

Another spell of carp going bait mad...

Means catches for all-comers

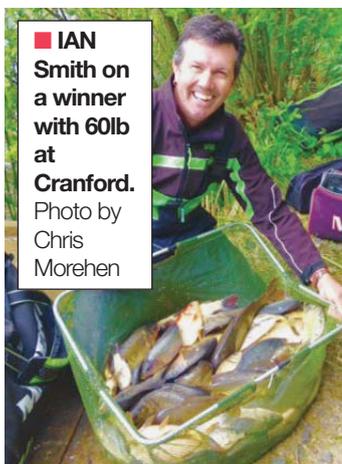
ANGLERS across the county – from Amatchmen to specimen hunters – have been on a roll this week with carp feeding like there was no tomorrow!

Sports & Social's trip out of town to Lakeside, near Towcester, saw Jeff Rice taking the money with 137-8 as Ken Taylor had 126-4 and Jim Broadbent 97-3.

And White Hart Flore were in fine form, too, at Tofts where Garry Muddiman notched another win – this time with 130lb – followed by Terry Griffiths on 122-8 and Rupert Wickham 117lb.

Decent weights were there, too, for those who journeyed to Makins for the 'Matrix commercial league' first round 50 pegger. Wayne Sharman won that with 97-3 as Ron Brennan had 63-4. Adam Waklin and Jack Harness tied on 56lb.

● ON the big fish front Sam Bright had a 30-6 from Stanwick's Elsons as Lewis Jones had four low 20s in two sessions on Mallard, and Chris Stocker netted nine to 22-4.



Across the county at Daventry's Drayton, a group of 12 Welsh visitors almost emptied the reservoir – bagging more than 600 carp between them in 48 hours! Most fell to surface baits or zig-rigs fished high in the water.

● Back on the match scene, John Balhatchett topped Towcester Vets' Tofts midweek with 144lb. Les Goodridge had 143-8 and Graham Martin 61lb.

● MILL Lane, Tofts: Steve Johnson 85-8, Mark Wadhams 80-8, Kevin McIlhinney 75-13

● TOWCESTER Travellers, Lakeside: Troy Hillier 79-12, Graham Martin 68lb, Tosh Saunders 56-8.

● FINEDON, Lawn Farm: John York 79-3, Jeff Eade 45-14, Gary Scott 43-7, the latter two winning the pairs event.

● CASTLE Ashby : midweek, Brickyard, Nick Weed 44-8, Frank Pizamenti 39-12, Steve Smith 36-4; Sat., Brickyard, Bob Reed 36-12, Keith Garrett 31lb, Pizamenti 29-12; Sun., Grendon, Reed 68-6, Chris Garrett 39-14, Keith Garrett 30-6.

● CRANFORD Lake: Ian Smith 60-4, Paul Brand 56-6, Graham Clipston 35-6.

● TOWCESTER, Silver Lake: John Broughton 40lb, Bob Eales 13-8, Mick Goodridge 12lb.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Mill Pool: Fred Johnson 35lb, Bob Prowse 34lb, Rob Rawlins 32lb.

● **TROUT: amazing how things can change in only a handful of years! 'Float-tubing' started out with guys climbing into a cross between a motorcycle inner-tube and a breeches buoy, and paddling off after the trout at their own level.**

The weekend just gone saw a gathering – from as far afield as Essex and Doncaster – of state-of-the-art 'tubers' at Ringsted. And those guys, see picture above, appeared to have gone afloat in a cross between personalised pedalos and armchairs...carrying more rods than some matchmen.

Everyone to their own.

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