

# RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS



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## AGM DATE CHANGE

Please note this year's AGM will be held on Monday 17th November 2003 at the Empingham Cricket Club.

All our future winter programme meetings will be held on a Monday rather than the usual Tuesday.

## GEORGE MOORE MEMORIAL RUD- DER Match 26<sup>th</sup> Oc- tober

Contact the lodge for details on 01780 686441

## FUR & FEATHER Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>

This is a bank fishing event not to be missed. The fishing has always been good given reasonable weather and there is an excellent meal afterwards. Contact the Fishing Lodge on 01780 686441 for details and book yourself a place as soon as possible. This will considerably help assess the catering needs



The writer of this has carried out a systematic inspection of the bank fishing over the past week. Fry are plentiful in the margins but as yet only spasmodically visited by the trout! Most regularly visited areas by the trout are Whitwell Creek, Old Hall bay, Hambleton Wood, Barnhill & Carrot Creeks and the Harbour Wall. Some very large specimens have been seen especially at this latter spot.

This summarises quite nicely what the boat fisherman has said. Best fishing seems to be East of line drawn between Dickensons Bay and the Finches in the North Arm and Old Hall Point to Gibbett Gorse in the South.

A number of mostly large fish some estimated to be in excess of 5lb could be seen leaping about: especially in Whitwell Creek and Old Hall Bay to Yellowstone and mainly in the evening.

## John Wadham's Fishing Report

So they aren't all stockies! Hopefully these fish will soon come visiting the shoals of fry which are waiting to be hoovered up.

The bank fishing is, I suspect because of the clarity of the water, limited to the last hour of daylight which coincides with a brief buzzer hatch - less than twenty minutes duration - which starts a short lived rise very close in. Even so, the takes are still a bit hesitant and few fish are actually landed. Best method for this last minute take seems to be to slowly pull two hares ears with a Black & Green as point lure.

One possible reason for the lack of fish in the margins in recent autumns is the decline in the corixa population. One time you entered the water and they fanned out in thousands before your feet. This was a very useful diet for the backend stockies which are much more inclined to insect rather than fry feeding. They need to use much less energy consuming

these than fry: unless of they are on stickle-backs - which are relatively slow movers- or you get a perch fry mortality as in 1982 & 1999.

Then the fry are easy pickings.

No doubt the fish will return to the dam wall following the return of a north easterly.

The water needs to cool down a great deal yet. On the recent cool evenings it has been like standing fishing in a warm bath. A few more frosty nights and all will be well. Remember last year when it all suddenly came to life and there seemed to be fish wherever you went and no matter how cold it was. The optimum feeding temperature for trout to feed seems to be between 10 and 12 deg.C. I am confident that the pattern of the last three years will be repeated when this value is reached.

As you can well imagine, after such along hot dry summer, the water level is well down. It is about a 70m walk to the water's edge on Burley e

# CHAIRMAN'S NOTES - John Maitland, Chairman RWFF



Back from a last 2003 trip to Scotland where a few small salmon came my way because, fishing the very bottom beat of the river, occasional fish crept into the non-tidal water in spite of the extreme drought. But what can be more frustrating than to fish a great big tidal pool full of fresh salmon rolling and jumping which will not look at any sort of fly? Well, finishing the trip home as passenger in an AA Relay recovery truck must come high on the list. At least I have now got rid of that car, so bank fishers will probably not now recognise me in a (nearly) new royal blue (instead of red) Astra estate. I get back to Oakham to find that the brown algae seems at last to have gone. Perhaps we can hope for good autumn/winter bank fishing.

## Rutland Water Fly Fishers Juniors Evening Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2003



The event started at 1400 with fly casting tuition. Some eight boys & girls soon got the hang of casting under the guidance of John Maitland and John Wadham. Before going on the water the youngsters were given "goodie" bags, a can of pop and bag of crisps to stave off the hunger pangs. We all assembled for a group photograph before the "off".

At 1600 some 15 youngsters took to the boats in company with a parent and a boatman. We all proceeded to the Main Basin of the lake, the spot where prior knowledge of others' success, told us was the most likely place to catch. However there are no rules in this game and only a few fish were seen on top.

This did not deter a very keen fleet of youngsters. Thanks to the boatman some new and quite advanced skills in loch style fishing were acquired in an area of the reservoir where fishing at anchor is off limits. Despite the apparent absence of moving fish in what appeared to be perfect conditions, a record number of fish for the event were caught. It was gratifying to see that even those who failed to catch, appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves and were able to cast with some confidence.

The results were as follows

1st	Luke Shevlin	4 fish	8lb 5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> OZ
2nd	Samson Stieger-White	4 fish	8lb 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> OZ
Best Fish	Richard Baines		3lb 3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> OZ
Second Best Fish	Polly Rogers		2lb 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> OZ

Well done to Polly aged 10 who also caught 4 fish for 7lb 14<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>oz.

The total catch was 36 fish by 15 juniors -- the best result yet in this event.

After the weigh in we assembled in the Fishing Lodge Hall where we tucked into delicious sandwiches provided by Waterside restaurant staff.

Then came the prize giving with Andy Flitcroft and John Maitland RWFF Chairman.

Our thanks to Trout & Salmon for the rods and fly lines provided as prizes for the best weight and the best fish respectively. Thanks also to EMAP for providing the goodie bags.

