

Castle club matchmen are reaching for ever-stronger elastics as...

# Big carp explosion rocks Canons!

**G**REAT match fisheries – that's Castle's Canons top and bottom lakes...but they are rapidly becoming big carp waters, too.

Once 'puddle class' fish, the carp have been piling on weight faster than a couch-potato until, some days, remarkably few are required for a net topping the 'ton'.

That has had matchmen reaching for ever-stronger pole elastics – some now on 14lb BS and 'bungees' – and beefier feeder-rods to tame the power-packed brown fish.

The latest Canons top sweep saw Stuart Cheetham rockin on his box as he battled a 25 on the pole, lost an even bigger one, and STILL finished out of the money (Pat Neale won with 112lb).

The few speccy-types already tapping the potential have been keeping quiet, but Castle's Bob Spencer said: "We have been told of fish up to 38lb being caught."

● DIAWA England – including Ringer bros Steve and Phil – have won the Angling Trust Masters on Roy Marlow's Glebe complex for the second year in a row.

● DAYTIME canal fishing has been pretty much a no-no of late thanks to boat traffic reaching seemingly epidemic levels – four seen trying simultaneously to get into a lock built for two at Stoke, Sunday.

But, with the school holidays over boat movements should tumble and we can make the most of silverfish shoals feeding up for winter. Some great sport to be had – go enjoy!

● THINGS are looking up on the local Ouse, too. On MKAA's Ravenstone Dean Niven (pictured) bagged a 5-10 chub. At Olney Dave Thompson had a 6 and Keith Mitchell a 6-8 bream. There are rumours of an 8lb barbel back of Bradwell Lake.

And Newport's latest match fell to Alex Graham with 16-13 (mainly roach) ahead of Gary Spavins 16lb and Dave Tebbutt 13-1 – the latter has also been catching

young barbel between 8 and 12 ounces on an MKAA section, surely a really good omen?

● ON Stanwick's Elsons Don McInnes had two 20lb carp, best 21-6. Liam McCann also had a brace of 20s.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Mark Griffiths 98-2, Paul Jackson 65-8, Mick Wheeler 57-8.

● FINEDON, Lawn Farm: Bill Boyne 93lb, Simon Higgs 82lb, Mark Clemett 68lb.

● CASTLE Ashby: Grendon, Sunday, Mick Hewlett 88lb, Bob Reed 57-12, Richard Dunkley 35-14; Saturday, Brickyard, Courtney Hewlett 70-6, Simon Egan 55-12, Frank Pizamenti 51-10.

● TOWCESTER vets, Silver Lake, Wappenham : George Cooke 75-8, Simon Cordingly 39-2, Chris Howard 29-11.

● MK vets, Brackley Lake: Paul Barnes 20-2, Austin Maddock 19-13,



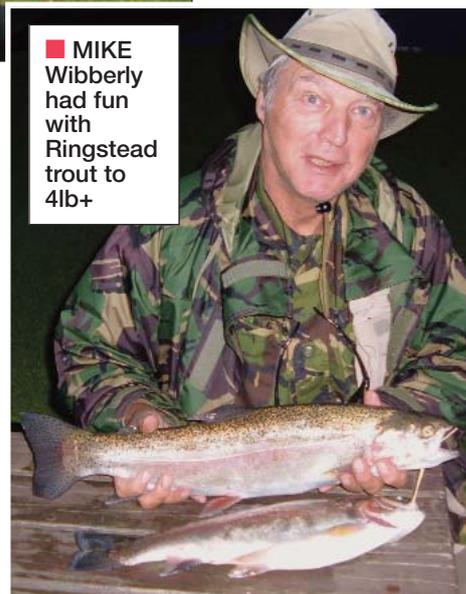
■ CLASS fish: Dean Niven's 5-10 Ravenstone chub should be a 6 this winter

Dudley Frankland 17lb.

● TOWCESTER, Bairstows, silverfish: Dave Martin 11lb, John Balhatchett 9-8, Darren Pannell 8lb.

● FIXTURES: Saturday, Newport Ouse open 07795 068428; Sept 21, 'Citizen'

open Olney Ouse – top-spot £500 with all monies paid as prizes, 60 tickets only from the Two Brewers 01234 711393.



■ MIKE Wibberly had fun with Ringstead trout to 4lb+

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