

# Rival waters in a battle of the 40s!

**B**ARELY a week after Mick Poole banked the biggest County carp reported through the Chron this year – a Stanwick 43-2 – Gavin Pittams netted a 44 from Grendon lakes.

And his magnificent Hope lake common looks in fine form and, like Mick's, likely to gain a pound or few in the run-up to spawning.

Stanwick has also come up with a 30lb common this week (Jason Cooper) plus a 26-2 (Glen Wheatley) and a 25-4 (John Dunkley) – all from Elsons.

● LANES Baits Tuesday afternoon Meadowlands open saw organiser Wayne Sharman 'weigh' out front with 141-12 of corn carp. Karl Barnfield had 102-10, Phil Hull 80lb and Craig Mills 60-6.

● OSPREY's third trip in a row to Towcester's Lakeside saw Loll Summers include 24lb of roach – fish to a pound – in his 121lb winning weight as Chris Lovelock netted 90lb and Tony Winnick 89lb.

● HE blanked for two hours... but when Tom Griffiths (having topped a rover on the same venue two days earlier with 47-8) finally found carp he netted 72-8 to win White Hart Flore's Spring Pools match. Dick Spriggs had 64-8 and Doug Goldie 50-8.

● REPORTING through Carpin Capers, newly-formed Kingsmill matchgroup's first outing, on Tofts, went to Mark Whaddams with 58-6 ahead of Gary Abraham 50-11 and Andy Sibley 47lb.

● AT Castle Ashby Bob Reed demonstrated his waggler skills in the midweek Grendon sweep for 38-4 of bream, roach and rudd. Mick Hewlett had 33-4 and Paul Hardman 20-14.

Kevin Folwell won on the Brickyard, Saturday, with 21-8 ahead of Hardman 20-8 and Hewlett (six pick-ups in six outings) 19-12. Next day Hardman had a 35-12 Grendon win with Chris Campling on 34-8 and Keith Garrett 32-12.

● A two-day GURU-backed Bishops Bowl Easter festival saw Chiltern Baits' Kevin Green overall winner on 12 points. Town's Steve Bull tied with Derek Cullip and Grant Howie on 11 but was runner up on total weight. Ryan Harris was next up edging ahead of Andy Pell (GURU) on weight.

Blackhorse's Damian Green won the first day, 39-6, ahead of Bull 39lb. Harris topped day two with 31-2, Steve Allison on 29-4.

● MOBBS Miller's Waterloo do saw Dave Chamberlain net 29-14 of small carp and two chub to beat Jim Archer's 29lb. John Owen and Tony Granfield tied on 23-10.

● FINEDON's Cranford match went to James Sharman 23-1. John Joyce had 18-8 (including 12lb of silvers) and Paul Brand 13-10.

● RIC HAYNES won Glebe's Tofts match with 19-2 of small carp. Dave Haddon had 17-6 and Dave Jones 9-1.

● NEWPORT Pagnell's Abbey pits open fell to Paul Abbott with 7-13 of silverfish. Eddie Train caught 7-10 and Barry Glidewell 7lb.

● COTTON AA, Blisworth cut: Dan Brown 6-7, Rus Lay 4-5, Marcus Annable 3-15. COTTON Club, 'broken bridge' cut section: Tom MacIlhinney 3-12, Roy Hickey 1-10, Kelvin MacIlhinney 0-15.

● BAIRSTOWS' carp kept clear as Terry Lancaster won with 5-2 of bits. Mick Goodridge 4-6 and Darren Pannell 3-15.

● TROUT: bank fishing at Pitsford and Ravensthorpe is being hit hard by the drought. With acres of potentially angler-trapping soft mud exposed by levels down 70 per cent on normal, Anglian Water is putting some areas (11 at Pitsford) out of bounds.

Ravensthorpe returns show the week's average at 11.1 with a 14-8 top rainbow and Gilders Tackle's Julian Davies

getting a 10-6 on buzzer. Pitsford's best went 9-10 as 94 rods averaged 5.6 fish.

On Ringstead 66 rods averaged 5.3 fish each – many of them brownies of 2lb+ feeding high in the water. Best fish Phil Robinson's 7lb rainbow.

● AND FINALLY: two weeks on from heart surgery there was no way town 'supervet' Bob Church was going to miss Rutland's opening week. On his first trip he had seven rainbows for 19-8 and, next day, eight for 26-2 as boat partner Gareth Hancock took 13.

● FIXTURES:  
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■ A JOYFUL Gavin Pittams with his 44lb Grendon common – the second local 40 reported to the Chron in a week! Big, big carp can be a bit like buses and traffic wardens – never around when you want one, and then...



■ Carp Talk's Steve Sharp can fish the fish as well as pen the words, as he proved with this exotic-looking 16lb Linford pits 'ghostie'

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