

At 39-10 that's a dickens of a good Mount Farm common

BEACON bailiff Dick Dickens made the most of his local knowledge to bag 'two-tone' from the big pit at a record 39-10.

And in doing so – in last week's awful weather – he pushed Mount Farm lake's record for a common carp to a new all-time high.

He had the monster on boilie, and landed another big lump during the same session.

■ CARPER Marc Bull took a break from city waters to try an ADH Fisheries lake in Lincolnshire, banking the chunky 25-8 common pictured right.

■ OVER on Furzton Darren Aspinall, witnessed by bailiff Ted Mason, had a 20lb mirror and two double-figure commons.

■ BEACON's Mount Farm little pit match saw Brian Cooke hit the limelight as he won with

30-8 of tench. A long long way behind Les Smith had 2lb and Steve Gibbs 1lb.

■ IT was Wappenham Water in pouring rain for Towcester vets, midweek... but John 'Mr Happy' Balhatchett still found five carp for 19-10. Mick Reid caught 11lb and Don Green 5-12.

■ ALMOST 16lb of canal bream is good at any time – but Paul Chapman did it in a three hour DATS' evening match on the Black Horse, winning with 15-9-12. Richard Lattimer had 11-15-8 and Mark Haynes 5-10-8.

'Latts' followed that with a 12-15 end-peg bream win on the Navvi with Chris Malia 6-3-8 and Pete Whatley 5-2.

And in Sunday's DATS' sweep on the Galleon Strait John Hewison netted 4-12, Malia 3-12 and Nigel Steel 2-11.

■ OSPREY, used to carp puddle big nets, came down to earth with a splash at Cublington near Leighton Buzzard. Silvers and a carp for 14-8 put Rick Green top as Keiron Chavda had 12-8 and Ian Millin 9lb.

■ FIVE pounds of roach and dace plus tench and bream helped

Michael Buchwalder top Newport's Abbey Pits open with 13-14 followed by Steve Schubert 11-15 and Steve Chilton 9-11.

■ MK Vets' St James lake, Brackley, do got off to a delayed start when everyone had to move their cars to make way for workmen – and didn't look up much from then on in!



John Whetherall had three slabs for 10-11 on method feeder with Jack Wilson getting 7-15 and Dave Ridgeway 7-3.

■ DAVE Gibbins ran away with Towcester's Bairstows knock-up... one 10lb carp putting him 9lb clear.

■ CALVERT's first Claydon lake match of the 'summer' saw Tony Richardson with 9-6 ahead of James Lewis 7-4 as Mark Penwell and Barry Witteridge tied on 4-11.

■ LINFORD's wharf sweep was a Hefferon benefit as Roy had 8-12 and Mick 3-0-4 – with John Hough managing to split them on 3-12.

■ RIVERS (and Lodge and Wolverton Mill) open for the new season Saturday (June 16) though with all the recent rain the former are likely to provide mixed sport at best. First there's a biblical style drought... and then comes the flood.

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