

Girls hit the heights as they take ladies' national championships!

SO angling is largely a man thing? This week it was the 'girls' turn as Nuala Gray and friends scooped the Angling Trust ladies national team title.

The MKAA youth coach, together with Kayliegh Smith, Charlotte Gore and Leanne Knott put 147-6 of carp on the scales to win on a commercial outside Bridgenorth.

And for good measure Kayliegh took the individual honours with 95-12.

■ This week it was Kamil Ubanczky's turn to bank a Willen 30 – a 38lb common. According to reports through GoneFishin, Furzton has been producing a stream of decent fish. Among those caught were Paul Andrews' 27-15 mirror and Lee Gray's 25-4 common.

■ 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 (below) benefited from just such

an out-of-the-blue 're-awakening' – sharing 16 bream for around 50lb in a four-hour visit to Towcester's Bairstows lake.

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■ Ace city veteran Terry Lancaster has, together with fellow super-vet Joe Roberts from Northampton, again been picked for the English national oldies team. The pair will be heading for this year's world vets championships in Italy next month. Good luck lads.

■ Co-founders of a certain local angling facebook page Neil Richardson and Dean Seath posted their own breaking news last week – news that they are both now sponsored by the Tackle Hub in Bletchley, and StarBaits.

■ Ben Hough had 12 bream, and lost five, for 37lb from the Linford Pits complex 'canal' lake.

■ MK vets' Brackley town lake do saw Austin Maddock win with 12lb as Ken Mott had 7lb and Ernie Sattler 6-5.

■ SUNDAY's DATS Navvi canal sweep went to Chris Malia with 11-8-8 of skimmers. Alan Ford had 10lb and Mark Haynes 9-10.

■ CALVERT v Buckingham on Claydon Lake was a walk-over for home side Calvert with their Dave Lewis on 8-13, Derek Bishop 8-9 and Ken Mott 6-9, taking all top three spots.

■ LINFORD's Brickyard match fell to Roy Hefferon, 6-2, with Eamon Burke on 5-7 and John Hough 4-15.

■ DATS' Navvi evening do saw Richard Lattimer and Lee Jones tied top on 4-12-12...with Ernie Sattler 'chipshopped' (battered both sides) between them on 1-15-4. Mick Hefferon was third with 3-10-8.

■ FIXTURES: MKAA junior teach-in tomorrow, Friday, 5.30pm on the canal at Japonica Lane, call 01908 320007.



● Dave Martin (pictured by Andy Jones) with part of their 50lb Bairstows bream catch, taken when the water suddenly 're-awakened'.

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