

As flood after flood turns the silvers off their food...

Carp go on a real feeding spree!

WITH the year starting as a complete washout on most waters it was carp – that should have been skulking until better weather arrives – which saved the day for most.

As the rivers, canal and many lakes merged into one big floody mess across the Nene and Ouse valleys, brown fish came out for a far from seasonal feed.

● And they were really on the chomp for the 48 peg Meadowlands teams-of-three opener which saw Neil Carless (Swans Gold) in top spot with 106-14. SconeZone's Gary Wold – also netting his first 'match ton' of 2014 – had 101-4, with Jack Harness, Tornados, way back on 56-3.

Lowdowns were top team with 12 points as Team Snowy totalled 19 and Guru 20.

● Guilders' staffer Pete Dixon showed real true grit on Canons, Saturday – enduring a five hour broolly-less stint to pole-fish his way to a total of 11 carp up to 18lb.

The lake rose more than two feet during his session and he said: "It was like being on the beach with the tide coming in. I had to keep moving my kit back as it came up round my feet."

● Next day Castle found Canons' bottom lake silvers in dire mood and Bob Spencer won with 5lb, followed by Jeff Rice 4-2 and John Lewis 3-12.

● Thirteen carp and a slab gave Chris Garratt 111-2 in Sunday's Castle Ashby Grendon pond match – more than FIVE times runner-up Richard Dunkley's 21-8. Gerald Green had 21lb. Frank Pizmenti won on the Brickyard with 26-2 as Mark Moody caught 18-8 and Martin Faulkner 12-14. Top weight on the Scotland was Roger Clutton 17-3 followed by Gary West 16-8 and Keith Bishop 16-3.

● Carp dominated the Makins pole-only individual league first round which went to Andy Edgington with 79-12 as Gary Morgan had 67lb and Steve Richards 27-4.

● The turn-of-the-year 66 peg Ringers' pairs do on Barston lake saw Suzie Smith top individual (40-4) as she and Andy Finlay were top duo with a 'perfect' 2 point score and 68-5 to shade out Zac Phelps and Andy Fullylove (also 2 points) on 44-4. Geoff and Phil Ringer

had 5 points and 44-12.

● Bishops Bowl owner Shaun Smart and his regulars are pleased as punch with the effectiveness of last year's drainage works with, so far, the fishery staying in fine form while so many others became unfishable.

Sunday's open went to Eric Lillyman with 32 carp and a three tench for 32-15 as Kevin Green had 25-14 and Jake King 24-12.

Several good pike have been landed recently, with the best carp James Beeny's 28lb common.



■ Reporting through Gonfishin Paul Jones had carp of 20-10, 20-4 and two doubles in a short daylight session on the New Bradwell-Linford canal

● WHITE Hart Flore, Spring Pools: Glen Tilson 24-8, Rob Wickham 20-8, Tom Griffiths 17lb.

● TOWCESTER, Bairstows: Graham Martin 23-8 (two carp), Mick Goodridge one of 8lb, rest DNW.

● NENE, long pound cut, Stoke Bruerne: Brian Beard 6-5 (2 perch and 3 skimmers), Dave Gibbins 5-4, Paul Minney 2-13 ■

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