



## Grafham Water Fly Fishers July Newsletter



## Update from our Chair

Well June got warm and the fishing got predictably more difficult, but there was still good sport to be had. A particular favourite event of mine is our dry fly event at Ravensthorpe with plenty of fish coming up to crippled midges, culls and daddies. Well done to Tony Fox, our winner on the day and thanks to Christopher Faulkner for an excellent lunch time barbecue.

The England Ladies ran their Mixed Pairs Championship at Draycote in June on a difficult day where the weather gave us a combination of a flat calm and bright sunshine. Some pairs managed to catch fish in numbers despite the conditions, mostly to dries or the bung. Congratulations to GWFFA member Gwyneth Mooney who won the championship with her boat partner Lee Henfrey.

Congratulations to all of those club members who have qualified for the English National Final which will be held at Grafham in September: Richard Denney, Pete Eville, Tony Fox, Peter Hartley, Mark MacLeod, Neil Squires and Jake Wenman. (Apologies if I've missed anyone!) Tight Lines for the Final.

During July and August please make sure you are aware of the events being run by other water users at Anglian Water reservoirs, in particular the open water swimming events. Make sure you keep a good distance away from the affected areas on the lakes. Up to date details can be found on Anglian Water Fisheries Facebook page.

Chris and I have been on a few river outings in preparation for our World Masters and World Ladies championships in Canada in September. Thanks for all the support and advice our members have been generous with so far!

Tight lines Lianne

## GWFFA 2nd Boat Match 1st July 2023

Our second boat match of the season fielded 19 members for an enjoyable albeit a windy day's fishing. The fishing due to higher temperature's had become more difficult, fish location being the key on the day.

Out thanks to Christopher Faulkner our club captain who managed the day.

The day was kindly supported by Anglian Water Pitsford providing two boat vouchers.

Please see write up on the day from our top rod Mark Brinkman.



1 - GWFFA 2nd boat match



Top rod Mark Brinkman and best fish winner Johan Dreyer



Sponsor Anglian Water Pitsford boat voucher winners; John Vincent & David Pryle

## Ravensthorpe Dry Fly Day & BBQ Sunday 18th June 2023



Our dry fly day had near perfect weather with cloud cover all day. We did get a downpour for an hour but it kindly held off until after the BBQ. Our thanks go to Christopher Faulkner our club captain who managed the day, he also single handed cooked a superb BBQ for our lunch. 22 anglers fished what was a very enjoyable day. The event was kindly sponsored by Turrall Flies, and everyone received a gift from them.

The fish were being cooperative with lots of fish moving but they were not easy to catch. Accuracy of casting proved success for our two top anglers Chris Bobby with 25 fish and Tony Fox with 29. Tony managed to retain his dry fly champion trophy with a stunning performance. Tony's write up is below.

### **Dry fly day Ravensthorpe.**

The weather was near perfect for the dries there were lots of fish showing so plenty to cast to. The fish were taking very small midge off the surface. My normal setup for dries is a 9'/6" 6# weight sage XP 12ft leader of 5lb fulling mill fluorocarbon and 2 fly's, 6ft apart, a shuttle cock on the point and a F wing on the dropper size 12s . On the day, casting accuracy was essential. I had to put the point fly 1ft to 2ft in front of the fish so you need to keep your flies close to the boat so you can lift off and cast to the fish quickly with no false casts and keep the line tight. I strip strike a lot of the time to set the hook. I only caught 4 fish on the dropper, with 25 fish landed on the point fly and quite a few lost in play. Presentation is the key. Chris and I were using completely different flies, but our Tactics were the same resulting in both of us catching a lot of fish.

Regards, Tony Fox

1st Name	Last Name	Position	Fish Caught
Tony	Fox	1st	29
Chris	Bobby	2nd	25
Stephen	Brocklebank	3rd	13
Neil	Squires	4th	12
Lianne	Frost	5th	11
Andy	Linwood	5th	11
Mark	Brinkman	7th	10
Martin	Brocklebank	8th	9
Harley	Smith	8th	9
Roger	Hurren	10th	8
Simon	Gray	10th	8

*2 Ravensthorpe results for top 10 anglers*

*GWFFA Social Day Tuesday 13th June Pitsford Water*



The social day was kindly sponsored by Peter Hartley's School of Fishing and Fish On suppliers of great fishing and fly tying materials.

The day was somewhat challenging fishing wise not helped by bright sunshine and a fairly strong wind.

Nevertheless, we had an enjoyable day and 16 fish were caught.

Mark Brinkman's Boat partner, Mick Jamieson had a memorable one by catching a superb brown of 5lb 05oz on a red headed damsel fly just off a weed bed. It gave a terrific fight before coming to the net.



Pitsford Social Day supporters  
prize winners

Terry Green won a day with  
Peter Hartley and we look  
forward to hearing all about it

The Fly Tying materials from  
Fish On we won by Roger  
Hurren and Neil Scrimgeour

## June Fish of the Month



*Fish of the Month June - Mick Jamieson*

June fish of the month – 5lb 5oz Brown – caught off Hell Bay in the narrows at Pitsford on a hot red head tungsten beaded damsel fly on a floating line. Well done Mick, the fish did not give itself up easily taking the line round the boat a couple of times before coming to the net.

## GWFFA Social Day 25<sup>th</sup> June at Grafham

12 Anglers joined Martin Brocklebank who very kindly organised the social day. It was another hot sunny day and fishing proved a little challenging. The day was very kindly supported by Ifor Jones and a number of boat vouchers for Eyebrook and Draycote were given to anglers.

## Members Day & BBQ Sunday July 16th Grafham Water Sponsored by Snowbee

The next event is our Members Day on Sunday 16th July at Grafham Water. Hopefully this will be a combination of a great day's fishing and some delicious food and we would encourage as many members as possible to join us for the day.

We will fish from 0930 to 1500hrs and the BBQ will run from 1530hrs

We have decided to run the BBQ ourselves this year and we will be providing a range of Burgers and Hot Dogs, chicken Wings kindly supplied by Dayood Sheik with Vegetarian and Vegan alternatives as required. We will also round off with some sort of "sweet item".

The cost of the day for the fishermen is £20 which includes the boat and BBQ and we are also delighted to invite any family members to join us for the BBQ at a cost of £2.50 per person.

Please book your place on Clubmate or advise Christopher you wish to attend and pay cash on the day. Please also let me know of any family members who you wish to join us, and you can also pay cash on the day.

I am hopeful that Simon Kidd from Snowbee will join us.

We look forward to you joining us and to a great day.

Christopher, Club Captain

## Maitland Trophy Sunday August 27th- Grafham Water

The Maitland Trophy match is getting bigger this year. Traditionally a match between GWFFA and RWFFA it has been extended to include Invicta and Mid Northants. The format will be each club fields up to 16 rods, but it will be the top 10 rods that count towards the team score. All catch and release and its total fish number that counts. There will be no limit as all catch & release.

4 clubs. GWFFA, Rutland Fly Fisher, Invicta and Mid Northants so 64 rods fishing

There will be a meal in Lodge afterwards of lasagne salad chips followed by cheesecake. Cost. £16

## Up and coming events

- **Sunday 16th July - Members Day & BBQ Grafham Water**
- **Saturday 29th July - AMFC Group 1 - Round 4 Eyebrook**
- **Wednesday 23rd August - GWFFA Social Boat 3 - Grafham Water**
- **Sunday 27th August - Maitland Trophy Match - Grafham Water**