

Sean's mighty Stanwick tinca sets a new record for complex

PROBABLY the biggest tench banked in Northamptonshire this year – that's Sean McKinney's 12-2 Stanwick mega tinca.

Setting a new record for the complex, the big girl came from Mallard lake in a catch featuring six others over 4lb, six bream to 9, and 12 carp to 18lb...all on pop-ups fished over bloodworm 'sticky bag' mix.

And his mate John Hedges bagged bream to 11-5 in the same session. Sean said of his huge tench: "It is my biggest by far – a superb fish."

● PUBLICAN Adam Short got good measure, Saturday, starting the river season with 13 Ouse bream to 7-1 – for around 70lb – from Olney's flooded river.

But it was a different story next day in the club annual cup as Nigel Porter included a 5-14 tench in his 11-7 top weight... as Paul Caton and Mick Stanley tied on just 2-8.

● WHEN Towcester's Astwell Mill re-opened, Mike Sando had a flying start, Saturday, with 17lb of roach and rudd from a freshly dragged swim. Three days later another guy had 27lb, mostly tench, from the same spot.

● TWO legs down and it is neck and neck in the six-round Castle/Royal Mail Northampton Canons Ashby league. 'Mail topped the latest match with their Ryan Harris on 98-14 of carp and barbel ahead of Andy Poole 52-12. Paul Lafflin had 41lb for Castle.

● WHITE Hart Flore's Springpools sweep went to Trevor Griffiths with 65lb of carp. Dave Chapman had 60lb and Glen Tilson 41lb.

● GOOD old boy Bob Reed topped Castle Ashby's Brickyard match with 61-4 of carp and slabs with Chris Garrett way back on 38-4 and Chris Prigmore 36-12. Sunday's Grendon do fell to Keith Garrett 36-14 as Phil Wintle, 32-8, beat Phil Bardell to second by eight ounces.

A Grendon midweeker had seen Paul Hardman win with 49-12 as Joe Roberts had 36-4 and Alan West 29-6.

● ON Peatling Pools Dave Haddon topped Glebe's match with 39-5 as Pat Byrne had 34-2 and Marcus Annable 30-3.

● WHEN Mobbs Miller tried Manville Farm Dave Chamberlain came out on top with 17-7. Mick Dudley had 13-8 and Tony Granfield 12-5.

● JOHN Joyce won Finedon's Dennetts lake event with 16-0-8 ahead of Steve Amos 13-0-8 and Danny Richardson 10-8.

● TOWCESTER's Bairstows do went to Les Goodridge 11-7 ahead of Gerald Green 6-7 and Matt Brafield 3-10.

● FLORE & Brockhall elder Ken Cadd had a runaway 9-8 win in the club's Burrowhill Farm, Daventry, sweep.

Dave Ayres had 2-8 as did Jim Tanser – now dubbed 'tadpole' Tanser after accidentally lip-hooking one of the tiny creatures...

● GREENS Norton-based John Buxton's charity series qualifier – on an Atherstone Water – went to John Holmes 76-13 with Brian Envis 60-4 and Dave Henry 55-11.



■ **WHAT** a whopper! Sean McKinney with his 12-2 Stanwick tench.



■ **AFTER** weeks of trying, whip magician Kevin Folwell finally beat the 50lb-of-silvers-in-a-sitting mark with this Castle Ashby six-hour haul.

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