

The weather may be going downhill fast – but the carp are...

Still feeding in summer mode!

THE clocks may have 'gone back' to winter setting, but carp in many local waters obviously can't tell the time – and stayed in summer feeding mode.

And despite sharp frosts Lakeside, near Towcester, came up with the goods in club matches on two consecutive days.

Saturday saw Tove Valley Matchgroup's Chris Garrett score his third successive win there – with 100-5 – followed by Maver MK trio Phil Wintle 76-8, Ian Smith 68-14 and Andy Jones 58-13.

Next day was even better as Chris Lovelock topped Osprey's match with 132lb, followed by Mark Wilson 94lb, and Steve Carthy 91lb.

● DRAYTON reservoir's carp were still hard 'on' to surface and midwater baits with floaters and zig-rigs getting most of the action. Gary Edwards had 28 fish to 27lb in one trip and Paul Smith 10 on another.

● AT Stanwick John Holmes netted a 26lb common and Sam Crump a 21lb mirror.

● WHITE Hart Flore's Barby Banks sweep went to the wire as Dave Griffiths won with 62lb... one ounce clear of Dale Gibson...who was only five ounces ahead of Vinny Atkinson.

● FRANK Pizamenti was king of Castle Ashby's Brickyard two matches running as he topped the midweek with 54-2 and the Saturday do with 50-4 from a swim at t'other end of the lake.

He was followed, midweek, by Shaun Weed 34-8 and Mick Hewlett 23-8, and on Saturday by Lloyd Haynes 48-2 and Mark Moody 24-8.

Sunday's events were gruellers as Mick Wheeler won on Scotland with 16-12 ahead of Haynes 14-12 and Pete Gibson 12-1, while Gary Bennett topped on Grendon with 34-8 followed by Keith Garrett 23-4 and Roy Woods 18-14.

● COUNTY Vets' midweek on Canons went to Paul Lafflin, 22-12, as Alan West had 18-12 and Ron Coles 14lb. Then, four days later in Castle's silverfish league on the same water, it was West's turn on top with 22-12 followed by Jeff Rice 13-8 and Lafflin 13-5.

● GLEBE's Heron Lake, Linford, match saw Dave Jones on 21-4, way ahead of Dave Haddon 11-4 and Mark Bunyard 9-12.

● DRAWING on a skimmer shoal saw Chris Howard stroll Nene's Stoke Long Pound match with 14-10 on bread. John Balhatchett was a long way back with 6-4 followed by Baz Eaton 4-12.

● OLNEY's Spooner Cup on the Ouse was a low-scoring do as Graham Clipson won with just 2-14, including a pound-and-a-half perch. Barry Glidewell netted 2-11 and Pete Hawley 2-2 – the latter's efforts enough to help him top the club's annual points series.

● **FIXTURES:** Sun, Towcester's Hesketh Tove open, 01908 563617; Tues Nov 3 and Sat Nov 7, Olney Ouse opens, 01234 240061; Nov 22, British Pike Champs qualifier, Bradwell Lake, MK, 07952 812527.

● NOVEMBER 14, FREE fly-fishing taster, courtesy of Mid-Northants Trout Fishers, on Pitsford reservoir – all gear and basic tuition supplied, 07794 465607 for more info ■