

Phil defies odds to win fest's big match two years running

LIGHTNING may not strike twice in the same place...but Phil Bardell did – winning the Frank Swan Memorial open two years on the bounce!

And topping Monday's match – part of the Furzton Festival – with 132lb of carp and bream on feeder, he did it from the same peg he'd won from the year before.

Can he do it a third time?

Towcester's Richard King took second spot with 66-8. Olney's Paul Hamilton caught 33-12 as Maurice Williams and Kingfisher clubman Keith Harrison tied on 29lb.

Hamilton (pictured right) had also topped the midweek Ken Ball memorial festival vets open with 55-8 of Furzton bream on worm as England vet Terry Lancaster netted 37-5 and Towcester's Gerald Green 26-4.

Saturday's 'float only' event – a first for the festival and – like the Frank Swan open, organised by the GoneFishin lads – was marred by a downpour but produced weights exceeding the expectations of some.

Martin Greene won with 39-11, mainly roach on the pole, as Ray Baker had 36-6-8 of waggler skimmers, Richard Lattimer 31-6 and Gary Underwood 27-4 of perch.

Friday's 'disabled and friends' do went to John Hewison on 11lb as Nuala Gray had 7-4 and Harry Butler 6-7.

So far this year's Furzton Festival looks set to raise some £1,200 for Willen Hospice.



● Trevor Blackwell 6lb Willen tench & 70lb of bream
Pic: Mike Reveler

■ Willen has been coming alive for some and Trevor Blackwell, pictured bottom left by bailiff Mike Reveler, included this 6lb tench in a 70lb+ mostly bream catch from the north.

On the south lake (the weed piles have now been cleared) two guys were seen by Mike to have their best ever weekend's fishing – sharing some 460lb of tench and bream.

And Damon Walmsley has had mirrors to 29-8.

■ MK Angling Centre – set to close at the end of September if not before – has started its final sale.

■ Towcester's Stockton do saw Dave Martin with 98-13 of carp as George Cooke landed 74-3 and John Broughton 71lb.

■ Newport's Abbey pits open (and £90 golden peg dosh) went to Paul Abbott on 9-7 with Dave Tebbutt 9-3 and Steve Glidewell 6-8.

■ Ernie 'golden parts' Sattler was top (again) in Kingfishers' Mill Road cut do with 8-7 of pellet skimmers while Lee Jones had 6-3. Keith Harrison and Russ Nash tied, 5-6.

■ Following a working party weed clearance session on Claydon lake, Saturday, Barry Witteridge won Sunday's Calvert sweep with 6-5 as Dave Lewis had 4-12 and Les Smith 4-11. Witteridge and John Weatherall topped Monday's pairs do with 14-5.

■ John Hough took Linford's annual cup on the Wharf with 5-2. Mick Hefferon had 4-13 and Pete Wattlely 3-13.

■ **FIXTURES: Sunday, Olney Fiesta Cup and September 10, Olney open, 01234 240061.**

Furzton Festival opens – 01908 320007: Wednesday (4th), juniors, Bletchley canal; Saturday (7th) Ladies, Furzton; Sunday (8th) Mixed Pairs, Teardrops 1 & 2.

Sept 22, Citizen Cup, Olney Ouse, £500 top prize, limited to 60 tickets, call 07795 124165 or email ronbull444@hotmail.com



● Paul Hamilton: Ken Ball memorial match winner