

# Dougie is all-rounder of the year!

**D**RAGGED winking and blinking into the lime-light, Carpin Caper's Paul 'Dougie' Douglas is the county's new all-round specialist angler of the year!

That accolade has been bestowed on him by none other than Northampton Specimen Group members...who had some spectacular captures to choose from.

A 14-6 Ouse barbel and several big chub had graced Dougie's net during the year, but the catch most likely to have swung it his way was a single session seven PB Oxfordshire lake haul.

All landed on size 16 to just 4lb line, that included a 35lb common... a 2-12-0 rudd, and roach of 3-12 and 3lb – an incredible catch unlikely to have been equalled since British sport angling began.

Jamie Cartwright and Tony Gibson were runners up for the all-round mantle, while Cartwright had the Otter trophy for an 8-1 Ouse chub, Mike Green netted the Cyril Inwood pot with a 13lb salmon AND the foreign catch of the Year with a 180lb tarpon – on FLY!

Gibson claimed all three fish-of-the-year places with eels from 4-2 to 6-14 while the likes of 39-15 carp, a 40-12 grassie, two dace over a pound in 10 minutes, and five pike for 109-5 didn't make the frame.

● ORGANISER Wayne Sharman must be the uncrowned king of Meadowlands. First he won Lanes' Tuesday open with 96lb of carp –

well clear of Phil Croxford 88-12 and Dean Young 82lb – and, though out of the Lanes Sunday league frame (Dave Howell 88-4, Ritchie Watts 77lb, Ray Durrant 62-6) leads that league by two points from Karl Mullen.

● COTTON Club's Dog Lane do saw an unbeatable Marcus Annable with 94lb. Andy

Whiting had 62-6 and Russ Lay 32-12.

● WHITE Hart Flore's Spring Pools sweep was tight as Drew Adams had 81lb, Dave Griffiths 80lb and his dad, Tom, 70lb.

● FINESHADe fishery's carp were on for Tony Glanfield 80-5 and Jim Broadbent 76-4. Chris Jones had 44lb.

● CASTLE Ashby, Grendon, Sunday: Mick Hewlett 45-14, Chris Garrett 45-8, Mick Wheeler 39-14. Brickyard, Saturday: Kevin Folwell 38-12, Hewitt 29-12, Garrett 21-4. Grendon midweek: Nigel Baxter 39-12, Joe Roberts 37-12, Steve Abbott 28-4.

● HEYFORD fishery open: Mark Fountain 34-8, John Muskey 18-8, Pete Baldwin 15lb. LOCO, Bishops Bowl: Ian Wills 29lb, Paul Baxter 28lb, Jim Parrish 24-2. CASTLE silverfish 4th round, Canons: Jeff Rice 22-8, Nick Antonacci 19-12, Alan Pitt 18-8.

● BOB Church Grafham charity trout open: Graham Pearson 28-10-8, Lloyd Pallett 28-6-6, Chris McCloud 27-14-10 with some £400 raised for Cobblers' youth and the Parkinsons Society.

● STANWICK's fish of the week was Alex Osborne's 31-8 Elsons' mirror with Dave Moore getting a 25. Phil Evans had a 22-4 from Mallard while 'Dusan'

and 'Pete' had fish of 20-4 apiece.

● TOWN youngster Jonathan Banham, 11, had a 17lb common at Grendon on balanced shellfish boilie.

● GILDERS' Graham Fogden had 15lb of class roach plus a hard-fighting 3lb hybrid in a waggler session on Overstone top lake – then went on to share a boat with Julian Davies on Grafham where they had a dozen rainbows to 4lb.

● FINEDON, Waterloo Farm: Paul Brand 19-6, Barry Lawrence 18-4, Sam Cortez 17-9. TOWCESTER, Bairstows: Dave Martin 14-15, Terry Lancaster 8-3, Dave Gibbins 5-3. DATS, Navvi canal: Colin Chart 10-8 big skimmers, Nigel Steele 6-12 at next peg, rest DNW.

● GLEBE, Misterton: John Kirton 9-6 hemp roach, Baz Eaton 9-1, Bob Eales 8-9. FLORE & Brockhall, local cut: Paul Humphries 2-9-7, Jim 'dolphin boy' Tanser 2-6-12, Steve South 2-3-5.

● TROUT: Ravensthorpe, 60 rods had 429 fish (rod average 7.1) best Wollaston man Graham Prince's 13-12 rainbow; Pitsford, 600 fish to 142 rods with town's Mick Stevens landing a 6-pounder; Ringstead, 189 trout to 48 rods and bailiff Kevin Height had two browns over 4lb in an eight fish catch from the bank; Elinor, 127 rods took 487 trout to 7-8.

● AND FINALLY: Both Castle and Nene are pegging their cards at last year's prices.

● FIXTURES: Sunday, Towcester Bairstows open 01327 353263. July 6: Vanessa Warner's charity open on Stanwick's Swan and Mallard, 07775 506937.



■ HE may not look like your average superstar... but, pictured with a 3-12 roach, that is Dougie's new status – as the county's all round angler of the year!



■ WINNER of Bob Church's Grafham charity trout open Graham Pearson, right, collects his trophy from the man himself (see column).