

As venue's six-round winter league draws to a close...

Steve is king of Meadowlands

FAILING to frame in the final round couldn't stop Steve Daly being crowned king of Meadowlands!

Despite falling short of the top three in the sixth leg he still ran out a clear series-winner with 11 penalty points – three clear of runner-up Jack Harris, 14, with Bas Byrd third on 17.

The last round had seen Karl Mullen top on the day with 53-8 of carp as John Jenkins had 51lb and Ray Durrant 48-8.

● **FINISHING** his year in style. That was Neil Richardson who trotted single bronze – while trickling in three pints more to pull in fish in a Wolverton Ouse match.

Stickfloating a deep undercut swim he hooked three fish. One, a 6-2, along with a 3-6 won him the sweep. Then he lost the fish of lifetime...one visibly dwarfing his 6-2!

● **A BOXING** Day stint on Towcester's Castlethorpe canal saw Mick Goodridge with nine bream to 3lb for a pleasure net topping 12lb.

● **COUNTY** Vets' Canons silverfish sweep produced a clear win for Alan West on 19-2 as Bob Spencer netted 7-14 and John Lewis 7-2.



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**TACKLE shop holiday openings:
Gilders/Carpin Capers both closed
Jan 1 and 2.**

● **WHITE** Hart Flore's Barby Mill midweeker saw Trevor Griffiths top on a grindingly hard day with 19lb followed by Glen Tilson 14-1 and Tom Griffiths 9-1.

● **CASTLE** Ashby's Christmas Eve match was short on festive fun with Chris Garratt needing only 8-8 (perch) to win on the Brickyard. Mick Whaddams and Pete Gibson tied on 7-2...the latter losing four carp in the final 40 minutes.

● **THREE** canal chub for 8-8 put John Balhatchett way out front in Towcester Vets' Castlethorpe Navvi do...even though he lost FIVE others. Kevin Nightingale had 2-4 and Tosh Saunders 2lb.

● **STANWICK's** top fish this week was Ollie Cruden's 25lb common.

● **SMALL** silvers plus the odd chub to 4lb were being caught from Olney's Ouse over the break ■

Happy New Year to One and All
(EXCEPT fish and tackle thieves)
May it be your best one yet!

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