

## *September Peregrine Express 2010*

Calling all Peregrines,

Well, what a season to date! It started slowly, but we soon got into the swing of things! The harsh winter affected most fisheries and fish suppliers, and it took time for things to happen but slowly and surely we got back to normal. The general feel amongst team mates is that this year, the credit crunch has hit most fisheries hard. There has been a significant trend of small fish and lower stocking densities, and oh yes increase prices! This has resulted in a lower participation in the match scene with a few big names folding! Having said this, the Peregrines marched on to take part in numerous matches and events even though the rest of the country was out of work, claiming benefits while smoking 40 a day, drinking 8 pints! Well done labour! Rant over!

### **Match circuit update!**

Since the last news letter in April the match scene has taken off and the Peregrines have been present all the way.

### **AWAI**

Starting with the Anglian Water International qualification at Rutland Water – I'm not sure if any of us were prepared for the match day the way it panned out! Practice day threw up a good number of areas where the team could catch including Normanton bank, Sykes lane / stockie bay and Berry Butts. The main problem was which method to use, either pulling tactics or head out on the buzzers as both were working well.

Match day was an eight fish limit and time bonus, but it was once again down to the boat draw as to which location the team was heading in. To put a real spanner in the works, a Belgian team decided to enter the northern heat so communication became a real Problem.



**Focused as ever!**

The shotgun sounded and there was a good split of boats. It turned out more difficult than predicted but the Peregrines came in with 47 fish for the team (Sorry lads, the Capt only got 7), one short of a full house! Unfortunately, unknown to us at the time, the time bonus was going to be a major factor in qualification. After the weigh in, the top four teams that qualified had 48 fish but the time bonus accrued was significantly more than the Peregrines!



Well done Brian, catching under pressure, consistent angling mate! Yet another bag!  
The top four teams qualified for the northern final and the Peregrines ended up 5<sup>th</sup>. Just not to be!

### **National Qualifiers**

Moving on, the national qualifiers took place throughout the year, all over the country with the chance to fish for England next year. Dave, John H and I took the opportunity to take part and try our hand at making the national final at Chew Valley lakes on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September. Dave and Myself fisher the qualifier on Stocks Reservoir with the top 4 going into the final. After a difficult match, Dave ended up in 5<sup>th</sup> and managed to get 3<sup>rd</sup> - qualification spot. Chew, here I come! Great

John H fished Blithfield, on a difficult day, but managed 12<sup>th</sup> position, so both John and Dave needed to wait to see on the numbers that would qualify to see if they would gain call up.  
See later news for results.

### **The Bob Church classic**

The match turned out to be a real area thing and the scotch boys showed the way! Rutland fished very well and the match was a catch and release match! Dave, John H, Benny and myself took part and were blown out of the water by the Scot itch boys, The game plan was simple; they stuck to it and romped the field. A good day out but a lesson learnt!  
There were some big scores and the match was won with 30 fish. But not to be for the Peregrines, better luck next year!



“Darren, why are you only 3ft 6inch??  
What’s NYPD doing in the background??”

## Lexus Qualification on Stocks reservoir. 17/07/2010

As the Peregrine's swooped in on Stocks Reservoir on the 17<sup>th</sup> July for the European qualifier, it became apparent that overnight rain and strong winds has colored the water up into a type of Oxo soup making conditions very difficult. A great team effort pulled us through a very difficult match, with everyone doing their best! Stocks can make or break a team's so a smash a grab from the Peregrines is a good result. On a plus side we knocked out two more stocks teams and last year's Esthwaite team (Graham Bell's mob)! LOL

1st	Greys team stocks	20	41lb 10oz
2nd	Stocks Harriers	14	27lb 5oz
3rd	Peregrines	13	24lb 11oz
4th	Stocks Hawks	11	24lb 1oz
5th	The Weasels	12	22lb 2oz
6th	Chatton trout fishers	10	21lb 7oz
7th	The Top Droppers	3	7lb 3oz

## Help the Heroes 14/08/2010

This was a charity match run by Graham Pearson and Rutland water to raise as much money as possible for the forces! The event was run as a pair's match with a 16 fish limit, various celebrities took part and a fun day was had by all and raised 12k for the cause! Dave and I once again formed a dynamic duo like Morcambe and Wise to claim 8<sup>th</sup> spot with 15 fish out of 40 pairs fished (Spot the slippery fingered goal keeper in the back ground! Looks like he is sporting a Peregrine team Shirt! LOL)



## Anglian Water 4 Man Loch Style 18/08/2010

Benny, Adam, John H and I headed off to Rutland for the Anglian Water 4 man loch style match fished to an eight fish limit with no time bonus so you could work at getting the bigger fish! The problem was the fish were like peas in a pod, so it was difficult to make any impact. Previous practice days showed that the fish were all down Normanton bank chasing flies pulled straight off the top, so we all headed off down to W buoy to catch our limit! Benny was the first to bag up and I quickly followed suit but luckily my fish were of a larger stamp bumping up our total. Adam finished later on but at the expense of his boat seat!!! John H came in with 5 but if everyone had stuck, he would have bagged before us all! The end result was good, Out of 15 top teams, the Peregrines managed 3<sup>rd</sup> and just in the prizes!

1st	Team Rio Master	32 fish for 56lb 15oz
2nd	Team Loop	30 fish for 56lb 14oz
3rd	Peregrine Team Esthwaite	29 fish for 51lb 3 3/8oz
4th	Renegades	28 fish for 49lb 6 7/8oz
5th	RAF Fish Hawks	24 fish for 42lb 4oz
6th	Flyboys	24 fish for 41lb 4oz

## The Lexus European Final 2010

After a troublesome time in qualification at Stocks, the Peregrines descended on Rutland Water for the Lexus European Final 2010 and were full of hope for a good result. Practice day ensured the boys had a method for comp day. In true Peregrine spirit, we headed to the digs for a nice meal and few pints! At 1am we had exhausted the game plan and a barrel of Kronembourg!



On match day one,

The plan was to get a many boats up to Manton as possible as myself and Dave had found a rook of fish in the bay on practice day but unfortunately this backfired, as the wind had changed direction a colored the whole bay into a milky soup that the fish don't take well in it! So it was on to plan B. It then became a story of lost fish rather than fish in the boat. We all worked hard for very little return but after the weigh in, it became apparent that the Peregrines had lost far too much ground to make up on the leading pack. We were lying in last place with 15 fish for the team! People had caught of too many different lines and different flies to make any scene of it!

Match Day two.

The plan was to go and have fun after a poor first day! Once again the fishing was frustrating but at times quite exciting. Most of us were spread out over the lake, but the fish were in very tight pockets so if you didn't stick at it, you missed the boat! At the weigh in, we had managed a better day with 28 fish for the team. But unfortunately we still ended up bottom of the pile! But hey, we were still ahead of 150 other teams, and the only way is up for next year! We will be back!



Peregrine Team Esthwaite 2010

Well done lads, we have experienced a decent season to date so long may it continue!

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