

With an otter killing their prized carp, couple spend...

Honeymoon cash on otter fence!

THERE is dedication to running a fishery...and there is spending your 'honeymoon fund' on an otter fence!

And that is EXACTLY what Tina and Steve Pentland have done – put their honeymoon on hold and invested the cash in keeping marauding otters out of their picturesque Lakeside fishery near Towcester.

Following attacks on the water's carp, a licenced trapper relocated the furry fish-killer and the couple then put £15,000 into installing a specialist otter fence around their lakes.

Hi-tec night-vision cameras have been set-up to give early warning of any further intruders.

Arranging a top-up of extra fish to ensure stocks are maintained at AT LEAST normal level, the couple are now saving all over again for that delayed honeymoon.

"It was a lot of money, but it had to be done," said Tina. "All we have to hope now is that everyone remembers to close the gate as they come and go."

● Known for its 'ton-up' weekend match catches, Lakeside is open for midweek dayticket angling at £10 a head. Book in advance on 07752 801515.

● **TOWN's Vince Rogers must have the stamina of an Olympian! In his latest skate trip off Scotland's Isle of Jura he was fighting seven mega flatties for six-and-a-half hours out of eight hours fishing.**

And – with the area's powerful tidal surges combined with the species' tenacity for holding bottom – that must have been absolutely back-breaking toil.

On his day afloat, he had fish of 205lb (an hour to land it), 198lb, two at 190lb, 171lb, 119lb and 111lb.

He said: "It was an awesome experience...but cream-crackering."

● STANWICK's fish of the week was Anthony Farrow's 39-8

common followed by Steve Mund's 31-4. At Drayton two England Ladies carp team members had over 80 fish.

● MEADOWLANDS individual league third round: Chris Harrison 154-2, Wayne Sharman 142lb, Stuart Palsler 130-12.

Grant Merritt leads with one round left.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Trevor Griffiths 84lb, Gary Muddiman 83lb, Mick Wheeler 72-8. Midweek oldies, Barby Mill, Tom Griffiths 60-2, Glen Tilson 25-6, Ron Collins 20-8.

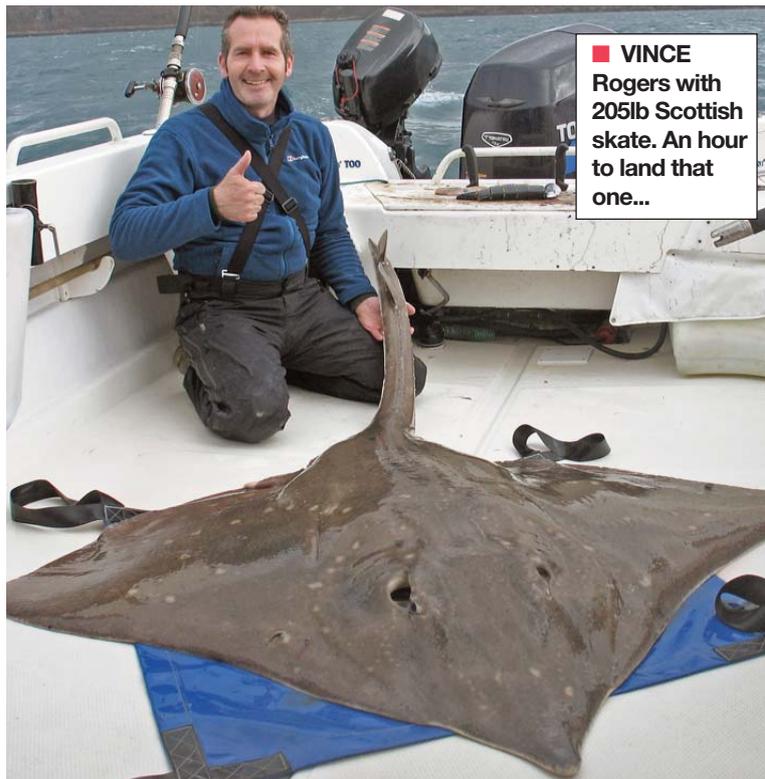
● CASTLE Ashby, Grendon: Roger Dunkley 59-12, John Kent 50-8, Darren Driver and Kevin Follwel (228 roach) both 41lb.

● WILLOW Brook open: Paul Brand 25-6, Bill Underwood 11-14, Pete Hawley 10-4.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Marshes: Terry Smith 15lb, Steve Smith 9lb, Rob Rawlins

(after flukily retrieving his no 4 pole section from the lake) 7lb.

● **EASTER shop openings:** Gilders, closed Monday & Tuesday; Carpin Capers, open 8.30-noon Monday and open Tuesday as normal ■



■ VINCE Rogers with 205lb Scottish skate. An hour to land that one...



■ ANTHONY Farrow and 39-8 Stanwick common

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