



The Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs

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All the Results –All the Reports – Each Month

Editorial

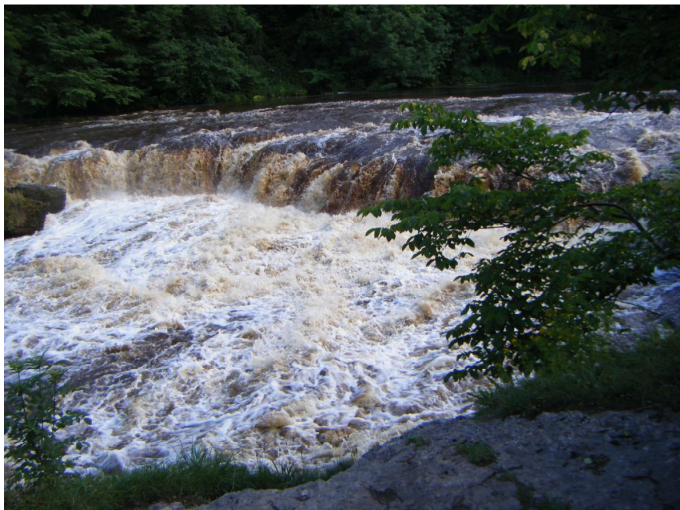
My advice is not to go fishing the week that I have a fishing holiday.

This year we took a cottage near the river Ure in Wesleydale. I joined the Bradford City A.A. which has a great chunk of water between Bainbridge and Aysgarth.

Three weeks before the holiday the river looked like this:-



Two days after we arrived it looked like this: - And that was that! No more fishing!



For no reason that I can explain, every season seems to have its own characteristics.

I remember a number of years ago, Ken Sinfial the head ranger at Bewl describing one year as 'The Season of the Tiny Take'. All year the fish were giving tiny, lightning sucks at the fly. It was really difficult to hook the fish.

I think I am going to entitle 2010 as 'The Season of the

Rubbish Rise'. I cannot remember a year when I have had so many fish up to a dry fly and not put the hook in.

In my case it may be the inevitable influence of Anno Domini on my reaction time. But! At the Group One Match on Eyebrook, Al Owen, who fished dries commented that they were not taking properly. Of his performance, also on Eyebrook, Chris McLeod writes '*I had numerous swirls to the dries but couldn't make contact – wheras the ones I caught 'gloped' down the CDCs from underneath*'

This was driven home to me last Monday on Toft, I had rising fish coming past me almost all day. I didn't count the number who, apparently, rose to my dry fly but it must

Mike Gleeve

Many of us remember Mike Gleeve at Bristol Reservoirs. He was on the staff there as a ranger and tutor.

I remember him as the representative of Bristol Reservoirs F.A. at the first discussion meeting (held in the offices of the Financial Times) which led to the formation of the Association.

Sadly he has died, aged 74 years

have been on the 30/40 range. All of them resulted in an 'air strike'. Quite late in the afternoon I found three small G.R.H.E. Shuttlecocks tucked away in my fly box. Until they became waterlogged I hooked six fish on them. None of my other favourites like claret bits or Scruffy Hare Ear's worked. The fish looked at them but clearly did not take confidently.

Home Advantage

A fresh stocking - An average of 5.4 in Group One - Round Four gives Hanningfield F.A. First Win of Season

Results

Name **No** **Weight**

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'

John Dunmall	3	6lbs
John Hancock	5	7lbs 1oz
Steve Collins	8	17lbs 8oz
Nick Cox	4	6lbs 5oz
Bill Rankin	8	16lbs 10oz
Dave Withers	4	6lbs 1oz
TOTAL	60lbs	3oz

Bristol Reservoirs F.A.

A. Williams	3	4lbs 13oz
A. Donaldson	8	14lbs 4oz

TOTAL	18lbs	9oz

Fish Hawks 'A'

Ian Baker	3	4lbs 13oz
Kerry Richardson	2	4lbs 2oz
Ian Lishman	8	13lbs 2oz
K. Green	7	11lbs 10oz
Colin Faiers	6	9lbs 12oz
F. Whiteside	2	3lbs 8oz
TOTAL	46lbs	15oz

Hanningfield F.A.

