

# Sun, reed-beds and randy fish add up to empty nets for some

**SOARING** temperatures have meant bumper hauls for some – and empty nets for others as carp headed for the reed beds with spawning in mind.

LOCO caught things just right for their two-day fest. At Decoy lakes 14 rods bagged 1,569lb with Roy Quayle on 235lb, Dave Walker 196 and Dave Smart 188. Then at Willow lake Jamie Parrish won with a 100-10 PB net as Ian Wills had 92-12 and Quayle 79-14.

● COTTON AA's Dog Lane do went to Marcus Annable with 147lb of carp with Rus Lay 119-3 and Andrew Whiting 92-13.

● WHITE Hart Flore's first Harry Page memorial match pulled-in 57 friends to Barby Banks and – the owner giving use of the water free, and a big raffle prize from Church's Shoes – helped raise £560 for a cancer charity.

Mark 'hush puppy' Griffiths (pictured below) won with 100-8 ahead of Andy Poole 91lb and Dave Walker 72. With Harry's widow and two sons taking part, it was the sort of day he'd have loved to see...

● CASTLE Ashby's three Grendon opens produced mixed sport. Midweek Nigel Baxter won with 74-12 of carp and bream followed by Alan West 49-6 and Phil Wintle 33-12.

Mick Hewlett triumphed Saturday with 59-8 as Kevin Folwell finally hit his incredible target of 50lb of roach and rudd in a single sitting, and Keith Garrett had 42-4.

Sunday it was Dave Martin 34-6 with Grant Howie 33lb and Hewlett 29-4.

● COTTON Club, Peatling Pools silverfish match: Dave Hadden 38-10 (mostly barbel), Marcus Annable 30-1, Rus Lay 30-8.

● LITTLE Harrowden, Browns Farm: Rus Mehew 37-6. Dave Chamberlain 17-5, Peter Thorpe 14-6.

● FLORE & Brockhall piscatorial gnome Rob Rawlins re-wrote the club's Muscott Mill cut record book with 15-5 of skimmers on big reds. Jim Tanser (next peg) 4-10, Steve Smith 3-12.

● IT was 'after the lord mayor's show' for Osprey. Last week's Essex jaunt saw seven rods beat 200lb each – but this week they found Drayton's carp in spawning mode. Tony McGregor 13-14, Barry Hatch 13-4... the rest blanked.

● NENE, Heyford cut: Ron Coles 6-7, Pete Laughton 6-3, Paul Minney 6-1.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Heron lake, Linford: George Cooke 5-11, Walt Ashby 5-8, Graham Martin 5-3.

● BROWNING Red are MKAA canal spring league champs following Sunday's final round. Their Tommy

Boyce was runner-up on the, 9-9 of skimmers as his team finished with 145 points to 'Horse's 138 overall. Thirteen teams fished.

● TOWCESTER's Mick Goodridge had 11lb of bream to 4lb on corn in an after-work 'quickie' on Stoke cut.

● WITH the new season due to start on June 16, local rivers look spot on... now what could go wrong in two short weeks?

● THE drowning of a 21-year-old angler in Caldecotte lake, Milton Keynes, on Saturday is a tragic reminder to all of us that fishing really is a risk sport. Take care – no fish is worth your life.

● FIXTURES: Sunday, open on Newport pits, 01908 210983. June 17, Come & try Angling day for all ages at Barnwell Park 07791 786251.



■ VINCE Battams proved there's still life in Abington Park lake with five carp to 13-11 for 45lbs on corn and his top-4 during an evening session.



■ HARRY Page memorial winner Mark Griffiths.  
Picture Mick Wheeler.