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## Welcome to the second edition of the MNTFA's new club magazine

I hope our members had a good and memorable season in 1999 and are looking forward as I am to the new millennium season. This is the second newsletter we have produced in this format. I hope it is received as well as the first was by members and non-members alike, hopefully giving members a more informed look at what is available in your club for the forthcoming season. As a non-member it gives you, the angler, the opportunity to join an active expanding fishing club.

Mid Northants are actively involved with representation at confederation level and are also represented on the Pitsford users committee. We have two teams in the Association of Major Fly Fishing Clubs League, which is currently being promoted by the Angling Times and two teams in the "Hardys". We run a number of club competitions, which include both boat and bank competitions on Pitsford, Grafham, Rutland, Draycote, and Ravensthorpe. We also organise our own club eliminators, which give entry to the Midland Final on route to represent England. During the winter months we run a series of winter programmes with guest speakers, film shows and buffets. We also run a fly tying evening most Monday evenings throughout the year.

This is a friendly club where we greet new members with open arms. As a member you receive discounts on purchases made from various angling retail outlets within the Anglian region. Why not give us a try by filling out the application form enclosed or phoning our membership secretary Ashley Cooper on 01858 462740. You may be pleasantly surprised. Alternatively if you require further information you can take a look at us on our website at [www.rowley52.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.rowley52.freeserve.co.uk)

I look forward to meeting you!

Yours faithfully



Grant Gibson  
Chairman

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We have had a good record in this competition and generated good interest from members. As such, this year the MNTFA have entered two teams in the competition. Grant Gibson will run and manage the "A" team in Division 2 and Ian Pow the "B" team in Division 4. Please contact either of them if you wish to fish for us. The dates are as follows :

#### **"A" Team**

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> April @ Rutland Association Day

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June @ Pitsford

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July @ Chew

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> August @ Bewl

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept @ Grafham

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October @ Hanningfield Association Day

#### **"B" Team**

20<sup>th</sup> May @ Grafham

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> June @ Hanningfield

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> July @ Rutland

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> August @ Pitsford

Hi there, fellow danglers,

As promised "Pops" is back with more recipes to tempt and delight your palate !! Thanks to our geographical location, as you will be aware we are at the centre of the best trout fishing in the UK. Succulent trout are available throughout the season from waters such as Grafham and Rutland. The vast majority of fish taken are Rainbows, (Oncorhynchus Mykiss), a close relative of the Atlantic Salmon, a species imported from the USA (one of their better examples) at the end of the 1800's.

Trout is eaten all over the world - although we eat far less in the UK than most of our European neighbours do. Hopefully these recipes will encourage you to eat more of the fish that you bring home. Remember that any recipe for whole fish such as sea bass, grey mullet and dare I say it, carp and, of course, salmon can be used for trout of similar size.

### **Trout in the News**

*Ingredients : 1 Newspaper  
2 small trout (or 1 larger specimen)  
Salt and pepper*

This unusual, but highly effective, method of cooking is taken from a Victorian angling book and works equally well with a conventional oven, barbeque or bonfire!

Simply clean the trout, season inside and out and then wrap in a triple layer of newspaper, tucking the ends in neatly. Soak the parcel in water and cook for 25-30 minutes or until the paper is dry. When you cut open the parcel the skin will peel off leaving a moist succulent fish. If the fish is to be served cold, leave it to cool in the newspaper. Large trout may be cooked in the same way, but allow 8-9 layers for a 3lb fish and cook for one hour.

### **Trout Pate (one for Jim)**

*Ingredients : 8oz left over trout 4oz butter  
1 table spoon lemon juice 4 fl oz cream  
Black pepper and salt Pinch of cayenne*

Heat the butter in a pan and add the trout. Cook together for 1 minute then add the lemon juice. Place the mixture in a blender, add cream and season. Blend to a smooth consistency. Pour into a small dish and chill. Serve with crusty warm bread and a drop of cold white! (Company optional but preferred).

"Pops"

Bob Church

Drennan

Masterline

## Mid Northants Competition Rules

All competitors must be fully paid up MNTFA members.

All competitions will be fished to reservoir rules i.e. rules applicable to the venue.