Lloyd Pallett	8	13lbs 8oz
John Stevenson	8	15lbs 12oz
Alan Stern	8	16lbs
David Franklin	2	4lbs
Garry Morris	5	9lbs 4oz
T. Joyce	8	14lbs 15oz
TOTAL	73lbs	7oz

Rutland Water F.F.

Mike Gunnell	1	1lb 8oz
Sean Cutting	8	15lbs 1oz
Graham Pearson	5	7lbs 7oz
David Laing	8	12lbs 2oz
Mike Barratt	8	13lbs 7.5oz
Garry Cooper		
TOTAL	49lbs	9.5oz

Best Fish **5lbs 13oz**

Steve Collins (Bewl Bridge)

Best Bag **17lbs 8oz**

Steve Collins (Bewl Bridge)

Written by a member of Hanningfield, probably Paul Stevenson.!

This was the hottest match of the year so far (30 degrees). You could have made a cup of tea on the top two feet of water.

There had been a delivery of 2,000 fish at Middlemead two day earlier and all boats headed to Middlemead from the off. These were fairly small fish and the average size was only 1lb 11oz

Rods were bent within the first ten minutes and everyone thought they'd be back at the lodge by 11.00am.

Boat pressure soon put paid to that idea.

With little wind the field spread out in Middlemead with the occasional rod bending.

However about 2.0pm the fish moved back into the area and it was 'fill your boots' time.

An inquiring phone call elicited this additional information:- The fish had been stocked to the left (Nature Reserve side) of Middlemead and that was the place to be.

Contrary to what might have been expected on such a hot day DI7's and attractors were not essential. Slow sinkers and floating lines were effective. This may have been due to the lack of wind which gave leaders and flies plenty of time to drop down below the hot water

Also nymphs were as effective as blobs and sparklers etc.

Two rounds to go and any of four teams could be Champions



Sorry Folks – No Photographs

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'	1	5	2	4		12	3
Bristol Reservoirs F.A.	3	3	1	1		8	5
Fish Hawks 'A'	2	2	5	2		11	4
Hanningfield F.A.	4	1	4	5		14	2
Rutland Water F.F.	5	4	3	3		15	1

Results

Name No Weight

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'

Ray French	8	18lbs 10oz
John Benford	8	14lbs 15oz
Chris Nunn	8	13lbs 13oz
Bob Shaw	8	13lbs 3oz
Ralph Painter	6	11lbs 1oz
Rob Toptalo	5	8lbs 4oz
TOTAL	79lbs	14oz

Grafham Water F.F.A 'A'

Richard Kesek	8	21lbs 9oz
Andy Linwood	8	20lbs 6oz
Derek Bravington	8	20lbs 3oz
John Vincent	8	19lbs 10oz
Roger Hurren	8	18lbs 9oz
Peter Hartley	8	14lbs 13oz
TOTAL	113lbs	2oz

Queen Mother F.F.

Danny Peet	8	20lbs 3oz
Dave Kidby	8	18lbs 7oz
Jim Longmore	8	15lbs 14oz
Alan Murphy	8	15lbs 9oz
Tony Kirkham	8	14lbs 12oz

TOTAL	84lbs	9oz

Royal Navy/Marines

Mark Close	8	20lbs 2oz
Dave Minall	8	19lbs 10oz
Ron Tutt	8	18lbs 6oz
Mark Glass	8	17lbs 13oz
Tony Wilkinson	8	17lbs 9oz
Neil Jones	8	18lbs 12oz
TOTAL	110lbs	4oz

Soldier Palmers 'A'

Andy Draper	8	18lbs 15oz
Rob Jackson	8	18lbs 11oz
Lindsey Simpson	8	18lbs 2oz
Kevin McLaughlan	8	17lbs 5oz
Gaz Cullen	8	17lbs 3oz
Al McRory	3	5lbs 6oz
TOTAL	95lbs	10oz

Best Bag 21lbs 9oz

Richard Kesek (GWFFA)

Best Fish 4lbs 12oz

Derek Bravington (GWFFA)

Only Three Anglers Fail to Catch Limit on Ridiculously Easy Grafham Group Two – Round Four

Picture taken in 2005

I'm sure we have all experienced days when the fish are so suicidal that almost every cast results in a fish.

