

Golden peg pot slips away from Mark in Ouzel match

SO near and yet so far – that was Mark Haynes in Sunday's 'golden peg' as a 4lb+ bream rolled off at the net... costing him £312 in missed winnings!

Drawn on one of three golden pegs in the MKAA event he looked set to scoop the accumulated pot as – with a 4-6 chub and enough bits to make 9-3-4 – minutes from the whistle he hooked the Ouzel slab on Newport's Riverside.

But it came adrift, leaving him third. Quite what he said wasn't accurately recorded...

Ernie Sattler won with 12-3 of perch and skimmers with Steve Schubert on 10-13. The rolled-over prize fund should hit £329 in the next round.

■ IT'S one thing to catch a carp on boillie... and another to catch it on bait you've designed and developed yourself, which is what Neil Richardson (pictured) did with this Tear Drops 20-3 on his own-manufactured ConceptBait stuff.

■ FANCY leasing your own pleasure lake? Seven Acres (pictured) owner Frank Clynes is open to offers on 07802 425244. About 1.5 acres of stream-fed pond, it is just this side of Towcester on the A5 and has everything from native brown trout and chub through to some big 20s carp.

■ MAVER MK are neck and neck with three other teams for runner's-up spot (Starlets lead by a mile) in the Castle Ashby AT winter league with one round to go. Blowing-out in the first two legs they've been framing ever since.

■ MK vets' Alders do saw Paul Barnes out front with 92-9 of carp as Dave McClellan had 83lb and Martin Cunniff 81-12. Star of the day for some was Paul Hamilton with 20lb of roach... without even trying for silvers!

■ CHRISTMAS comes but once a year... which was Sunday for John Hough as the old boy scooped

Linford's 'fur & feather' on the wharf cut section with 4-12 of skimmers and roach. Steve Funnell had 2-6 and Paul Neave 1-11-8.

■ TWO snappers and a 2-6 perch put Adam Crouch top of Olney's

Ouse pike and perch match with 12-5 as his bro Glenn had 12-1-8 and Pete Hawley 10-4.

■ HEAVY frost left Kingfishers struggling on Brush Mill. Keith Harrison had 3-6. Bruce 'Nora Batty' Harvey weighed 3-2 and lost a lump (some say it was his pork pie) and John White 0-12.

■ TOWCESTER's Gayton arm canal do went to Kevin Elliot – 3-4 of punch roach – with

Mick Goodridge 3-2-7 and Tony Hirst 0-8.

■ CALVERT couldn't raise a bite between them at Claydon lake, Sunday... but it was a nice day!

■ FIXTURES: Sat, MKAA junior teach-in Galleon canal, and Junior Christmas match Dec 1, Bletchley boatyard cut, call 01908 320007 for either.

December 1, MKAA Christmas match Ouse around Stony – tickets in most MK tackle shops or on 07703 556788.



● ConceptBaits' Neil Richardson with 20-3 Tear Drops common



● 'Seven Acres - 'open to offers'

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