

# New Furzton festival challenge - can YOU still win on the float?

**WITH** so many big lake matches dominated by tip fishing – can YOU still win on the float?

Their ability at 'proper' fishing will be put to the test by many in next month's Furzton Festival – which includes, for the first time, a 'float only' open.

Organised by the lads at GoneFishin, who already run the Frank Swan Memorial open, it has attracted terrific interest since word began getting around.

And it is showing all the signs of becoming a sell-out first time round. Interested? Call Richard Swan on 01908 506678. Soon.

Previous festivals have attracted many anglers – like England vets manager Joe Roberts, pictured below, old enough to know how to really use a float – so it could be interesting.

With some other matches on Tear Drops and the canal (easing pressure on Furzton) the festival includes the usual vets, disabled, youngsters, ladies and mixed pairs opens.

■ England vet Terry Lancaster (DATS) showed his float skills with 21-12 of roach to 6 ounces for runner's-up spot in MKAA's summer league Furzton opener.

Maver MK Green's Steve Wroe won with 25-3 of bream with Roger Clutton, Maver MK Black, on 20-9. Green were top squad, pipping MK Angling Centre on weight, with GoneFishin uncharacteristically finishing bottom.

■ Would-be future match ace Reece Keane, 14 (pictured above) has been honing his float skills with carp to 11lb at Wolverton Mill. A name to watch?

■ Local lads representing MK-based firm MSD, in a pharmaceutical industry match at Makins, finally won after 25 years of trying! Their Ian Millin was second overall with 59-9, mostly bream.

■ **Sad times.** Buckingham's Seahawk Tackle closes July 31. Get there quick if you want a bargain!

■ MK vets' Canons Ashby match saw Paul Barnes net 58-1 (greedy), Ken Mott 24-6 and Geoff Lewis 19-8.

■ Calvert's Hogshaw lake do saw Jim Lewis win with 37-11 ahead of Mark Penwell 27-8 and Barry Witteridge 23lb.



● Reece Keane with Wolverton Mill carp. A future match ace?

■ Graham Martin topped Towcester vets' Wappenham match with 35-2 of carp and bream. John Balhatchett had 26-6 and Gerald Green 20-12.

■ Osprey's Brian Carr memorial at Silsoe fell to Pete Carter, 27lb. Gareth Price had 21lb and Ian Millin 19lb.

■ Two tench and a slab helped John Broughton top Towcester's Astwell Mill do with 12-2. Walt Ashby was next with 6-8 ahead of Graham Martin 5-12.

■ Paul Neave won Linford's boatyard do with 6-5. Hefferon had 4-2-6 and Bob Gale 4-1.

■ Paul Andrews had a 6-10 tench leisure fishing Olney's Ouse... but there were few tincas about for the club match as Tom Halfpenny included a 4-13 bream in his 6-1. Pete Hauley had 4-08 and Steve Glidewell 3-5.

■ Tuesday evening DATS' canal do on 'suicide straight' saw Karl Ruditis, 4-14-8, shade Ernie Sattler 4-12-8 and Phil Bardell 4-12.

■ **FIXTURES:** Tuesday, Olney open 01234 240061; Wednesday July 24, evening, MKAA junior teach-in Mill Road cut, Old Wolverton, 01908 320007.



● England's Joe Roberts – a Furzton Festival regular

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