



The Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs

2010 Newsletter

All the Results –All the Reports – Each Month

Editorial

Better, but not perfect!

After some of the chaos of previous seasons it was decided, by the Committee, to get the payment of boat fees sorted out.

Each club's treasurer was sent a pro-forma and an addressed envelope for each match. This included the amount/who the cheques should be made out to/date when it should be sent.

This has not worked perfectly! Four days before the Spring Match (even though they had had a reminder) two clubs had not paid. The organiser of the scheme then had to chase these two clubs 1. To confirm they were attending and 2. To get the money to the treasurer in time to get it into the AMFC accounts to pay the bills.

Reminders also had to be sent out to two clubs who had not paid their boat fees for the first of the group matches (Group One on Bewl on 8th. May)

It looks as though the next group match (Group Three on Pitsford on 12th May) may be fully paid up.

We shall be checking the next match (Group Two on Eyebrook on 26th May) in two days time. If any club in Group Two has not yet paid please pay ASAP.

A welcome and a sad farewell. The Association is

*Who was responsible for
The Eddie Gray Cup
and both plaques missing
from the Spring Match*



delighted to welcome a new team this year. The England Police have joined us and will fish in Group Four. They had an exceptionally good match for their first encounter. I suspect that future matches will be more difficult.

We also say farewell to Crawley Flyfishers. Crawley joined the Association in its second year. They have always exhibited the real ethos of the Association. They were

members for the friendly associations they made. A number of people said how they were missed. Hopefully the Club will renew itself and once again find enough interested anglers to rejoin.

Boat Behaviour! I know the fish were tightly packed, but it not nice when, as President, anglers come up to me and complain about disgraceful boat behaviour. **Motor round the boats to the top of the drift. Not straight up through them.**

Grafham Water was ridiculously easy for the Spring Match

An average of 7 fish per angler

For all, but the very few who fished in the wrong place, the 2010 Spring Match was as easy as the 2009 Autumn Match was difficult.

Huge numbers of fish were in the Western End of the reservoir. In particular Savages Bay was 'heaving' with fish.

Two fish to the boat – Drifting across the entry to Savages Creek



Sadly, those anglers who fished the Western End did not fare so well.

Fish were all the way from Rainbow Point to Sanctuary Bay and that is where most boats headed. A few stayed in front of the harbour for a few drifts before heading to the western end.

Sadly, for them, a few boats also headed towards Gaines Cove. It was reported that fish had been caught there on practice day.

If there was a hierarchy of methods in still water flyfishing, I suppose slow nymphing on a floating line would be near the top.

This was the most effective way to catch the fish. Using a heavy, sacrificial, nymph on the point and smaller buzzer nymphs on the droppers. Some anglers did use slow sinkers to good effect, but, surprisingly, on such a sunny day the fish rarely dropped deeper than four/five feet down.

The fish did move up and down during the day and at times the heavy point nymph caught. However, most anglers reported that the majority of fish came to the droppers.

Even at the western end of Grafham the fishing slowed in

mid afternoon. For a few anglers catching their last fish was a slow process.

By the tiniest margin, of eight ounces over Hanningfield F.A., Rutland Water F.F. was the overall winner. They received the Kew/Queen Mother Plate from the President. (pictured below)

Not only would an average of seven have made it a memorable match, but the average weight (NOT including time bonus) ranged from 2lbs 5oz in Group One to 2lbs 2oz in Group Three.

Nine anglers came in with bags in excess of 2lbs 8oz. The best unadjusted bag weight was Keith Gilchrest (Fish Hawks B) with 22lbs 3oz. The best total bag weight was Chris McLeod (Invicta A) with 27lbs.

Early Bad News
I am informed by the organiser of the 1st. Group Four - Group Programme Match that Invicta 'B' are already unable to raise a team! Let's hope this is the last 'no show'.



Individual Results - Groups One and Two

Group One

Name No Weight

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'

John Dunmall	1	3lbs 9oz
Baz Reece	8	22lbs 14oz

TOTAL	26lbs	7oz

Bristol Reservoirs F.A.

Andre Gysler	8	22lbs 6oz
Alan Williams	8	24lbs 12oz
Tony George	8	22lbs 3oz
Peter de Kremer	8	22lbs 10oz
TOTAL	89lbs	15oz

Fish Hawks 'A'

Mal Bruce	5	11lbs 11oz
Colin Martin	8	17lbs 6oz
Dan Taylor	8	18lbs 2oz
Ian Lashman	8	21lbs 2oz
TOTAL	68lbs	7oz

Hanningfield F.A.

Leigh Pond	8	26lbs 2oz
Clive Morgan	8	20lbs 4oz
Phil Shaw-Brown	8	22lbs 4oz
Lloyd Pallet	8	22lbs 8oz
TOTAL	91lbs	2oz

Rutland Water F.F.

Graham Pearson	8	22lbs
Al Owen	8	24lbs 5oz
Mike Barrett	8	23lbs 8oz
Paul Sissons	8	21lbs 13oz
TOTAL	91lbs	10oz

Best Bag 26lbs 2oz

Leigh Pond (Hanningfield)

Best Fish 3lbs 15oz

Lloyd Pallet (Hanningfield)

Group Two

Name No Weight

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'

Ray French	4	9lbs 10oz
Bob Shaw	8	21lbs 4oz
Chris Nun n	7	19lbs 13os
Mick Phips	8	18lbs 5oz
TOTAL	69lbs	

Grafham Water F.F.A. 'A'

Harley Smith	8	18lbs 7oz
Peter Hartley	4	9lbs 3oz
Andy Linwood	8	20lbs 15oz
Roger Hurren	8	21lbs 7oz
TOTAL	70lbs	

Queen Mother F.F.

