

# Spring canal league's opening round pulls in a record entry

**I**T may have been rubbish weather with more wind than most party manifestos, but Sunday's MKAA spring league opener attracted a record entry.

Fifty-six anglers – 14 teams of four – lined up to do battle along a returning-to-form Stoke House to Willowbridge canal section.

And that meant maximum brass in pocket for Tackle Hub Gold's Lee Jones with a runaway win on 16-2 of skimmers, helping his side to runner's-up spot.

Maver MK Green's Loll Breach made second with 10-14 ahead of Preston Innovations Black Horse Red man Ben Sharp, 8-14, and Browning Central's Matt Hodges 8-2.

Black Horse White were top team on the day with 38 points as 'Hub Gold netted 37 – tied with Browning Northampton Blue but ahead on weight – with GoneFishin on 34.

■ HIGH winds had Osprey battering down the hatches at Lakeside, again, but Ian Warby still landed 175lb – carp on corn and a 6lb barbel. Chris Lovelock had 101lb and Adam Griffiths 75lb.

■ AN 8-7 male tench (top picture) – reported through Great Linford Angling Centre – fell to Mick English on Heron Lake.

■ AND just up the road Willards Tackle man and club bailiff Sean Wilson Senior used a garlic boilie to bag a 7-3 Bradwell Lake



● MICK English with cracking 8-7 male tench from Heron Lake, Linford



● HER first double figure-bag of silvers! Summer-leigh Stratton, 6, with a shimmering Mount Farm Lake catch

tench, Sunday night.

■ SILVERS queued up for Summer-leigh Stratton, 6, (pictured far left) when she whip-fished Mount Farm with dad Jake to land her first double-figure catch and equal Beacon's club record with an 0-9 PB rudd.

■ TOWCESTER club called in police after some sadistic moron shot dead one of four barnacle

geese (believed to be the only two breeding pairs in the county) and a mallard with an airgun on their Bairstows Lake.

Dave Martin won the latest match there with four carp for 31lb. Les Goodridge had 5-10 and Gerald Green 5lb.

■ FOLLOWING a slow start John Hewison really turned his match around in MK Vets' Stockton Reservoir do, winning in classic style with 22-9 of good caster roach and crucians. Steve Chilton had 20-10 and Don King 19-14.

■ TOWCESTER Vets' Brickhill Lakes, Eyedon, do saw Chris Howard with 15-1 of skimmers, crucians and fair roach ahead of Grenville Read 13-10 and George Cooke 10-9.

■ BRAVING both wind AND boats in Linford's 'Morgan canal stretch match, Mick Hefferon had roach to a pound for 7-8. Dave Tysoe made 4lb and Ron Dorrill 3-14.

■ IF fishing Furzton in 'the point' area please stay off of the bank areas temporarily fenced off to allow the grass to re-establish itself. No one wants to fish in a mud bath.

■ IT is a criminal offence to fish without a valid rod licence, and your old one ran out on March 31. If you haven't yet bought a new one...

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