

Martin's 2lb river roach catch

IT'S an ill wind that blows nobody any good – and despite Sunday's cruel blasts Martin Cunniffe bagged what for most would be a life-time's best...a 2-1-0 river roach!

Despite the day-from-hell complete with Hurricane Sandy spin-off rains, he snagged the Ouse specimen from a peg on Hollands Field at Stony in MKAA's 'golden peg' match.

But the top pot for that event went unclaimed – again – and having reached £312 now rolls over to the next leg (featuring four golden pegs) on Sunday next on Newport's Lovatt.

Ernie Sattler topped Sunday's do with 10-5 of Brush Mill perch to 2-14. Bob Gale had 8-8 of skimmers and perch from the Old Stratford bridge peg, and Martin totalled 4-3-8.

■ A 10lb Ouzel carp, backed with bream and perch, helped Mick Parry (pictured) win Leighton's Orchard Mill match last week with 18-14 as Phil Alan had 11-8 and Roy Cook 7-1. This week, on Manor Farm, it was Ian Banks' turn with 33lb of carp ahead of Cook 22-8 and Parry 11-4-0.

■ AGAIN proving frosts don't always stop carp feeding, Richie Salive banked this snub-nosed 19lb common (pictured) on a trip to Wold Farm, Podington.

■ GETTING in between floods, Pete Hawley used deadbait to land Olney's best-of-season so far Ouse pike at 15-15.

■ EVEN Lakeside – near Towcester and heaving with fish – was knocked off form by first frost and then storm, and visitors White Hart Flore's do went to Dave Chapman with 'only' 42lb as Dave Griffiths had 38lb and Dave Adams 32lb.

■ MK vets sneaked in before the worst weather, midweek, on Mill Road cut where Austin 'power house' Maddock won again with 11-5 of bream and perch.

Fishing 3 metres to hand, Chalky White had 8-0-8 of roach and perch – and lost a big fish which could have won him the match. Jack Wilson weighed in 5-7-8.

■ STOKE Bruerne cut was little better than the Tove flowing into it, Sunday, but there were three weights over 3lb as Dave Gibbins won a Nene open with 3-8.

■ TOWCESTER were on the Shutlanger Tove, Sunday – and suffered! The river rose so fast Mick Goodridge had to move his box back three

times on his way to winning with a chub and three bits for 2-11. Matt Brafield had 2-2... and the rest went home early!

■ RON Dorrill topped Linford's canal sweep with 2-2. John Hough had 1-2.

■ THE Ouse in Buckingham was probably among the first stretches to rise with Sunday's downpour... and Barry Smith won Calvert's do there with 1lb as Barry Witteridge made – with a struggle – 4 ounces.

■ MKAA junior session at Dimmocks Pit, Saturday, 1pm to 4pm.

■ FIXTURES: Saturday, Olney charity open 01234 240061; Nov 18, Stony Ouse, MK clubs' golden peg (£312 if won this time) 07703 556788;



● **Richie Salive and frosty carp**



● **Mick Parry – river match winner**

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