

The much maligned River Nene is once again on the up, despite no matches to report on for several years now pleasure anglers are taking full advantage of the huge lengths of water virtually untouched, yet it would seem full of fish. From the North Bank right through to Oundle anglers have been reporting top quality action, on the river at Oundle tench and bream have been taken, down at Elton chub and roach weights have been recorded along with barbel from the backwaters. Wansford and Stibbington have been in excellent form since the start of the season whilst at Castor there have been several good barbel taken. On the North Bank bream have been taken along with good nets of roach to hemp seed. It's the carp fishing that has really taken off though culminating in a huge 34lb 4oz specimen taken last week by Angus Nicholls.



That's the good news, now the bad, as nets have been found in the Old Nene and in the Forty Foot system over the past week, some have even been found with fish in them, dead and dying. A distressing sight for all anglers and one that has to be eradicated, I am not quite sure how though. Time and time again these poaching incidents are reported but few of the culprits have ever been prosecuted. It's time for action before huge stocks of our native fish are lost forever. I would not like to point the finger solely at the Environment Agency, theirs is a very difficult job, but they are the guardians of our waters ways and have the authority to do something about it, but have they got the man power to get to grips with this illegal activity?

Onto the local match fishing scene now and despite the tail end of hurricane Bertha doing its best to soak us to the skin or blow us away there were some very respectable weights recorded. In the JVAC match fished on the Willows Pool top rod with 149lb 15 oz. from peg 1 was Kevin Peacock, he fished meat and paste in the margins. Runner up from the other end peg was Chris Tanner, he fished shallow on small pellets for 132lb 10oz, followed by Stan Dow on 118lb 2oz, he fished sweetcorn close in from peg 3.

I fished a wet and wind swept Lou's Lake, with the wind blowing down both arms just about everyone had a very uncomfortable day. Yet again though the fish fed well with Pete Sanderson bagging his first ever three figure match weight, winning with 103lb 7oz, a net of carp taken from peg 9 on the feeder fished close in. Paul Faulkner came in second on 89lb 5oz, all carp taken on paste, followed by Colin Buckingham with 63lb 15oz. It was a good day for Pete Sanderson as he also took the pairs match with Kevin Larnar with a combined weight of 142lb 1oz. Runners up were Chris Hill and Paul Faulkner on 121lb 14oz.

Allsorts AC took to the roads again, this time to Rookery Farm Fishery to get some action on the Jay Lake. With very little cover out in the fens weights were a little lower than usual for this time of year, but still good considering the conditions. Out in front with 65lb 2oz was Paul Dotchin, he fished close in with luncheon meat. Runner up Dave Arbon had a better stamp of fish but still had to settle for the runner up spot, putting 64lb 5oz to the scales followed by the inform Keith Morgan with 61lb 12oz.



Another club moving out of the city and into the fens was Webb's AC, they fished North View Fishery at Gedney Hill. Dave Pearson proved to be much too good on the day finishing with a massive 144lb 14oz of carp taken on a small feeder fished to the island with pellets. Runner up was Gordon Harmer he weighed in 68lb 1oz followed by George Scally on 62lb 10oz.

The previously cancelled Deeping St James AC match for the Doxham Rose-Bowl went ahead at

East Delph's number one lake on Sunday. The match got away to a slow start for most but the better fish started to show towards the end of the match and Ray Torrington took advantage with his favoured method of meat in the margins. At the whistle with only six fish in the net he took the match with 61lb 7oz from peg 21, Mark Footitt was second with 57lb 11oz from peg 24 and third was Mike Atherton with 51lb 2oz from peg 15. The best fish of the match went to Trevor Lennon with a carp of 14lb 14oz.

In the latest open match fished on Grahams Pond it was Steve Page who took the honours, he caught carp from peg 3 for a level 19lb. Runner up was Brian Hedge with 10lb 10oz followed by Nick Ohlemann on 6lb 10oz. They have another open match this Saturday followed by the overnight charity match with the draw taking place at 6pm. Fishing is from 7pm till 7am, entry fee is £12 and with a £100 prize to the winner, £60 for second and £40 for third they should see a good turnout. There will be a raffle with good prizes and all proceeds going to the Woodlands Cancer ward at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, with kind thanks going to Tannics Construction for sponsoring the event.

In the latest Decoy over 55's Summer League match fished on Oak Lake, Kevin Peacock ran out a comfortable winner. Fishing the feeder and bomb with meat baits for the first half of the match taking carp to 8lb, then switching to the margins on cat meat and paste over pellets for double figures from peg 21 saw him weigh in 156lb 4oz. Chris Baldwin came second on 132lb 9oz followed by Will Hadley on 117lb 6oz.

Saturdays Decoy Lakes open match fished on the Oak Pool saw Steve Owen make the trip over from the midlands pay off handsomely as he took the top spot on the ever improving Oak pool with 157lb 1oz. Drawn on peg 17 he concentrated on a short pole line and the margins with sweetcorn netting carp to 8lb. City rod Martyn Freeman came in second, he put 147lb to the scales followed by Simon Godfrey on 126lb 1oz.

Sensas Mark One were a little disappointed to have finished well down the list in 23rd place in the Division One National on Saturday fished on the River Trent, Drennan Barnsley winning it in some style.

They put the disappointment behind them though the following day in round three of the King of the Fens summer league taking the top two team places. It was Paul Kilby that took the individual honours on the North Level Drain, he drew peg 183 next to the wires and took a net of bream, tench and skimmers for 47lb 2oz. John Taylor came in second on 36lb 4oz followed by Josh Pace on 26lb 7oz. On the team front it was the Mark One Black side out in front with 49 points just one ahead of the White team. Sensas Mark One White now top the league by two points with one match to go.

In the Sunday Button Hole Fishery open wind and rain made it hard to fish but some good weights still came out. Spalding rod Tom Wilson fished pellet on his pole close in on peg 9 for 240 lb 4oz and the match win. Runner up was Brendan Strowlger he fished corn close in on peg 6 for 179lb 6oz followed by Andrew Carter on peg 4 with 138lb 8oz.

Fenland Rods recorded some impressive weights in their match at Headfen Fishery, Kev Lee found the carp, he fished maggot to the left of him and luncheon meat to the right, this combination put 171lb 14oz to the scales with most of his fish coming in the second half of the match. In second place was John Smith, also using maggot to start with, then switching to pellet for the better quality carp weighing in 125lb, followed by Joe Bedford on 118lb.

Yaxley, Farcet, Holme and DAC fished the first in their point's series at the Bower and lots of fish showed up despite the horrendous conditions. Ivan Marriott managed to present his bread punch and maggot hook bait, at five metres, taking skimmers and roach for a winning total of 7lb 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. Lionel Whaley also fished bread punch to take the runner up spot with 6lb 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. Third place went to John Furnell on 4lb 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.

Tydd Gote Results

Wednesday Main Road

- 1st Pete Emery 15lb 11oz
- 2nd Ian Benton 11lb 8oz
- 3rd John Young 6lb 7oz

Thursday Evening Match Black Dyke

- 1st Phil Parnell 7lb
- 2nd Tony Burton 6lb 14oz
- 3rd Bob Fitzjohn 6lb 6oz

Sunday Black Dyke

- 1st Dave Corcoran 41lb
- 2nd Alan Gibbons 9lb 12oz