek and off the Mound.

Obviously wind strength and direction is a factor at any of these locations and there is a clear need to keep moving, as the fish seem to be in small pods.

Fish caught contain a mixture of daphnia; small buzzers and fry, including small Zander!

Flies to use include Daddies; Hoppers; Buzzers,

Diawl Bach and Minkies/Boobies.

Boat Fishing ...

What can be said ... It is 'challenging' out on the boats at the moment. Long drifts with little or no action, then rods will suddenly bend into action! At the recent AW/Fulling Mill International, the winning 6 man team, the Soldier Palmers over the 2 days took 57 fish. No names mentioned but one of the local teams competing had a member who blanked on the second day! Still we will have the winter to get prepared for the new season which seems to come ever quicker the older we get!

RWFF Loch Style Competition - 2007.

RWFF 'Loch Style' Pairs competition held to international rules was fished between 9.30 – 5.30pm on Sunday 16 September 2007 in what can best be described as difficult conditions.

A total of 10 boats and 20 members started fishing in a moderate (15 mph) westerly wind with some cloud cover.

But this soon changed and within the hour the

cloud disappeared and the wind turned to south westerly and increased to 25 mph - gusting to 35 mph at times making for very unpleasant conditions and difficulty in presenting the fly to the fish even on fast sinking lines.

That said, some good fish were caught, most notable were browns of 6lb. 3oz and 5lbs. To Jamie Weston and his partner Phil Brown respectively. Best rainbow at 3lb. 10 oz. went to Andy Wells with a number of others taken just below that weight. The two browns were caught in the Manton bay area and the rainbow off Yellowstone and they were caught on Di lines using an assortment of different coloured blobs/boobies. Other fish were caught off Normanton; Church bay and the Lodge, some on floating lines using either Buzzers or Diawl Bach's.

The eventual winners by a clear margin were Jamie and Phil with 6 fish including the two large browns for a total of 19lb. 11oz. and they shared the first prize of £50 and the loch style trophy, which will be presented at the annual dinner in March. Second

with 7 fish for 15lb. 9oz. were Andy Wells and Roy Taylor who shared the prize of £30 and third place was taken by Graham Pearson and Mike Barrett with 5 fish for a total of 10lb. 8oz. And they shared the £20 prize. So congratulations and well done to all of them.

In all 36 fish were caught during the competition, giving a rod average of 1.8, and although not all the fish were weighed in (some members left early because of the conditions) the average weight of those fish weighed was 2lb. 3oz. Those fish spooned contained a mixture of daphnia, black buzzers and fry.

Thanks must go to all those members who supported the event, given that other boat competitions this year have had to be cancelled due to a lack of support. It must be emphasised that without members support in the future these competitions, which are run without too much regulation on the basis that everyone is there to enjoy a pleasant day out with a bit of banter (weather permitting), will fail. So it's in your hands ...

Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs 2007

Division One, Grafham Water, October 26th



RWFF finished second in Division One of the 2007 Major Clubs competition after the final round at Grafham Water, coming fifth on the day but finishing one place above nearest rivals, Soldiers Palmers, to claim the runners-up position.

The four strong team of Mike Gunnell, Andrew Flitcroft, Kevin Taylor and Martin Rowson finished in fifth place with 21 trout weighing 43lb 14oz.

Andrew Flitcroft had best bag with six fish for 13lb 2oz taken on boobies stripped across the top near the nature reserve, while Mike also had six fish, for 11lb 4 oz taken from Gaynes Cove and the Sailing Club on boobies and blobs on a DI-3. Kevin Taylor took five fish for 10lb 5 oz while Martin Rowson finished with four fish for 9lb 3oz.

The bulk of the fish in the competition were caught in front of the lodge where one angler took his eight fish limit by 11.15am and there were numerous eight fish limits recorded.

There was a 'topsy turvy' performance on the day from the other teams involved with Iver FC catching 28 trout for 65lb 2 oz to finish first – but still being relegated as Hanningfield, their rivals for the demotion spot, finished fourth with 24 fish for 58lb 12 oz, good enough for a vital three points and a place in next year's Division One.

Points on the day, therefore, were Iver 6, Bewl Bridge A 5, Fish Hawks 4, Hanningfield 3, RWFF 2, Soldier Palmers 1.

Final places for the 2007 season were as follows:

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| 1. Bewl Bridge A | 34pts |
| 2. RWFF | 22 |
| 3. Soldier Palmers | 21 |
| 4. Fish Hawks | 19 |
| 5. Hanningfield | 16 |
| 6. Iver FF | 15 |

Club captain, Sean Cutting, would like to thank the 19 anglers who have represented RWFF during the 2007 season for all their efforts.

RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS AGM 2007

This year the AGM will again be held on the 8th of November at the Empingham Cricket Club.

It is planned to start at 7.30pm, so please be there in plenty of time to get a drink and a seat before kick-off.



AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report – J. Maitland
5. Treasurer's report – P. Wild
6. Competition reports – John Wadham/Roy Taylor
7. Major Clubs Report – Sean Cutting
8. Officer(s) due for election:

Chairman - Prop: J. Maitland
 Secretary - Prop: J. Wadham
 Minute Sec - Prop: R. Taylor

Committee places due for re election 3

Proposed for re election:

S. Cutting, P. Gover & N. Millner

New proposal:

P. de Kremer

9. Any Other Business