In all competitions, start, finish and weigh in times must be adhered to. The start and finish times for all competitions will be signaled by the competition timekeeper. You are advised to synchronise your watch to the starting sound. Boats must not leave the bank or jetty before the start and must be in contact with the same at the finishing time. In the event of a bank match finishing time will be at the lodge.

If one of a pair of competitors is unable to fish, a substitute MNTFA member may take his place in the competition. Should a replacement be a non-member then the boat may be taken out but they will not fish in the competition.

If two anglers weigh in the same weight, the winner will be the angler with the highest number of fish. If the result is still tied the trophy will be shared for equal lengths of time.

Anyone reaching a limit catch for the competition will be awarded a weight bonus for each remaining 15 minute period of half a pound. ( This only applies to club Eliminators ).

Disputes and Appeals: All objections must be made as soon as practicable and in any case before the results are announced and presentations made. Objections will be settled by committee members present. Their majority decision will be final.

Competitors must possess a current rod licence.

International rules will apply to MNTFA club eliminators.

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## 2000 MID-NORTHANTS COMPETITION DIARY

### **Pitsford Bank Match - Pitsford - Sunday 9th April 2000**

Last year, a hard day resulted in Frazer Duffy Jnr catching 6 fish for 11lbs 4ozs. The average for the day was 2.5 per rod.

### **Bruce Richardson Trophy - Pitsford - Sunday 14th May 2000**

This Trophy was won by Peter Searle in 1999 with 8 fish for 15lbs 10ozs. 43 anglers took part averaging almost 4 fish per rod. A buffett was laid on in the Swan @ Holcot afterwards.

### **Stanley Harrison Trophy - Draycote - Sunday 23rd July 2000**

Peter Searle added this Trophy to his cabinet in 1999 with 8 fish for 11lbs 13ozs and a further 12lbs of time bonus. 23 anglers caught 115 fish @ an average of 5 per rod.

### **Tom Ivens Floating Line Only Trophy - Ravensthorpe - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2000**

What an excellent outing this is becoming, more on the friendly side than competitive. 1999 saw John Mains enhance his small fly reputation and catch 7 fish for 12lbs 7ozs plus time bonus. The rod average was 3.7.

### **Eric Goodman Trophy - Rutland - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2000**

This trophy is decided on the best two fish of the day promoting a more relaxed and friendly outing. Well done to Don Moore who's best two fish weighed 5lbs 4ozs, with the biggest being a 3lbs 7ozs Rainbow.

### **Fur & Feather Bank Match - Farmoor - Sunday 15th October 2000**

Again Peter Searle was in good form with 8 fish for 21lbs 8ozs. A tough day that still accounted for an average of 3 fish per rod.

### **1st England Eliminator - Grafham - Sunday 28th May and**

### **2nd England Eliminator - Grafham - Sunday 18th June 2000**

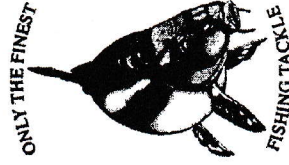
With both events held on Grafham, we had 18 members progress through to the Midland Final. Mark Haycock won the trophy for the best results from the two events. 6 of our club members progressed to the National Final and our congratulations go to John Emerson who qualified to fish for England this year.

Congratulations also go to Peter Searle who was our Angler of the Year for 1999. A splendid set of results ! An entry form for this years competitions is enclosed, please complete and return to the Competition Secretary.

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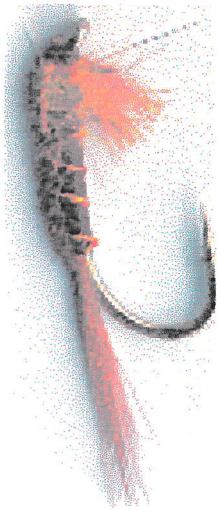
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## CYRIL'S PHEASANT TAIL



