

Brief spell of 'summer' makes water temperatures rise...

And brings lake carp mad on feed

WHAT a difference sunshine can make – with those carp which were not actually spawning feeding as though there was no tomorrow!

The weekend's brief 'summer' saw water temperatures rocket (18 degrees, Grafton canal, Sunday) seeming to trigger a feeding frenzy among many lakes' brown fish.

With lots of their kind busy thrashing around in the margins, those Tofts carp which weren't all loved-up came on strong for White Hart Flore.

That club's top four bagged over 500lb between them as Vinny Atkinson netted 45 for 199lb followed by John 'Rockin' Berry on 126lb, Dick Briggs 113-8 and Dave Walker 102lb.

● Big fish were well on feed in Castle's Canons' top pond as Pat Neil won with 138lb, Nick Antonacci had 98-8 and Paul Lafflin 87-12. Antonacci had topped the County vets' midweek match there with 130-2 as Lafflin had 108-4 and Alf Gillard 102lb.

● Carp and bream for 99lb put Darren Driver way out front in Castle Ashby's Sunday open on Grendon, with John Kent getting 38-14 and Steve Shakespeare 38-8.

Courtney Hewlett had won, Saturday, on the Brickyard with 96-4 followed by Andy Jones 36-14 and Frank Pizamenti 28-4. A midweeker there saw Hewlett on 36-2 with his granddad Mick on 34-6 and Bob Reed 28-12.

● MOBBS Miller, 'Ashby's Brickyard, Sunday: Darren

Childs 42lb of carp, tench and cruians. Tony Granfield 37lb, Jim Broadbent 21lb.

● BUCKO's charity sweep, Shearsby Valley: Brian Envis 92-8, Wayne Panting, 75-4, Alan Rose 66-8.

● MAKINS open: Andy Sibley 72-10, Alan Walton 68-6, Ben Taylor 64-8.



■ **HUGE:** Though 'flattered' a tad by the camera angle, Trevor Gurney's 45-7 Stanwick common is a spectacular fish!



■ **ANOTHER 40:** Dayticket Willen Lake has produced its second 40 this year, this one Dean Seeth's 43lb common

● KINGS Arms, Wold Farm: John Sumpter 32-6, Andy Jackson 29-3, Dave Roberts 22lb.

● TOWCESTER vets, Dog Lane, Town's Chris Howard celebrate starting his retirement by winning with 48-10. Tosh Saunders 40-14, Gerald Green 40-13.

● NEWPORT, Abbey pits open: Roger Tebbutt four tench for 16-12, Paul Abbott (11-10) and Dave Tebbutt (8-14) both on roach.

● TOWCESTER, local golf course lake: Mark Read 16lb, John Balhachett 13-8, Chris Howard 12lb.

● FLORE & Brockall, Brickhill Farm: Rob Rawlins reckons frenzied carp crashing around in the margins gave HIM a headache (jealousy?) but he still won with 18-2. Dave Ayres 13-8, Brian Johnson 12-9.

● STANWICK is still churning out 20s. This week's best was Kevin Hitchcock's 25-10 – he also caught 10 tench to 6lb from Elsons.

● DAYTICKET Willen Lake has produced yet another best – a 43lb common banked by Dean Seeth.

● FIXTURES: Tomorrow, Saturday, Bucko charity match Tofts, 07808 512917.

● TROUT: Ringstead, Towcester's Mark Phillips had limit of 4 pounders; Elinor, 480 fish to 7.2, rod average 4.1; Pitsford 552 rod average 4.7, Ravensthorpe best 8-14, 569 fish, rod average 4.8. Rutland, best 10-10 rainbow, 1,244 fish rod average 4.9 ■

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