

Sturgeon 'leapt like a marlin'!

WHEN town's Ritchie Evans went after carp he finished up with a catch few others can have equalled – a 30-14 sturgeon!

And it gave him a real battle... leaping several times 'like a marlin' into the air as he played it on: "A lake just outside Northamptonshire."

Fighting all the way to the net, the rare (in this country) Olympic athlete of a fish was exhausted when landed, and Ritchie stood in the water for 45 minutes nursing it until it swam away.

He also had carp to 18lb in the 48 hour session.

● **BACK** with native species few anglers are braving our flooded rivers... but Alan Lambert has had 20lb from MKAA's flooded Stony Ouse. Double maggot floatfished in the crease 'tween flow and slack brought him bream to 5lb, perch to a pound, and some 'netter' roach.

● **AND** this week's Angling Times reports a float angler having had a mind-blowing 92 chub – some 300lb – from one swim in a day-long session on the Ouse "near Bedford"!

● **STILL** on rivers, it will be first come first served – and a strict 60 peg limit in Olney's Ouse Cup on September 23. With the club putting up £500 for the winner, there should be several other good money prizes too, so diary that date.

● **OPTING** for a stillwater, Richard Morgan has been getting carp on floaters at Wappenham Water, landing 17 to 16lb in one evening.

● **BIGGER** carp showed on Stanwick's Elsons as Harley Towers banked a 30-7 common, Bill Blake a 28 and Ian Moulding a 20.

● **DESPITE** proliferation of carp puddles canals are still popular with many, and Thursday saw the national launch roadshow of the Canal & River Trust – a new charitable body replacing government-owned BW in control of the network – reach Stoke Bruerne.

An invited angling rep, I was genuinely impressed that so many people with diverse interests seem hell bent on working together to make it a success, and strongly believe we need to be part of that.

That said, none of the fancy videos featured an angler: boaters, bird watchers, cyclists, walkers and all, yes – but no-one fishing... a PR gaff perhaps undermining the 'We're all in this together' theme.

● **CASTLE** Ashby: Sunday, Grendon, Mick Hewlett 138-14,

Keith Bishop 60-12, Gary Cannon 58-14; Saturday Brickyard, Hewlett 45-14, Gary Millward 39-12, Keith Garrett 29-14; midweek Grendon, Phil Wintle 30-12, Paul Hardman 27-12, Tony Bennifield 26-14.

● **ROYAL Mail Northampton**, Makins: Andy Forbes 82-4, Mark Forbes 78-12, Mick Gibbs 67-6. **CROCKETT & Jones**, Holmes Farm: Mark Romain and Kevin Stephens top pair 108-15 with Romain top individual on 69-1. Steve Holmes/Kevin Robinson 107-2.

● **ROYAL Oak**, Barston: Neil Russell 67lb, Wayne Sharman 47-10, Ron Savage 43-12. **WHITE Hart Flore**, Barby Banks: Dave Smart 56lb, Dave Griffiths 55lb, Mark Tottenham 43-12.

● **BISHOPS Bowl** open: Andy Poole 48-14, Steve Hatt 47-8, Dave Gibbs 35-12. **GLEBE**, Grendon lake, 'Ashby: Pat Byrne 48-10, Paul Latter 34-15, Dave Haddon 27-15.

● **MOBBS Miller**, Barn Farm: Tony Granfield 22lb, Stan Atter 18-7, Jim Broadbent 15-10. **CASTLE**, Brackmills lake: Geoff Lewis 6-11, Alf Gillard 5-7, John Lewis 5-5.

● **FLORE & Brockhall**, Bairstows: Ken Cadd 6-1, Paul Humphries 5lb, Rob Rawlins 2-15. **TOWCESTER**, Gayton arm cut: Darren Pannell 4-4, Graham Martin and Andy Johnson both 3-4.



● **LOOKING** like the cat that got the caviar, Ritchie Evans with his 30-14 sturgeon



● **REGULARLY** pictured with huge fly-caught pike and game fish, Mike Green shows he can do the delicate nymph-fishing stuff, too, with this cracking 5lb Pitsford rainbow

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