

Countback on weight means that, finally...

Steve wins the Golden Rod

VICTORY tasted oh-so sweet for Steve Ringer – and it wasn't just the £12,000 for winning the Golden Rod final!

It was the fact that he'd finally 'avenged' last year's result which had seen him go second on weight despite being joint top on points.

This time round it was Steve's turn to come out ahead as he tied on 3 points with Tommy Pickering...and – with just 15 ounces in it over the two-day final – beat the former world champ into second spot by 133-13 to 132-14.

Qualifying two years on the bounce for the 60-peg Larford Lakes fish-off, and then finishing first and runner-up, has to be real class in anyone's book – but then Steve's CV also includes wins in Fisho'mania, the Parkdean Masters and the Master of Masters.

● LOCAL canal ace Tommy Boyce has topped the Sensas Southern Canal League opener down west on the Kennett & Avon with 9-6 of worm perch. Team-mate Graham Smith was second with 9-4.

● CARPIN Caper's Dean's Pro Logic tackle-rep mate Jamie Cooper took time out to fish a lake in Kent and within 10 minutes was into a 41-14 carp!

● LAST day of the legal river season saw Sam Willis (below, right) bag a 10-4 barbel from Newport Pagnell's Ouse. ALL rivers now legally closed for fishing until June 16.

● STANWICK came alive this week producing a clutch of PBs and FOUR 30s – the largest Pete Day's 36lb mirror.

● GILDERS' Dan Todd had an amazing day on a Coventry area

lake...TEN sturgeon to 15-4 on meat-cubes down the edge.
● MEADOWLANDS 16 teams-of-three final: Top individual Adam Waklin (Blacky's Bullets) 119-12. Top teams on day: Blacky's Bullets 8, Ginger Ninjas 16, Lanes 17. Series top three: Lanes 90, Captain Cooks 95, Tornados 107.

● WHITE Hart Flore: midweek, Tofts, Gary Muddiman 60lb, Tom Griffiths 56-5, Trevor Griffiths 54-10; Sun., Barby Banks, Simon Jackson 25-8, Jeff Wiggins 24-8, Steve Johnson 23-12.

● CASTLE Ashby: Wed., Mick Hewlett 48lb, Phil Wintle 39lb, Courtney Hewlett 36-14; Sat., Alan West 42lb, C Hewlett 36-12, M Hewlett 32-4; Sun., Craig Bennett 21-8 (inc a 14lb carp), Ian Drage 20lb, Gary Millward 12-8.

● CASTLE open, Canons: Paul Reynolds 23lb (roach), Dave Cantrell 15-13, Pete Laughton 14-7.

● NENE/Towcester, canal, Banbury Lane: Brian Beard 7-10, John Harris 5-5, Andy Kimpton 4-5.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Marshes: Nick Chambers 7-8, Barry Prowse 7-1, Rob Rawlins 6-4.

● DATE: April 8, Northampton Nene AGM, 7.30pm Yeomen of England, Wootton ■



■ SOUTHERN Canal League winner Tommy Boyce



■ JUST 10 minutes in the water and Jamie Cooper had hooked this 41-14!



■ LAST-gasp Ouse double for Sam Willis

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