

RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS



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John Wadham's Fishing Report

Fishing Report for September

Following what was the hottest July of all time with marginal water temperatures in the mid to upper twenties C, August turned out much to the relief of man and fish to be a cool, windy and wet month. Some parts of East Anglia received 220% of their monthly rainfall.

This cooling off has conspired to bring the fish back on to feed especially where the wind is off or along the shore although the water temp is still quite high at 19C. On a cool evening the fish caught still felt quite warm to the touch.

Despite the deluge the water level has fallen to about 2m below top level. This has exposed some very inviting weed beds – mainly- elodea Canadensis (Canadian Pond weed) in the time-honoured spots. Barnhill Creek, East Creek, Stockie Bay, Trans-former, Old Hall Corner, Berybutts etc.

These weed beds are home to millions of fry and are being regularly visited by the larger trout. A 3lb fish caught from Barnhill Creek containing fry up to 2”.

Apart from the North Arm shallows and lee shore banks the water is beautifully clear. But with the water low the bank side silt is easily moved by the wind and can soon muddy up and cause some banks to become un-fishable. Fishing crosswind seems most productive at present.

Some very good fish have been caught with the larger browns now much in evidence. Phil Brown took an estimated 5- 6lb fish from Stockie Bay. And Dave Ellis had a 5lb+ rainbow from here on a green nymph

Earlier in August, Paul Friend took a 9lb 12oz Brown from the main basin on his own “Friendly” tube on a “tandem” Hi.D line. The fish was weighed and photographed before being returned to the water.

At about the same time Ted Kuzniar took a 5lb

4oz brown from the bank at Old hall point on a black hopper

Although the boats have been catching around the Lim tower there seems to be little sign of fish in the North Arm Shallows yet. Last year this area and Burley proved productive towards the end of October. It is however gratifying to report that there are a few to be caught from the bank at Cardiac Hill and the Finches Three Trees.

Recently the wind, the strength of which appears to be underestimated by the met office, has limited fishing spots.

Yours truly has in the last week caught fish from eight different locations and very close to the shoreline. No real need to wade!

The following being the most productive areas. Old Hall Bay, Barnhill Creek, Stockie Bay, Normanton Blue Pipes, East Creek, Sailing Club Bay, New Zealand Point.

Best time of day has been from dawn to 1000 and from 1600 to dusk.

Fish seem to be ready to

take almost any thing from CDCs to floating fry.

Surface fishing has been very productive. Fishing Daddy long legs produces much interest from the fish – but not much contact with their mouths! Smaller patterns leading to more hook-ups. In the recent AW Lexus match the Blagdon boys caught very well on dries.

As a result of the July heat wave a number of the well-seasoned fish have lost condition and in some cases are quite emaciated but are already feeding up well and are putting on weight. They are very silvery and a joy to behold but not yet giving the scrap we are accustomed to. One night last week night the sedges hatched in millions and JW, having left the interior light on in the van, came back to find his resident spiders having a banquet! The trout's main diet seems to terrestrials. E.g. lady birds, soldier beetles, flying ants and any other cont...

Cont... creatures falling on the water adult feathers! buzzers & sedges & white. On Monday evening in the Old Hall Bay & Hambleton Wood area all those present witnessed one of the best evening rises for many years. The fish proved quite choosy and those landed were perfect well-seasoned fish up to 3lb with a silver bloom in the tail. Stomach contents on this occasion revealed a very mixed diet: Daddies, tiny sedge pupae, green & brown buzzers, all sorts of terrestrials including a large shield bug. The main cause of their selectivity was this tiny black sedge that should be tied on a 16 or 18. Small flies on or just sub surface proved most effective.

Sunken hoppers fished washing line method –one or two droppers with a buoyant fly on the point - accounted for a number of fish in the bright hot sunshine on Tuesday morning.

It is so good to see the fish tucking into this rich fare. A walk through the grass on Tuesday morning revealed thousands of daddies. This is the best flight for years and bodes very well for the weeks ahead.

A cautionary word

AWS have asked us to be vigilant when wading as there are a number of potholes, very sludgy spots, hidden obstructions like old cables and water service pipes, tree stumps all designed to trip you up. Also, the exposed clay banks are very slippery. Yours truly went down a “perler” on his ass at New Zealand Point.

Also, take care not to leave valuable items on the front seat of your car. “Leave it on show – expect it to go” is the catch phrase! JW recently had his van broken into and they took nothing! Perhaps they were disturbed. Report anything suspicious to the police a.s.a.p.

English Disabled Fly Fishers match - Saturday September 2nd

This was fished in horrendous conditions of heavy rain and near gale force southerly winds. But despite this there were some good weights. Our thanks to RWFF members who helped out on the day.

Club member Bill McIlroy won it with 8 fish for 16lb 7oz



Tuesday Night Boat League

Leon Smith took this year’s title with 64 points. Tom Cooper 52 points & Paul Wild 50 points were all in with a chance of winning. Gary Cooper won a £20 tackle voucher for best fish in the series –see photo. In total 212 rod



22nd Youth International Fly fishing Championship 2006

The England Team were winners with 25 fish for 59lb 4oz.

Club member James Hunt was the top England individual with 7 fish for 18lb 5oz. Local brothers and RWFF members Richard & Tom Cooper helped the England team to victory cheered on by proud parents Christine & Gary. Thanks were offered to those who gave up their time to help out as boatmen.

AWS Four man team loch style 16th August

332 fish were caught giving an average of 5.19 fish per rod

Lexus European Championship Grand final

Scottish team Wellbank were winners again with Blagdon Fly fishers - who fished mainly dry fly – only 13 ounces behind. Blagdon’s Martin Cottis took best fish – a 3lb 14oz rainbow

Specimen Fish Trophy winners 2006

Best Brown	Mike Netherclift	9lb 11oz
Best Rainbow (Senior)	No Claim	-
Best Brown (Junior)	Luke Shevlin	5lb 12oz
Best Rainbow (Junior)	Luke Shevlin	4lb 0oz