

Lucky pair share 'missing' bream shoal catch...

As Bairstows comes back to life

It is amazing how fish can 'disappear' for years – with venue regulars thinking they have died out – and then suddenly reappear with a bang!

Andy Jones and Dave Martin benefited from just such an out-of-the-blue 'reawakening' – sharing 16 bream for around 50lb in a four-hour visit to Towcester's Bairstows lake.

The three-acre water has lost depth in recent years, and decent-sized bream were thought to have become virtually extinct, so much so that the club has been stocking carp to boost sport.

Then a shoal of potential match-winners appeared out of nowhere. Obviously they had been there all the time, but where had they been hiding in such a small, shallow, water?

● STANWICK threw up no less than three 30s this week with Don McInnes netting a mirror known as 'spike' at 34-5 from Elsons, Mike Male getting a 31lb common from Swan and Paddy Wheat a Mallard 30-4.

● TOWN's gold medalist oldie Joe Roberts and Terry Lancaster from MK have both been selected to fish for England again in this year's world vets' championships in Italy. Best of British, lads.

● AN Abington Park Lake trip saw Vince Battams bag 16 bream and two tench for 80lb.

● CASTLE AA has a new secretary, Anne Jepsen – anne@jepsen.co.uk – who took the job on 'as a challenge'. Best of luck with that one, lass...

● WHITE Hart, Spring Pools: Mark Griffiths 128-8, Trev Griffiths 72lb, Steve Bull 71-8.

● CASTLE Ashby: Sunday, Grendon, Mick Hewlett 112-12 (12 carp), Bob Reed 89-8, C

Garrett 63-4; Saturday, Brickyard, Keith Garrett, 38-2, Courtney Hewlett 38lb, Kevin Folwell 30-8.

● TERRIE Tapp memorial open, Tofts: Michel Buchwalder 92-5, Jim Murfitt 70-1, Jason Redgrave 59-14 – and £413 raised for a hospice.

● POTTERS PURY, Wold Farm: Colin Meakins 90lb (bream), Phil Wintle 69lb, Mick Goodridge 68-5.

● CASTLE, Canons top: Jeff Rice 66lb, Nick Antonacci 64lb, Alf Gillard 60-12.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Brickhill Farm: Kevin Green 41lb, Paul Humphries 30lb, Ricky Green 26lb

● NENE, Tofts: Dave Gibbins 23-12, Simon Cordingley 22-6, Gerald Green 17-12

● ENVIRONMENT Agency officers and police have been swooping on banks around Milton Keynes since October...and Northampton area is now on their 'purge' list.

The first five MK licence dodgers have just appeared in court – gaining criminal records PLUS fines and costs bills totalling £1,050.

That averages £210 each for lack of a £27 annual licence (£18 for concessions) – though the maximum could be far higher!

By the way, NO water is too small or too tucked away to be off-limits to the guys in green stab vests...so best check your licence now? ■



■ BAIRSTOWS' bream are back! Dave Martin (pictured) and Andy Jones shared 16 for around 50lb as the Towcester lake 're-awakened'



■ Float-tubers don't use boats. Donning a rubber ring they get right in with the trout, and Andre Russell did just that – netting five good Ringstead 'spotties'

Matches, catches, even rough patches? If there's a tale to tell call Trevor Johnson on 01908 270000 (office) or 07801 183381 or angling@intermediauk.com (click link to email)