John Maitland thanked all those who had helped make it such a success including the Parents, Boatmen, Anglian Water for their sponsorship. He paid particular tribute to Andy Flitcroft for his tireless effort in co-ordinating the event and obtaining the prizes and goodie bags.

cont. Reach. This low water level has some benefits. You can fish over what is virgin water. It shows you all the submerged features like stumps deep holes sludgy areas where bloodworms (buzzer larvae) thrive and gets you out to the weed beds. Also if you are bored by the apathy of your quarry you can go anchor, hunting in the stumpy areas. The writer found two line yesterday attached to the same stump in East Creek point.

However one would think that this "littoral" area which has been baked hard throughout this desert summer could be barren territory next season. Previous experience has shown that this does not always seem to be the case. As soon as you get some rain, much vegetation will spring up on the apparently barren ground and will harbour many food items. However the sooner after the end on the season the lake fills up the better to allow it to re-colonise with water fauna

The present diet seems to be some fry up to 4" but many of the fish are still empty if you cannot see fish moving try putting out a hopper or a daddy long legs. There are very few of these about, I know: but casting one out often seems to arouse their curiosity. In 1998 when the big flight occurred in early November it brought up a lot of big rainbows which until then had been concentrating on fry. We will have to wait for rain before there is any likely hood of a fall of this succulent mouthful

The conclusions of this week is that due to the clarity of the water and other reasons best known to the fish they are very picky with plenty of offers but few definite takes.

Best method in the boat seems to fish the "washing line" method. i.e. two nymphs e.g. diawl bach GRHE supported by a "booby" to keep everything up near the surface in conjunction with a with floating line and of course the proverbial orange blob on Di 3

It is very gratifying to report that during the recent two day TFEO match over 1000 fish were caught giving an average of 4.05 fish per rod. Many of these fish were taken from the North arm on the Barnsdale side, which makes a change.

The event was won by Osprey Team Greys with 63 fish for 114lb 8oz. This team includes some of our club members.

This catch seemed to coincide with the sudden decline of the brown algae. The water is now lovely and clear. Visibility seems to be infinite: but at least 10ft.

This helped Charles Bowers to see a good Rainbow off the Harbour Wall. He swung round and roll cast a Diawl Bach in front of the fish. It turned out to be a Rainbow of 4lb 14oz. This has been submitted for the annual RWFF club Trophy for the best rainbow of the season by an adult member.

Dan Perks has submitted a Brown for the other adult Trophy. He took a perfectly conditioned fish of 4lb 15oz fish from the Tower area in the North Arm again on the dreaded Diawl Bach on a Di 3 line

As yet there have been no submissions for the best Rainbow or Brown for the season. Should there be none weighed in then the trophies will be awarded to what, in the opinion of your committee, is the most meritorious achievement by a junior member during the 2003 season. There are still big fish in the lake as indicated by the capture of a 7lb 6oz Rainbow and two browns over 6lb in the last week all from the boat.

Paul Shaw had a seriously large brown very closely scrutinise his lure off the harbour wall on Friday – but it decided that it had seen something like it before and didn't fancy it!

## RWFF WINTER PROGRAMME



This will be published soon. Speakers and events will include fly tying by Mick Huffer, saltwater fly fishing by Ron Oldroyd, Tackle Auction and other activities. Details on the notice board and in newsletters. If you have any ideas for evening entertainment this winter please contact our Chairman on 01572 756650 or John Wadham on 01572 771092

## RWFF OLIVER CUP SECOND ROUND - RUTLAND WATER SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2003

### SECOND ROUND RESULT

1	John Innes	6 fish	9lb 7½oz
2	Lin Walters	3 fish	5lb 2½oz
3	Dan Perks	2 fish	3lb 7½oz
4	Mike Netherclift	2 fish	3lb3oz
5	John Tattersfield	1 fish	1lb 12½oz
6	C.Butcher	1 fish	1lb 11½oz
7	Gary Cooper	1 fish	1lb 7½oz



### OVERALL RESULT OF BOTH ROUNDS

1	John Innes
2	Lin Walters
3	Gary Cooper
4	David Lang
5=	Dan Perks
5=	John Tattersfield
5=	Paul Buck
6	Nigel Millner

M.Netherclift & C.Butcher only fished in the Rutland event.

The second round was fished in what we have become accustomed to this season: blazing hot sun and almost no wind! Quite a good result in the conditions and at a time when the lake was not fishing too well. Congratulations to the overall winner John Innes who put in a stunning performance in the second round to take the title with his six fish

### RWFF LOCH STYLE RESULTS—24th SEPTEMBER 2003

1st	Leon Smith	10 fish	7lb	
	Barry Vaughan	6 fish	13lb 1oz.	30lb 1oz.
2nd	Kevin Taylor	1 fish	2lb 5oz.	
	Paul Wild	3 fish	5lb 9 oz.	7lb 14oz.
3rd	Roy Taylor	1 fish	2lb 6oz	
	Andrew Wells	2 fish	2lb 14 Oz.	5lb 5oz.

Best Rainbow Terry Butler 3lb.

The day started with ideal conditions i.e. overcast and warm with a perfect ripple but gradually deteriorated as the sun came through the clouds and the wind picked up.

Barry Vaugham did extremely well to help his boat to their 16 limit, bearing in mind that a number of anglers 'blanked'! He caught his fish using nymphs on a 'washing line' with a booby on the point with an intermediate line. Most fish were taken in the Main Basin near Fantasy Island or Normanton Bank.