

# Town's brothers strike Euro gold!

**A**NOTHER trio of European feeder-fishing A championship gold medals have been added to town's hall of fame by the brothers Ringer.

Steve and Phil helped England to top spot in the weekend's Euro champs, held on a lake in Belgium – with Steve taking individual gold for good measure!

Cormorants having decimated the town-centre venue it was big fish or bust, and Steve was second Saturday with 17.450 kilo of bream and topped his section with 10.500 on Sunday, giving him a clear overall win.

And with the B team runner's up, English hopes are high for gold in July's world championships on the same venue.

Steve said: "We were really on fire this weekend – here's hoping we haven't peaked too early."

Individual silver medallist in last year's inaugural world clash in Italy, when he got home he was refusing to take his medal off even when he went to bed. Just what will he do if he gets a world gold?

● STANWICK's big carp procession rolls on with Sam Grice banking a 38-12 common (brother Alex a 20-1) from Elsons, as Martin 'Spike' Fisher had a 34-8 from Roman. And a visit by the 'Black Country Carpers' saw a shed full of doubles, with 11 fish over 20lb, caught.

● MEADOWLANDS' individual league second round saw Ian Coxon win with 94-6 of pellet-waggler carp as Neil Russell had 80lb and Karl Mullen 75-12.

● KINGSMILL's Waterloo sweep went to Charlie Gee with 65-5 of method and pole carp as Tony Wickham had 28-5 and Martin Harrington 24-3.

● WHITE Hart Flore scored again with the Barby banks carp as Gary Muddiman won with 54lb followed by Tom Newberry 53-12 and Dale Gibson 48lb.

● IN Loco's Lubbenham match Steve Billing ran out winner with 48-8 ahead of Paul Baxter 45-4 and Dave Battison 30-12.

● A BRACE of small carp and a shoal of bream for 38-4 put Dick Rogers top in Castle Ashby's

Sunday Grendon sweep. Keith Garrett had 29-12 and Richard Dunkley 27-12.

Kevin Folwell had won on the Brickyard, Saturday, with 200 silvers for 24lb as Courtney Hewlett netted 23-12 and Mick Wheeler 18-12. Wednesday's Grendon match went to Nigel Baxter 18-2. Joe Roberts had 17-14 and Frank Pizmenti 17-2.



■ **YOU might not buy a second-hand car from this lot... but they sure can fish! England's new Euro Feeder champs with, second from left back row, Steve Ringer and, far right, bro Phil.**

● KINGFISHER lake, Billing, was dour for Sunday's charity match – but Macmillan Nurses are to win £500. Some £142 of that was raffle proceeds. Organiser Paul Hancock said: "Kingfisher pub let us use a room and we sold £40 worth of tickets to drinkers who were nothing to do with the match."

Paul West had a 13-4 carp in the closing minutes, Alan Brightman two bream for 10lb, and Chris Percy 0-8.

● OLD Kings Head, Tunnel Barn: Rob Bailey 29-15, Andy Hornby 22-8, Paul Seckington 20-4. CASTLE AA, silverfish league third round, Canons: Nick Antonacci 26-12 skimmers, Alan Pitt 14-10, Jeff Rice (league leader) 13-6.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Mill: Dave Ayres 19lb, Gareth Abrahams 11lb, Rob Rawlins, (no goose quills for once) 10lb.

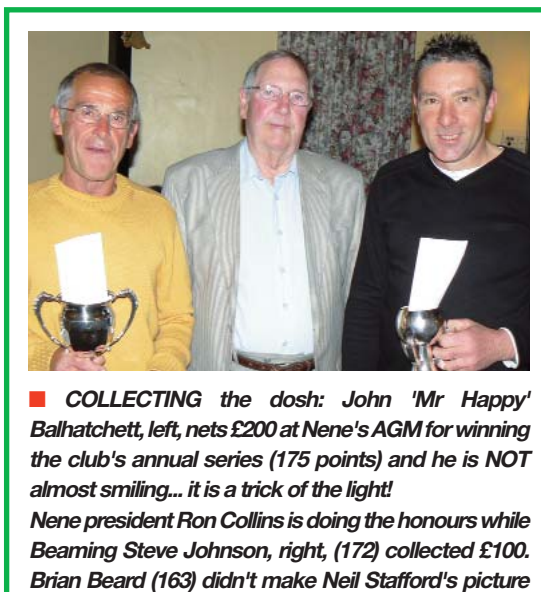
● RUSHDEN AC, Manville Farm: Nick Whitmell 15-10 of tench, Paul Moore 9lb, Josh Line 7-8, Dave Ross 7-4. TOWCESTER, Bairstows: John Balhatchett 7-1, Brian Beard 3-11, Darren Pannell 2-9.

● MKAA spring canal league first round, Bletchley: Browning sides 1st, 3rd and 4th team slots from a field of 12, and their Ian Drage, 5-12-8, and Gary Bennett, 5-12, were 2nd and 3rd individuals.

● COTTON Club, Blisworth canal: Rus Lay 3-3, Andy Whiting 1-3, Tom MacIlhinney 0-11. REPORTING through Carpin Capers a number of rods have been having carp up to 20lb from Grendon's Trinity lake.

● **AND FINALLY:** Towcester Vets, Gayton canal: John Balhatchett 0-14, Terry Robinson 0-10, Mick Read 0-4.

● FIXTURES: Sunday, Towcester Bairstows open 01327 353263. Also, Heyford fishery open 01327 340002. July 6: Vanessa Warner's charity open on Stanwick's Swan and Mallard – vanessaw69@btinternet.com or 07775 506937.



■ **COLLECTING the dosh: John 'Mr Happy' Balhatchett, left, nets £200 at Nene's AGM for winning the club's annual series (175 points) and he is NOT almost smiling... it is a trick of the light! Nene president Ron Collins is doing the honours while Beaming Steve Johnson, right, (172) collected £100. Brian Beard (163) didn't make Neil Stafford's picture but trousered £50.**

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