A couple of years ago I caught seven fish in 32 casts on Rutland. It must have been like that on Grafham for the Group Two Round Four Match.

It was so ridiculous that 37.6% of the weight was time bonus!

Surprisingly this had little effect on the placings. The actual bag weight of the first three teams – excluding time bonus would have placed them in the same positions. (**Bag weight only**) Grafham 90lbs 14oz – Navy/Marines 78lbs 8oz Soldier Palmers 73lbs 14oz - Only Queen Mother F.F. (20lbs time bonus weight) gave them an advantage over last place Bewl 'B' (8lbs time bonus) even though they had fewer fish.

The home team (GWFFA) had a clean sweep. Best Team – Best Bag – Best Fish.



With an average size of only 1lb 11oz it is clear that fish from a new stocking made up the majority of the fish caught. Mark Glass' best fish only weighed 1lb 8oz.

There has been no official report but I have discovered that blobs etc. caught fish very quickly. That nymphs etc. also caught but rather more slowly. Additionally, as is typical with a shoal of stock fish that is harried, rods who did not catch quickly found it more and more difficult in the afternoon.

<i>Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'</i>	1	1	5	1			8	5
<i>Grafham Water .F.A.'A'</i>	2	4	3	5			14	1=
<i>Queen Mother F.F.</i>	5	3	1	2			11	4=
<i>Royal Navy/Marines</i>	3	2	4	4			13	3
<i>Soldier Palmers 'A'</i>	4	5	2	3			14	1=

Eyebrook Remains Inexplicably Difficult For Group Three – Round Four

Results

Name **No** **Weight**

Grafham Water F.A. 'A'

Kevin Appleton	1	2lbs 9.5oz
Chris Boby	2	3lbs 8oz
Sheena Goody	1	1lb 8oz
Nick Preston		
John Weaver		
Tony Sterling	1	1lb 7oz
TOTAL	9	9lbs 0.5oz

Fish Hawks 'B'

Mark O'Neil	1	1lb 12oz
Andy McKay		
David Graham	1	1lb 14oz
Keith Gilchrest	1	1lb 15oz
Keith Jones	2	3lbs 6oz
Rick Aldred	3	9lbs 6oz
TOTAL	18	18lbs 5oz

Invicta F.C. 'A'

Chris McLeod	8	20lbs 4oz
John Mees	1	2lbs 7oz
Mike Smith	1	1lb 12oz
John Brownbridge	1	1lb 15oz
Andy Newman	2	4lbs 2oz
Lawson Wight	2	5lbs 4oz
TOTAL	35	35lbs 12oz

Iver F.C.

Simon Newman	6	13lbs 3oz
Clive Collier	5	9lbs 6oz
Ray Simpson	2	4lbs
Ron Lusardi		

TOTAL	26	26lbs 9oz

Soldier Palmers 'B'

Dave Hussein		
John Gamon	1	1lb 13oz
Dave Froggatt		
Peter Harrop	3	6lbs 13oz
Jim Wright	2	4lbs 8oz
Col Pennington	1	1lb 11oz
TOTAL	14	14lbs 15oz

Best Bag 20lbs 4oz

Chris McLeod (Invicta 'A')

Best Fish 6lbs

Ric Aldred (Fish Hawks 'B')

This was the fourth match the AMFC has fished on Eyebrook this season and, with an average of 1.7, it remained as difficult for most as the other three.

However after 912 individual hours of fishing on Eyebrook *one person* – Chris McLeod of Invicta 'A' caught a limit.



A quarter of the fish caught in the match were caught by three anglers. Chris – Clive Collier (5 in the same boat) and Simon Newman (6) both of Iver.



Invicta F.C. 'A' Team - Winners

Chris has fished twice this year (so far) and is on a bit of a roll! He was top rod overall at the Spring Match and top rod again in this Group Match.

