

Never mind the cooler nights – it has been a real red...

Hot month for town's specimen group

NORTHAMPTON Specimen Group lads have been having a real ball – with personal bests going down like skittles!

And one changing his PB list more often than some other anglers change their underwear has been Carpin Capers' manager 'Dougie'.

Fishing dropshot lures in 15 to 50 feet of water he boated the 4-1 PB-equalling reservoir perch pictured, and was already on a high when taking to a Grafham boat, Monday.

A new PB 27-2 pike was first aboard, followed by a couple of modest zander. And then he broke his zander PB twice, with fish of 10-10 and 10-12... within minutes of each other!

Also in, much slower, action had been Jamie Cartwright who upped his bream PB for the second time this summer with one bite and one fish...a whopping 15-6 slab.

But any prizes for sheer quantity had to go to group member Tony Gibson who spent 48 hours on a Sussex lake where he landed 34 tench, 24 good rudd, 7 carp to 22-5...and 19 crucians to 3-1 – along with an unrecorded number of pound-plus roach. Nash fake corn soaked in fruit juice did the business.

● The Greens Norton-based 'Bucko' charity series saw £900 cheques presented (below) to town's Macmillan Nurses and a Loughborough children's hospice, Saturday – £545 had already gone to another hospice.

Saturday's Holly Farm do went to John Holmes 74-5

ahead of Darrell Moore 69-2 and Brian Envis 37-14.

● Can you help the Nene and its tributaries? The Angling Trust's eastern region is calling for volunteers to represent fishing (through the emerging catchment area 'stakeholder' groups. And with the amount of development which has, and is set to take place, our rivers need everyone's help. Contact Kelvin Allen at admin@aterforum.co.uk or on 07850 709769.



● Hartwell's Andy McConnell blew his rudd PB through the roof, Monday, with an incredible 3-2 'gold platter' on free-lined crust from Seven Acres, near Towcester.

● Stanwick saw Steve Michie bag carp to 27-12 and Mark Mullins a 26-8 this week.

● CASTLE Ashby: Angling Trust silverfish league opener, seven teams of 10, Sunday, Steve Bull (Royal Mail) 44-4, Ian Smith (Milton

Keynes) 41-14, Mark Griffiths (Team Guru) 41-5. Top teams Starlets 54 points, Maver MK 50, Guru 48.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Tofts: Trevor Griffiths 168lb, Ted Adams 118lb, Garry Muddiman 115lb.

● MOBBS Miller, Peatling Parva: Jim Broadbent 53lb, Dave Rawlings 48-5, Dave Chamberlain 47lb.

● NENE, Waterloo: John Balhatchett 46-1, Paul Ramsden 36-10, Les Ramsden 29-11.

● COUNTY vets, Canons, silverfish: Bob Spencer and Pat Neal both 16-4, Paul Lafflin 16lb.

● CASTLE, Crescent lake: Jeff Rice 7-14, Geoff Lewis 6-12, Bob Spencer 5-13.

● TOWCESTER charity open, Castlethorpe cut (30 fished): Paul Hamilton 4-2, Paul Keele 3-5, Paul Chapman 3-1.

● FIXTURES: Saturday, charity open on Nene's Stoke canal, £10 tickets include pre-match breakfast and post-match buffet, 07803 209099 ■



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