

Carp pair in Emberton Park 'happy hour' purple patch!

IT WAS happy hour THREE times over for Steve Woodley and Gary Varty as they got among Emberton Park's carp.

A three-hour evening spell on Grebe lake – now back up to normal level – saw Steve (pictured right) bank this 26-12 mirror and an 18-9 while Gary had a 21-8.

The pair did the business fishing pop-up boilies over hemp along the margins.

■ LEIGHTON Buzzard's Ken Gates (pictured below) – more usually seen bagging big chub from MK's Ouzel or Emberton pike – went down to Hampshire's famous Avington trout fishery where he tempted this superb 12lb rainbow.

■ AN angler drowning in Caldecotte, Saturday, was all the more tragic because he was only 21... but should be a caution to everyone going near open water.

It is too easy to forget that, much as we enjoy (most of the time) fishing them, almost ANY lake, pond, river or canal can be a fatal accident waiting to happen.

Cold water, weeds and or no means of getting back out can soon put paid to strong swimmers in the wrong circumstances, while on rivers and streams in particular banks can be 'unreliable' thanks to undercutting, or burrowing crayfish.

Please take care – always. No fish is worth a death!

■ BRADWELL lake's biggies can be caught if you put some hours in as bailiff Paul Arnold has just proved with a 10lb bream.

■ IT was 'after the lord mayor's show' for Osprey. Their Essex carp venue jaunt last week saw seven rods beating 200lb each – but this week they found Drayton's carp in spawning

mode at the opposite end of the lake. Tony McGregor won with 13-14 as Barry Hatch had 13-4...and the rest blanked.

■ BROWNING Red are MKAA spring canal league champs following Sunday's final round at Woolstone.

MK Angling Centre's Ernie Sattler was top individual with 10-10 of skimmers ahead of 'Red's Tom Boyce 9-9 and Lee Jones with 8-8 for Black Horse. Maver MK were top team on the day.

Final top three: Browning Red 145, 'Horse 138 and Amphill Green 135 as 10 other teams fished.

■ MK Vets' Clattercote match saw Austin Maddock lead from the whistle to win with 44-1 followed by Ken Mott 23-4 and Paul Barnes 23-2.

■ THE local cut is hotting up – water temperatures rising from a long-time 10 degrees C to 20 – in a week!



● Steve Woodley
– 'happy hour'



● Ken
Gates

■ With skimmers on the move John Hough won Linford's Bolbeck Park sweep with 17-4 which included a 3-8 tench. Mick Hefferon had 10-12.

■ TOWCESTER Vets, Heron lake, Linford: George Cooke 5-11, Walt Ashby 5-8, Graham Martin 5-3.

■ DATS, evening match, Galleon strait: Jack Jones 4-6, Dave McLennan 3-12-8, Gary Britton 3-10.

■ RIVERS (and Lodge and Wolverton Mill) open for the new season on June 16.

■ FIXTURES: Furzton lake closed to angling Tomorrow, Friday through to and including Monday June 4.