Louise Callow	8	22lbs 2oz
Tony Kirkham	8	18lbs 13oz
Jim Longmore	8	22lbs 2oz
Mick Hill	8	22lbs 7oz
TOTAL	85lbs	8oz

Royal Navy/Marines

Mark Close	8	20lbs 9oz
Mark Glass	8	23lbs 9oz
Chris Anderson	8	21lbs
Ron Tutt	8	14lbs 13oz
TOTAL	79lbs	15oz

Soldier Palmers 'A'

Andy Croucher	8	25lbs 12oz
Jamie Thomas	8	26lbs 5oz
Mick Angell	5	8lbs 14oz
Rob Jackson	8	21lbs 12oz
TOTAL	82lbs	1oz

Best Bag 26lbs 5oz

Jamie Thomas (Soldier Palm.)

Best Fish 4lbs 5oz

Louise Callow (Queen Mother)



**Keith Gilchrest Best Fish
6lbs**



**Chris McLeod Best Bag
27lbs**



**Queen
Mother F.F.**

**Winners
Group Two**

Individual Results - Groups Three and Four

Group Three

Name No Weight

Fish Hawks 'B'

Keith Jones	8	18lbs 13oz
Si Gaines	7	13lbs 5oz
Keith Gilchrest	8	24lbs 7oz
Mark O'Neil	8	19lbs 11oz
TOTAL	76lbs	14oz

Grafham Water F.F.A. 'B'

Kevin Appleton	6	10lbs 5oz
Steve Ellerbeck	3	7lbs 9oz
Chris Lane	8	17lbs 6oz
Sheena Goode	4	8lbs 9oz
TOTAL	43lbs	13oz

Invicta F.C. 'B'

Lawson Wight	8	17lbs 5oz
Chris McLeod	8	27lbs
Andy Newman	4	8lbs 10oz
Mike Smith	8	18lbs 10oz
TOTAL	71lbs	9oz

Iver F.C.

Ron Lusardi	8	17lbs 9oz
Ray Simpson	6	12lbs 15oz
Eddie Gray	8	19lbs 14oz
Jeff Hickson	7	13lbs 8oz
TOTAL	63lbs	14oz

Soldier Palmers 'B'

Dave Husein	7	16lbs 10oz
John Gamon	7	12lbs 1oz
Dave Froggatt	4	9lbs 14oz
Paul Zaman	3	5lbs
TOTAL	43lbs	9oz

Best Bag 27lbs

Chris Mc Leod (Invicta F.C.)

Best Fish 6lbs

Keith Gilchrest (Fish Hawks)

Tunbridge Wells F.F.S. Group Four Winners



Group Four

Name No Weight

East Midlands T.F.A.

Graham Bodsworth	8	19lbs 5oz
Mick Facey	8	18lbs 11oz
John Duffield	7	14lbs 7oz
Pat Sweeney	3	5lbs 14oz
TOTAL	58lbs	5oz

England Police

Mick Cartlidge	8	18lbs 3oz
Mark Mathieson	8	22lbs 2oz
Mick Harby	8	19lbs 1oz
Bob Eaton	8	16lbs 15oz
TOTAL	76lbs	5oz

Invicta F.C. 'B'

John Andrew	3	7lbs 4oz
Alan Prevost	2	4lbs 9oz
Paul Stevens	8	21lbs 12oz
Gary How	4	8lbs 7oz
TOTAL	42lbs	

Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.

Peter Thomason	8	22lbs 12oz
Jeff Latter	8	22lbs 7oz
Mick Priest	8	21lbs 11oz
Richard Lovett	8	20lbs 8oz
TOTAL	87lbs	6oz

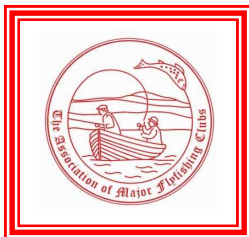
Best Bag 22lbs 12oz Peter Thomason (Tunbridge Wells)

Best Fish 3lbs 14oz Peter Thomason (Tunbridge Wells)



Fish Hawks 'B'

Winners Group Four



Challenge Table 2010 – Running Scores

Points scored for:

Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Totals	Position
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Group One

<i>Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'</i>	1					1	5
<i>Bristol Reservoirs F.A.</i>	3					3	3
<i>Fish Hawks 'A'</i>	2					2	4
<i>Hanningfield F.A.</i>	4					4	2
<i>Rutland Water F.F.</i>	5					5	1

Group Two

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

Group Three

<i>Grafham Water F.A. 'B'</i>	2					2	4
<i>Fish Hawks 'B'</i>	5					5	1
<i>Invicta F.C. 'A'</i>	4					4	2
<i>Iver F.C.</i>	3					3	3
<i>Soldier Palmers 'B'</i>	1					1	5

Group Four

<i>East Midlands T.F.A.</i>	2					2	3
<i>England Police F.F.A.</i>	3					3	2
<i>Invicta F.C. 'B'</i>	1					1	4
<i>Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.</i>	4					4	1