

Club's charity canal open match raises extra cash for 'roach fund'

TOWCESTER's charity open, fished on DATS' Navvi canal section, produced few roach...but DID rustle up a healthy contribution to the 'Canal Roach Restoration Appeal'...

Masterminded by the Canal River Trust (CRT), backed by a number of clubs, the appeal is to help fund removal of zander all the way from MK to Braunston and measures to hinder their return, followed by moves to beef-up roach spawning and survival.

Winning the 25 pegger with 7-14-8 of chopped-worm perch saw Les Ramsden pocket a few quid... but the appeal 'won' to the tune of £97 (thanks lads).

CRT national fisheries manager John Ellis said: "That's great. The Trust are set to put a lot of cash into this, and the more anglers contribute directly the more chance there is of pulling in enough money from other sources to help make a really good job of this."

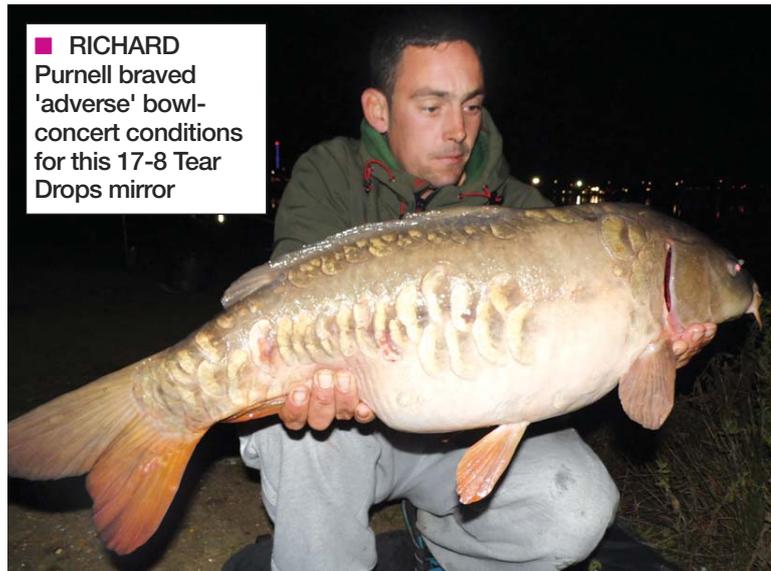
Paul Chapman made second on the day with 7-6-4, while 'end peg' Ernie Sattler was third... from another end peg draw...with 6-11-4 of squat skimmers.

Anyone else wanting to chuck in a couple of quid to the appeal can call 0303 040 4040.

■ OPTING to do an over-nighter on Tear Drops when the nearby Bowl is hosting a major concert is always likely to lead to an 'interesting' experience.

That's what Richard Purnell did during the recent Foo

Fighters' gig and – despite: "So many drunk, happy people walking past singing and chatting loudly, and the sound-checks at the bowl really loud, I didn't think there was much chance.



■ RICHARD Purnell braved 'adverse' bowl-concert conditions for this 17-8 Tear Drops mirror

"But with the bowl bouncing the carp were still biting and good times were had by all." His 'good times' included landing a 17-8 mirror (pictured) and a 15-2 common.

■ THINGS were probably a lot quieter where Garry Teer was on Newport's Ouse – but far from boring

as he hooked into and landed a 14-11 barbel.

■ TOWCESTER Vets midweek, Dog Lane: Graham Martin 75-8, Les Goodridge 56-2, John Balhatchett 55-8.

■ MK Vets midweek, Tear Drops: Martin Cunniffe 16-9, Barry Witteridge 14-13, Bob Gale 12-8.

■ OLNEY's hosted a Bedford winter league round, Sunday, in which local regulars on the water filled the frame with Neil Shern on 9-8, Paul Caton on 7-10 and Ton Sinfield on 7-9. A group calling themselves The Perch Fishers of England are to fish the club's Weston Road section, Saturday.

■ LINFORD, Wilderness canal: John Hough 3-5, Steve Funnell 3-1, Mick Hefferon 2-6.

■ CALVERT, Claydon Lake: Derek Bishop 2-5, John Weatherall and Barry Witteridge both 1lb...

■ FIXTURES: Saturday, MKAA junior session, 2pm to 4pm, Tear Drops, 01908 320007; Tuesday Oct 13, Olney Ouse open, 01234 240061.



■ BLURRY picture but nice fish: Garry Teer with 14-11 whiskers from Newport's Ouse