**Hook:** Kamasan 175's, 10's and 12's

**Tying thread:** Brown

**Body floss:** Brown

**Top of body:** Pheasant tail, cock

**Rib:** Copper wire

**Tail:** Cock hackle fibres, brown

**Thorax:** Dubbed rabbit guard Hair and syntho mix

**Wing case:** Syntho ( carpet mat )

### **Method**

1. Tie in a bunch of cock hackle fibres with brown floss
2. Trim off at the head
3. Catch in the wire rib and return to the start place
4. Catch in a bunch of cock pheasant tail and trim off the head part. Cut off the floss thread
5. Pull the cock pheasant tail to the rear and catch in with wire. Wind the wire up to the shank, leaving the pheasant tail on top of the shank. Trim off the wire
6. Catch in the syntho wing case with brown tying thread and tie down about one third of the length
7. Dub with rabbit and syntho mix to form the thorax
8. Pull the syntho over the thorax and secure with 2 or 3 turns of tying thread
9. Pull syntho under the hook and towards the rear to form a small head. Trim off for the leg length required and put a dab of varnish on the head

*NB. To make the fly slimmer, use just the floss for the body*

## RUTLAND WATER - OPENINGDAY

Both Julie and myself much prefer to fish from boats with the exception of opening day at Rutland where we always head for the banks.

The weather can be a little "off putting" but last opening day it was warm enough to discard the outer coats and take in a little warm April sunshine.

The boat antics are quite funny to watch as they hustle in on each others "hot spots" all of which are easily reachable from the bank. During the early season the fish tend to be fairly close in and bank anglers have prime advantage of catching them.

The day usually starts with a good hot Rutland breakfast and a lot of gossip up in the lodge restaurant. Meeting old friends and making new ones, exchanging tactics and information plus a very long queue at the lodge to purchase permits. This allows time to browse through the tackle on offer and catch up on more gossip with fellow anglers.

So, permits secured, Julie and I set off to find a spot. This can be daunting on Rutland with it's vast bank availability - just where do you start? Well, Julie and I are both right handed so we look for a bank area with a left to right wind as this allows us to cast much more easily. We want to enjoy our day and not struggle with an awkward wind.

## BY JOHN EMERSON

Several areas will be holding fish. As Rutland has over 20 socking points, there is usually a good head of fish at Old Hall Bay, East Creek, Green Bank, Lodge areas, Three Trees, Fantasy, Whitwell, Stockie Bay, Barnsdale, Dickensons or Transformer. If all else fails the Dam Wall. All of these areas are worth thinking about.

A typical tackle up will consist of a floating line with two epoxy buzzers and a green pea on the point. The leader length will depend on the wind direction, but would usually be 5ft to the first buzzer, 5ft to the second and 7-8ft to the point fly. The point fly would be changed if a change was called for but the buzzers would be left in place. We use floro-carbon for our bank fishing, either Rio or Ashima, 8lb is usually sufficient. Beware, small stockies can break it, especially three at a time! It can be a feeding frenzy on opening day, especially as stock fish tend to hang out together in their first few days in the water. We suggest you cast out as far as you are able to and then slowly figure of eight retrieve all the way back to the bank. You need to allow the margins to be covered as fish tend to be close in. We don't usually wade out at all!

Last year we caught very well, as did everyone, using buzzers from the bank. It was, is and will be good sport wherever you decide to go at Rutland. Please don't forget to check with the staff at the lodge who will suggest areas and flies to try.

Tight Lines.

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MILD NORTHANTS

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We have many more introductions to bring to you next year so keep surfing. Through our relationship with AWA please look out on the site for **prospects** for the month ahead and the weekly **best methods** and **catch returns** for Pitsford, Grafham and Rutland.

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## WINTER PROGRAMME

During the 1999/2000 season we have some very entertaining evenings. Dave Grove gave us an excellent insight into the management of the River Dart and the trout and salmon habits and lifecycles. Bob Church talked through two videos and Wendy Gibson tied some great flies shown on a big screen. John Emerson gave us an insight to his fishing on Rutland last year. Using some excellent slides he managed to keep us well entertained and gave away some secret patterns.

At the time of going to print we have not yet finalised the Winter Programme for 2000/2001. However we have provisionally booked Ian Crawley from Leslies of Luton Tackle to come and talk to us about fishing for Tarpon off the coast of Costa Rica, Pacific Salmon in Alaska and Steelheads in British Colombia.

The dates for next years programme have been set as below, please make a note of them in your diary:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2000

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2000

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2001

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2001

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2001 will be our A.G.M.

All these events will again be held at the Old Northamptonians Rugby Pavilion, Billing Road, Northampton at 8pm. You will be most welcome.