Ron Lusardi reports that most anglers fished in the main bowl and although a few fish were caught on lures and nymphs, dry flies were the most successful method.

Chris reports that he started with a bushy olive seal's fur CDC for his first two fish. The third hooked itself on a bit on the middle dropper, but as there was no other interest he changed to a small hare's ear which took the last two fish. The other kept coming to the bushy alive CDC.

Both Clive and Simon started with dries but by early afternoon the rise stooped. For the last half hour Clive changed to a damsel booby and damsel for two late fish.

Fish Hawks 'B' remain in pole position with a four point lead and only two rounds remaining. A bad result for them in the next round could provide an

interesting Autumn Match.

Grafham Water F.A. 'B'	2	3	4	1		10	4
Fish Hawks 'B'	5	5	5	3		18	1
Invicta F.C. 'A'	4	1	2	5		12	3
Iver F.C.	3	4	3	4		14	2
Soldier Palmers 'B'	1	2	1	2		6	5

A Comfortable Win for East Midlands T.F.A. on Pitsford (On their Home Water) Gives them a chance at the title

Results

Name **No** **Weight**

East Midlands T.F.A.

Keiran bonus	4	6lbs 13oz
Ian Pow	6	12lbs 3oz
Tim Leach	6	9lbs 14oz
Adam Worker	8	15lbs 12oz
Ryan Worker	6	13lbs 8oz
Mick Facey	8	17lbs 7oz
TOTAL	75	lbs 9oz

England Police F.F.A.

Dave Summers	8	18lbs 1 3oz
Andy Ross	6	9lbs 13oz
Dick Eaton	2	5lbs 3oz
Ian Fraser	3	6lbs 15oz
Henrick Pycz	3	5lbs 2oz
Russell Logan	7	12lbs 14oz
TOTAL	58	lbs 12oz

Invicta F.C. 'B'

John Kraling	2	3lbs 12oz
Gary How	3	5lbs 4oz
Simon Sells	3	8lbs
Steve Middleton	6	12lbs
David Moore	8	16lbs 5oz

TOTAL	45	lbs 5oz

Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.

Bob Holland	5	10lbs 12oz
Ron Lewis	4	10lbs 5oz
Richard Lovett	5	9lbs 4oz
Jim McGonigle	4	6lbs 7oz
Mick Priest	8	16lbs 12oz
Alex Nicholson	3	6lbs 1oz
TOTAL	59	lbs 9oz

Best Bag 18lbs 13oz
Dave Summers (England Police)

Best Fish 4lbs 5oz
Simon Sells (Invicta 'B')

Sod's law suggest that either I do not have any information, or too much. With three excellent reports from anglers who fished in this match I have an abundance of information.

Dave Summers (England Police) says *'my plan was to drift out from P Buoy near the Sailing Club out across the main basin. David Moore (Invicta) says 'We headed up towards the middle of the Dam which was a bit crowded even before the competition boats arrived'. John Caldwell informed me that 'Steve Middleton and I spent all day drifting the main bowl from the Sailing Club corner of the Dam towards Pitsford Creek'.*

I think one can assume that the fish were at the Dam end across the main bowl and over deep water.

There was unanimity about where the fish were to be found. *'I know that the fish were high in the water and were spread out' (Dave*



Best Fish – Simon Sells - Invicta

Summers). 'The fish seemed to be fairly widespread across the area' (John). There was also agreement that it was not necessary to fish deep. Dave Summers kept his flies 'working high up in the water'. John's boat partner 'used a floating line with a booby on the point' and David Moore used a floating damsel nymph on the top dropper 'a diawl bach below it and a very small cat's booby on the point with a floating line'

Almost every fly caught! Two Tequila Blobs for Dave Summers. Floating Damsel Nymphs for David Moore and Daiwl Bachs for John and his boat partner.



East Midlands T.F.A. Winners

East Midlands T.F.A.	2	2	3	4		11	3
England Police F.F.A.	3	3	4	2		12	2
Invicta F.C. 'B'	1	0	1	1		3	4
Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.	4	4	2	3		13	1