

Lots of sun and sex for the brownfish...

Mean hard work for match lads

BEFORE the rains came it was hard work for matchmen on most local carp waters – with the brownfish either sunbathing or spawning.

Hopefully they will soon have their minds back on feeding, and it will be business as usual come the weekend, following Tuesday's change to wet and windy.

But the more selective approach of big-fish men paid off on Stanwick where Russell Gooch led the 20s parade with a PB 28-6 mirror, ahead of Josh Geoghan with a 26-8 (also a PB) and Olly Scarrett – a 24 and a 24-8.

● ON the match-front Osprey's Lakeside trip saw Ed Blane with 127lb as Chris Lovelock netted 98lb and Gary Page 95lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore's Barby sweep saw Mick Wheeler with 94lb. Tom Buck had 72lb and Dave Cleaver 67lb. The club oldies' midweek outing to the same venue was a typical Griffiths family fest with Trevor on 47-6, Dave 40-10 and Tom 32-5.

● AND John Balhatchett dominated the County Vets' Canons do with a 92-2 win, way way ahead of Paul Lafflin 36-4 and Simon Cordingley 29-7.

● MILL Lane's Waterloo match was another one-big-weight do as Guy Dickinson netted 85-14 followed by Alan Froggett 45lb and Ken Andrews 43-11.

● SAS (Sports & Social), C J Fisheries: Lee Cox 80lb (off the top), Steve Potter 57lb, Nick Antonacci 39lb.

● ROYAL Oak, Makins: Grant Merritt 77-6, Andy Inglesant 76-4, Gary owney 59-4.

● GLEBE, Peatling Parva: Paul Latter 75-9, Lee Turner 66-11, Pat Byrne 66-1.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Tofts: Bob Prowse 36lb, Jim Tanser 16lb, Bert Isle 15lb.

● ABINGTON, Mill Cotton: Vince Battams 33-10, Andy Weatherley 29-7, Dave Huth 28-6.

● CASTLE Ashby, Grendon: Andy Jones 27-4, Chris Garrett 25-4, Mick Hewlett 20-12.

● TOWCESTER, Silver Lake: Mick Goodridge 15-8 (three carp, lost seven) John Balhatchett 13-8 (silvers) Graham Martin 12-8.

● **HAPPY days: the legal river-fishing season starts a week tomorrow – June 16!**



■ WHAT a tench catch! Gary Maton on a syndicate water near Newport Pagnell

Hope we don't get TOO much rain before then... ■

PLEASE keep watch on waters!

PLEASE watch for dead or distressed fish. Recent days have seen Environment Agency fisheries staff run ragged investigating sporadic stillwater fish deaths – mainly carp – across the region.

Causes are thought to vary from combinations of spawning and rapid temperature change stress to low oxygen levels and sudden algal blooms/deaths.

If you should see signs of such incidents PLEASE report immediately to the Environment Agency on **0800 80 70 60** – and not rely on posting haphazard comments on facebook. **Your call could save a fishery!**



■ England youth team members Ben Fox and Daniel Tranter won Elinor trout water's Sierra Pairs heat

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