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## CLINKER BOATS & PEATY LOCHS

Occasionally in your life you know everything is perfect if only for a brief moment and one such moment was experienced as I motored back to Balmaha after fishing around the islands of loch Lomond. My boat partner had stayed at the lodgings and I had ventured out for the afternoon the winds were light and variable not very inspiring when you need to cover plenty of water to find the fish. Regardless of this I had to go fishing so I took the boat out towards a small island called Galbraith where there are the ruins of an ancient castle. This very same spot a few years previously, Stuart Redfern and myself had seen a rise of trout in a flat calm which was astounding for a wild loch and I moved a salmon which followed the fly right to the boat, rolled over it and then came back and had another go and still missed! The wind at Galbraith was again still, so I took the opportunity to reflect on my eagerness to go fishing when the odds were so obviously stacked against me. However all was not lost after a good forty winks a slight movement could be detected in the boat, the wind was freshening. Sitting up in the boat the ripple looked stronger near a famous landmark called Ladies point so I shifted the boat and set up a drift which would take me over a deep hole. My boat, Invicta drifted straight and true as I cast my team of flies which included the now famous Red Stuart. Going through the motions of loch style fishing and monitoring the depths for the huge boulders that lie beneath the surface which are almost invisible in peaty water, if we do spot a boulder then cover it with the flies. Which is exactly what I did when a bow wave formed under the middle dropper and developed into a chase and contact. So now we have hooked the fish so desperately wanted, however I am now drifting close to an eroded shoreline littered with boulders and playing a fit sea trout of some 5lbs ..... interesting moments!

Feeling quite pleased with myself remembering my boat partner still ashore I moved the boat for another drift this time towards the island on my right called Inchfad. As I drifted towards the island passing another - Eilean Derroch. The sun was setting behind me and the ripple was ideal, I was dibbling like a star and then a twinkle of colours appeared under my team of wets. I struck and expected a small sea trout or black neb to leap out, but oh no the rod bent and the fish dived deeper, slowly at first but with power and I knew this fish was going to run and it did, ripping backing of the Hardy Sunbeam, no worries plenty of backing ,this fish is heading back to the Clyde Estuary. But no, it has taken a good few yards of line in a circle and now jumps clear to face me. This fish leapt and jumped four feet in the air straight and vertical, hanging there with its tail drumming, about to stall and crashed back into Lomond and disappear. The strain is to much, the monofil parts and I sink into the boat having just lost the biggest sea trout I've ever been attached to. I look around surely someone else saw that! That was amazing, the adrenaline has me all pumped up and as I gaze over an area the size of Rutland I can't see another boat. With the realisation of isolation on a water that's 23 miles long and 5 miles wide with a maximum depth of 600 feet you do get the feeling that a days fishing on Lomond is a bit of an adventure. As I motored back to Balmaha with an Invicta gliding through a mirror like surface reflecting the surrounding hills, I stood up in the stern , a beautiful sea trout lying across the dark pine boards, the thoughts of another fish lost, the evening was warm and now flat calm there was truly nowhere else I'd rather be.

These fish last forever in our memories.

SHANE MILLER

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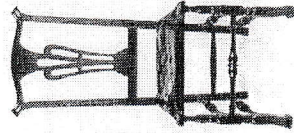
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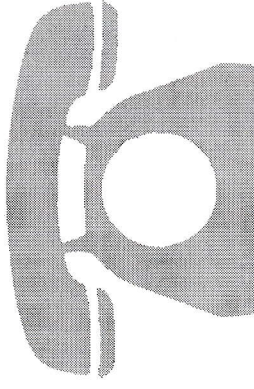


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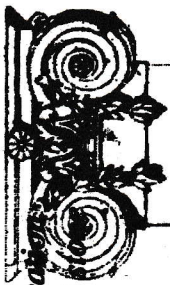
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The club has purchased a number of metal lapel badges. They are great quality and depict the MNTFA logo as shown on the front cover. The Edging is in Gold ( not real gold I hasten to add ) with the centre half blue and white.

These are available to be purchased at any of our club nights or alternatively direct from Jim Collins on 01604 757757, for the price of just : **£2.50**

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We have a number of woven cloth badges depicting the MNTFA Logo, purchased by Peter Dobbs.

These are on a blue background with gold edging and half blue and white in the centre. Ideal for your blazer.

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**£5.00**

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