

Dougie's two hours in paradise

SSMALL trout – caught at the venue as baits – were the key to town's Dougie getting among Swallow Pool's big cats.

In an arm-aching spell the Carpin Capers' man really did the business on the Bedford venue, landing a monster 49-7 moggie – and going on to add others of 24-4 and 17lb.

And the biggie beat his previous PB, from Claydon lakes years ago, by a whopping 30lb!

"That two-hour window in a 48 hour session really was bite-time. I'd got the big one in the net when my other rod screamed off with the 24. I've never had a spell like it," he said.

● OTHERS getting big fish thrills included Rob Mynard, who banked an 18-6 mirror carp from Olney's Ouse, and young Phillippe Lee who had a brace at 12-6 and 8-14 – all presumably escapees from riverside lakes.

● ALSO on the Ouse, town's Steve Wells had his 'best mornings fishing ever' stalking the full length of Whittings at Wolverton and fishing a small spinner for 'more perch than I can remember'.

● BACK on stillwaters Mick Mayle had numerous carp to 17lb from Stanwick's Swan (two other anglers had 22s from Elsons) plus four bream to 8lb.



■ **DOUGIE** – as chuffed as if he'd just won the Chron's 'Strictly' – was dancing with joy at having smashed his previous PB out of sight with this 49-7 cat.

● IN White Hart Flore's annual two-day mini-fest, Dale Gibson and Tom Griffiths topped Saturday's pairs match with 90lb... and then Spring pool came alive for the following day's do with Trevor Griffiths getting 142lb, Mark Tottenham 111lb and Gary Muddiman 107-8.

● And Glebe had a ball at Tofts as 14 of them amassed 959-8. Andy Whiting won with 139-10 as Kelvin MacIlhinney had 105-13 and Pete Males 101-13.

● Wappenham Water – I had seven carp to 11-4 there on dog biscuit Thursday evening – is to continue on dayticket under Towcester's control. Club members £3 a day, non-members £6 (£3 concessions).

● OSPREY, Lakeside, Greens Norton: Mark Wilson 119-12, Neil Fenner 95lb, Chris Lovelock 95lb.

● MEADOWLANDS: Lanes' Tuesday open, Colin Southall 95-10, Wayne Sharman 75-12, Mick Bull 64-10.

● NENE, points match Waterloo: Brian Beard 82-6, Steve Johnson 69-10, Les Ramsden 44-10.

● CASTLE, Green Farm: Jeff Rice 74-8, Alf Gillard 33lb, Bob Spencer 28-8.

● 'BUCKO's' charity open, Holmes Farm: (pole only), Steve Davies 70-15, Rob Dizialak 64-14, Kevin Wingfield 59-9.

● CASTLE Ashby: Wednesday, Grendon, Bob Reed 44lb, Pete Lovell 33-6, Phil Wintle 27-2; Saturday,

Brickyard, Frank Pizmenti 49-12 (bream) Keith Garrett 25-4, Mick Whadham 19-14; Sunday, Grendon, Lovell 56-12, Steve Bull 51-12 John Kent 38-14.

● TOWCESTER, Canons: Matt Brafield 54-6, Graham Martin 50-8, Tony Hirst 24lb.

● ROYAL Mail Northampton, Makins: Andy Poole 43-10, Darren Mason 35-6, Mick Gibbs 34-8.

● MOBBS Miller, Chapmans lake: Jim Broadbent 43-4, Jim Archer 19-12.

● RUSHDEN, Grundies: John Barnett 35-8, Josh Line 34-8, Kieran Dickens (next peg) 34-6.

● FINEDON, Peatling Parva: Simon Higgs 34-6 (small barbel), Steve Amos 34-2, Dave Roberts 28-12.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Mill: Reece Clulow 25-12, Jim 'dolphin boy' Tanser 21-8, Rob Rawlins 16-8.

● FIXTURES: Olney Ouse open Aug 14, 01234 240061.



■ Golden oldie Bob Spencer on his way to third in Castle's Green Farm do – pictured by Alan Davies.

FURZTON FESTIVAL

Aug 16 juniors (canal) call 01908 320007 (and also for ladies match)

Aug 22, Vets (Ken Ball Memorial) 01908 566446

Aug 24: disabled, 01908 608944

Aug 27: bank holiday open (Frank Swan memorial) 01908 506678.

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