

The last Whittlesey AA match of the season fished on Bevills Leam at the Carrot Wash saw all the anglers catching small fish from the off in the first hour. Then tench started to show and they continued through until the weigh in where Richard Linnell ended with five tench and a small net of perch to finish with 16lb 10oz, easily good enough to take the honours.

In second place John Taylor caught 157 fish to record 6lb 4oz made up of perch and roach on the pole. In third place was Dave White with two smaller tench and a few perch for a weight of 5lb 12oz. Then came Andy Lawrence in fourth place weighing 5lb 4oz

Ramsey & District Angling Society ran an Angling Trust Pike match fished on Ramsey St Marys on Saturday which saw Bob Tyrkot netting six fish for 29lb 1oz, more than enough to take first place. Runner up with two fish for 16lb 8oz was Steve Trinder, followed by Terry Waple he caught four small fish for 12lb 10oz. In fourth place and top junior was Archie Cole he had just one fish of 12lb 1oz which turned out to be the largest fish of the match.

Just a slight change to milder weather saw match results at Decoy improve dramatically in the Tuesday open on the Beastie pool match winner Rob Goodson drew peg 28 and caught close in all day on maggot to finish with 100lb. Tom Edwards caught up in the water to come a close second on 89lb followed by Colin Begbie with 84lb 5oz.

In Saturdays match on the same venue a good late run of fish saw Simon Godfrey end up taking an easy victory from peg 22. The Whittlesey rod fished close in for most of the day catching well on single and double maggot to record 87lb 6oz. Spalding angler Steve Pell came second with 58lb 9oz and in third place on a level 50lb was Tom Edwards.

In the Decoy Lakes Over 55s Friday match on Six Islands local rod Gus Gausden put in a good performance from unfancied peg 19 to top a strong field. Fishing the margins with red maggot Gus caught well throughout the day netting carp to 8lb for 82lb 4oz. Paul Green

came a close second with 80lb 3oz followed by Tony McGregor on 74lb 9oz.

In the first Ramsey AS carp match of the close season on Beastie at Decoy there was a very good turnout on a water fishing better than of late. I have lost count of the times peg 24 has produced a framing weight this winter and this match added one more name to the list. Kieran Payne fished a tidy match on the pole and feeder to weigh in 54lb 9oz to take the top spot. Runner up was Andrew Wilding with 45lb 1oz from peg 18, followed by Don Garrett on 44lb 14oz, his catch included a massive 19lb 2oz common carp taken on the pole with sweetcorn.

It was a full house in the JVAC Sunday match fished on the Six Island Pool on the Decoy complex. Usually it's a signal for the fish to switch off with so many anglers around the lake. Indeed several did struggle but thankfully the top end fished well with hot peg 12 producing the goods. Roger Gowler drew it and made no mistake, he started on a small feeder, switched to a straight lead and finally long pole catching on each method with pellet, with his long pole line the most productive. At the weigh in Roger put 75lb 5oz to the scales. Roy Wells came in second from peg 10, he caught on the pole with pellet for 59lb, then came Mike King on 56lb 6oz.

Recording his second match win of the winter series run by Cock Inn Chris Shortland put 54lb 8oz to the scales. Fishing peg 6 on the feeder he caught on red maggot and corn steadily all day. Paul Smith took second place from peg with 54lb followed by Steve Smith on a level 50lb.

In the Reel People Spring League match at Float Fish Farm Fishery some of the better fish showed on the Two Island Lake despite a cold wind on the water. Dick Cocksedge took the honours with 47lb 12oz catching on red maggot on the feeder from peg 3.

Runner up was Dennis Sambridge on 36lb 10oz, he caught on the worm and pole approach, followed by Brian Ogden with 15lb.

Making it two wins in a row at Float Fish Farm in the Webb's AC match on the Horseshoe Pool was Peter Telszewski, he put 13lb 12 oz to the scales all caught on a small Method feeder with red maggot. Runner up was Ian Forrest with 9 lb 14oz, with the rest of the field struggling for bites.

A water that has been around for some time now is Rookery Farm Fishery at Pidley, but now that March matchman Alex Bates has taken over the reigns with regard to matches I am sure we are going to hear much more as of course match results always give pleasure anglers a good guide as to how waters are fishing and what baits are best. The latest match at the fishery on the Magpie pool saw Rob Anstee taking first place from peg 1. He caught small carp and barbel regularly on pellet feeding micro pellet on a long pole line. Runner up was March rod Tim Bates, he was on peg 11 and took a net of carp for 36lb 4oz followed by Geoff Arnold with 36lb and Rob Hewison on 31lb. The fishery is running regular Saturday open matches with the draw at 9am, fishing is from 10.30am till 4.30pm.

Another fishery running regular weekend open matches is Townsend Lakes and on Sunday the Woodpecker Pool was again in good form. Local rod Dave Priestly topped the field from peg 9 with a mixed bag taken on the pole with pellet for a level 62lb. Colin Begbie took second place with 46lb 14oz, followed by Harry Morgan on 36lb 14oz.

On the very last day of the season Peterborough DAA bailiff Mark Smith decided to fish the upper Nene on a section rarely fished these days and was rewarded with a great days chub fishing topped by a fish of 5lb 2oz.

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Rutland Water opened last weekend and anglers were rewarded with good numbers of fish particularly on opening day. First back to the Lodge was season ticket holder George Thrall, he chose to fish along the Normanton bank, arriving at 6am and by 7.30 am he had taken his limit, he mentioned that there were quite a few fish moving on top before the wind increased.

Anglers were delighted with the size and quality of stock fish, with many over the 2lb mark. A number of over wintered fish were caught, some of them long and lean whilst others were up to 4lb and in good early season condition. (Remember that Browns are out of season until 1 April at all our local waters)

Anglers are also enjoying a great start to the new season at Grafham Water with many fish weighing over 3lb.

Bank anglers had a good week's sport with the north shore producing the most consistent catch rates with G Buoy, North Dam, Deep Water Point and Hill Farm all producing good fishing on floating or intermediate lines. The Harbour and Gaynes Cove have also produced some good sport when the wind has permitted.

Boat anglers have had some good fishing with the North shore again producing the best catch rates. The most prolific method for the boat anglers over the past week has been to fish slow or medium sink lines with black and green lures, cats whisker boobies and orange blobs

England Manager Dave Brooks is organising a second assessment to select the England ladies squad in an effort to regain the FIPS-ed World Coarse Angling Championships that they lost last year in Portugal.

The team finished in 4th place in 2014 and both Dave and coach Joe Roberts are hoping to have better luck this year when they compete in Belgium. There is going to be stiff competition for places but I will be surprised if our local lass Abbi Kendal does not make it into the squad. She has been in great form since last years event and if anything is better equipped than most after performing so well in this seasons winter events. A commercial venue will not

trouble her too much either. The manager has chosen a commercial fishery this time and any interested lady anglers who would like to be considered must have individual membership of the Angling Trust and should contact him as soon as possible to ensure their place. Dave's contact details are; Email; dave-brooks2011@hotmail.com, or telephone; 07849 103946. The International Assessment day will take place at [Makins Fishery](#), Nuneaton on Lake 1 on 12th April and trialists should be at the lakeside café at 8.30am. The fishing will be to FIPS-ed international rules i.e. float only and bloodworm and joker will be allowed along with an extra two pints of natural bait. A ground bait limit will be imposed, but strictly no fishmeal ground bait or pellets. The bloodworm and joker will be supplied by Dave but must be paid for on the morning by each competing angler.