

Despite 'legacy effect' of millions of gallons of floodwater...

Some still strike it lucky!

MILLIONS of gallons of cold, dirty, floodwater pouring into local lakes more than a week back really put the dampers on most people's sport this weekend.

But there were exceptions...including Lakeside near Towcester where Terry Noble topped Tove Valley's Saturday open with 100-11 – mostly carp – with Andy Jones chasing on 95-7 and Dave Martin 86-10,

Next day the water's carp were still feeding well...which was a real pain for those in a silverfish match. But 16 of them still netted more than 170lb of roach for transfer to another fishery.

Top weight in that do was Dave Tebbutt with 26-8, followed by Neil Shearn 22-8 and Mick Burrell 21-8.

● A FEW Castle Ashby pegs didn't fish too badly, either. Wednesday's Brickyard do fell to Frank Pizamenti with 66-4...with Mick Hewlett a long way adrift on 18-4 and Ron Bull with 14-4.

Saturday's 'yard do saw Mark Moody with 64-8 as Chris Garrett netted 45-6 and Pizamenti 28lb. Drawing a Grendon flier, Sunday, helped Richard Dunkley to a 69lb mixed bag win as Steve Shakespeare had 38lb and Garrett 13-8.

● ON the cut towards Bletchley, carper turned silverfish man Neil Richardson had yet another canal ball as he netted 35lb of bream!

● MAKING his second-ever carp trip Josh Spearman, reporting through GoneFishin, had a 17lb carp AND a 9lb bream (pictured) from Newport's pits. But a club match on the Suntrap saw Kevin Osborne top with 11lb. Dave Tebbutt had four ounces as everyone else blanked.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dog Lane: Bert Isle 43lb, Bob Prowse 14lb, Terry Smith 12lb.

● FINEDON, Shearsby Valley: Roger Brain 32-2, John Sumpter 26-4, Alan Eade 19-11.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Dave Griffiths 24-12,

Drew Adams 24-4, Kevin Lowe 23-9.

● ABINGTON, 'Ashby Grendon pond: Russ Coleman 17-11, Ray Neal 10-8, Dave Huth 5-10.

● CASTLE silverfish, Canons: Jeff Lewis 11-6, Paul Lafflin 10-5, Nick Antonacci 8-8.



■ JOSH Spearman with 9lb Newport Pits bream



■ STAN Codling had Ringstead's best-of-week – an over-wintered 12-2 rainbow

● TOWCESTER Vets, canal, Cosgrove: Mick Read 9-8, George Minards 9lb, Graham Martin and Chris Howard both 6-9.

● NENE/Towcester, canal, Weedon Steps: Bas Eaton 9-6, Paul Minney 4-3, John Balhatchett 3-3.

● FOR those new to the sport – or to UK fishing – it is now a criminal offence (potentially earning big fines or even a prison term) to fish any river or stream before midnight on June 15. Everyone aged 12 or over needs a new rod licence come April 1 (a legal requirement!).

● FIXTURES: April 17, Lakeside open, 07739 094216; May 1 John Harvey Memorial open Black Horse Pit, call 07748 505024 evenings only.

● TROUT: Ringstead's best was Stan Codling' 12-12 rainbow; Ravensthorpe, an amazing 11.7 trout per rod this week, Pitsford 2.75, Elinor 2.25 best 11-4 ■

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