

Dean's skill with floating pellet fools Tear Drop's monster carp

WHAT a cracking fish – and this magnificent 31-8 common is all the more impressive for having been landed 'off the top' from one of the tiny Tear Drops.

Captor Dean Seath did his homework on the water and then put some 'stalking' hours in, steadily feeding free-offering floaters under bankside vegetation, before finally spotting a moving fish and going for it.

It is his personal best surface-caught carp, and fell to a ConceptBaits 'Red up-emZ' bait he was trialling and which is designed for zig and surface fishing.

He said: "I'm not smiling in the picture because I was mesmerised by its sheer width, this fish is a credit to the MKAA ticket, and the effort put in to keep the habitats and surroundings in tip top shape."

Earlier in the summer he had bagged a 9-2 Caldecotte tench, which fought so hard he initially thought it was a carp.

■ Whatever you may think of the staff at Wolverton's GoneFishin (LoL)... the Tackle & Guns trade mag's 'mystery shopper' was well impressed. So much so the shop got his or her 'top tackle shop' in the MK sub-region vote.

Pictured below are Martin, Ricky and Jack. Don't ask if they were at work on the day – it could be embarrassing...

Willards in New Bradwell was joint winner of the shooting section.

■ Weights in MK vets' midweek Alders pairs do may even have exceeded some competitor's body mass index figures...as if. Charlie Lancaster and Barry Witteridge won with 340-8 and Bill Lovelock and 'Ginger' Letts had 250-5. Ernie Sattler and Ian Greenhood shared 238-12.



● GoneFishin's 'likely lads'

■ Maver MK are riding high in the Castle Ashby AT league, running second to Starlets. Sunday's second round saw them take joint runners-up spot on the day but beat Guru into third thanks partly to Richard Lattimer's match-winning 58-14 silverfish net.



● Dean Seath with 31-8 surface-caught Tear Drops common

■ With only 20 minutes to go Dave Lewis shot to the top with just one fish in Calvert's Claydon lake do. And WHAT a capture! He landed the 22-10 carp using a pole, 3lb hooklength and a size 16.

That gave him 24-6 – and the 'golden peg' payout. Dave Ridgeway had 4-15 and John Weatherall 1-8-3.

■ Mike Clarges has landed a 5-14 chub from Olney's Ouse.

■ OSPREY, Lakeside: Gareth Price and Barry Mason tied on 111-10 (carp and slabs), Nick Darke 106-4. Most people had at least 50 to 60lb.

■ TOWCESTER, Dog Lane: John Balhatchett 100-8, John Broughton 60lb, Kevin Elliott 43lb.

■ DATS, Stony Main Ouse: Paul Chapman 8-3-8 of roach, Paul Hamilton 7-6 (inc a 3-2 chub), Colin Charts 6-7-8.

■ LINFORD, Wharf canal: John Hough 2-11-8, Steve Funnell 1-14, Mick Hefferon 1-10.

■ IF you haven't got a rod licence – get one. The Environment Agency is having a purge on licence dodgers in the MK area... and not necessarily in daylight hours!

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