

Retired milkman Bob shows the cream of light tackle skills as he...

Lands big carp in double quick time!

PUT a single red maggot on a size 16, drop it in...and hold on as your pole is pulled round by an unseen force which turns out to be a 26-8 carp!

That was retired milkman Bob Roberts formula for gold top success on Castle Ashby's Scotland pond.

The 73-year-old's doubled number 5 elastic seemed to stretch beyond belief before Barry Lee was able to net the fish for him.

"I don't know how he did it," said Lee, "he sat there playing it calm as you like, and it was all over in less than five minutes."

● When a customer asked for a 'stronger rod and bigger net' because he'd caught an 11lb zander from Gayton cut, Carpin Capers' Dougie was so gob-smacked he didn't even get his name.

"When he left I was still trying to get my head round the concept of an 11lb canal Z...incredible," said Dougie.

● As local rods sheltered from the weekend's bitter winds, town's Ringer brothers – in South Africa for the world feeder-fishing champs – were texting home for umbrellas to be sent out...for use as sunshades in temperatures close to 40 degrees.

Life can be sooo tough at the top!

● Wonder if the Starlets' rod disqualified two-weeks back will have the 'neck' to turn up for Sunday's 'Ashby AT league next round?

● Stanwick's Mallard lake saw Mike Woodward land carp to 24-1.

● With four rounds left Wayne Sharman and Neil Russell jointly lead Meadowlands' individual league. Alan Walton won Sunday with 83-4. Eamon Brennan had 80lb and Gary Powney 68-12.

● White Hart Flore's Barby Banks do saw John Berry win with 50lb. Ted Adams had 44lb and Robin Wickham 38-8.

● DAVENTRY, Bishops Bowl (Marshes): Jake King 41lb, Rich Wills 40-12, Kevin Ross 32-12.

● CASTLE Ashby silverfish opens: midweek (Brickyard) John Kent 28-12, Phil Wintle 25-14, Alan West 23-4; Saturday (Brickyard) Chris Garrett 28-14, Frank

Pizamenti 22lb, Mick Wheeler 20lb; Sunday (Grendon) Andy Pell 21-12, Damian Green 16-12, Steve Brooks 12-9.

● BISHOPS Bowl open (Walworth): Jim Taylor 22-14, Rob Bassett 22-8, Ron Allum 19-12.

● CASTLE, silverfish, Canons (bottom): Pat Neale 20-10, Stuart Cheatham 18-9, Jeff Rice 13-6.



■ **SOME fish:**
Probably the biggest upper Ouse barbel this season – Paul Andrews with 14-11 Olney fish

● TOWCESTER, Wappenham Water: Pat Jacquet 16lb (carp and chub), Andy Jones 10-8, Dave Martin 9-6.

● FINEDON, Willowbrook lake: Steve Amos 10-14, Barry Lawrence 7-10-8, Sam Corteze 6-4.

● COUNTY vets, silverfish, Crescent: Bob Spencer 5-5, John Lewis 3-4, Paul Lafflin and Ron Coles both 2-8.

● NENE, Banbury Lane cut: Brian Beard 4-6, Andy Webster 1-11, Dave Gibbins 1-10.

● LITTLE Harrowden Heyford cut: Adey Chance 4lb, Mick Dudley 3-12, Jim Broadbent 3-7.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Muscott Mill cut: Paul Humphries 1-4 (50 tiny roach!), Ken Cadd 1lb, Steve Smith 0-15.

● **Fixtures: Tuesday, Olney Ouse open 01234 240061; December 1, Ringstead trout water opens for piking Fridays, Saturday & Sundays, 01933 622960 or 07584 241078.**

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