

Spring league's record tumbled before anyone even wet a line!

MKAA's spring league had already broken one record before the first whistle – with Sunday's opener on the Bletchley canal pulling in 13 teams of four.

GoneFishin Left (yes, their other team is called Right) scored a runaway win with 38 points as Team Raiders made 33, Maver MK Black 31 and the Browning hot shots all finished mid table.

Double-figure nets of bits filled the frame as Left's Paul Abbott had 11-12, Black's Steve Rose 10-15 and Colin Harris (Browning Gold) 10-2.

GOOD news travels fast! Sam Willis' 39-10 Willen Lake common (last week's column) got national front page treatment in this week's *AT Carp News* supplement.

Not bad coverage considering that, originally, the Richworth bait-tester didn't want any publicity...

ANGLERS in last year's Furzton Festival raised £1,200 which was handed over to Willen Hospice's Lyn O'Gorman (left of picture above) by MKAA youth officer Nuala Gray at the association's AGM.

The meeting raised the standard adult ticket price £2 to £38 a year, and included spirited debate about the effects of otters, cormorants and two-legged predators.

THE gathering of grumpy old geezers pictured below marks the start of a 'feud' set to run and run (well, amble) as, for the first time, MK vets clashed with their Towcester counterparts. Sadly Stockton's roach didn't show in force and Dave McLennan (MK) won with 18-15 of crucians as John Hewison (MK) had 10-8 of caster roach and George Cooke (T) 9-10 on a cold old day.

With water temperatures rising Alders came on form with a real bang, Sunday, as Gary Thorpe won with 220-7 of carp... followed by Richard Brain 144-2 and Steve Potter 136lb.



● Furzton Fest raised £1,200 for hospice

Osprey's trip to Decoy near Whittlesea saw Den Proud win with 61lb. Tony McGregor netted 55lb and Peter Carter 40lb.

Towcester's first spring open series match on Wappenham Water



● Flashback to Sam's 39-10 Willen fish last week

saw carp on the munch as John 'the vicar' Broughton topped with fish to 12lb for 48lb ahead of Wayne Robinson 29lb and Dave Gibbins 20lb. This week's leg is on Bairstows.

Fixtures: Sunday, Towcester open, Bairstows, 07973 861174; Wednesday

April 24, DATS AGM, 7.30pm, Stony Football Club; May 1, Olney AGM, Two Brewers.

Better weather means many 'butterfly' anglers will be visiting MK's great lakes for the first time in months.

Beware, legal changes have made it an **ON-THE-SPOT PENALTY FINE OFFENCE** to park on roadside verges anywhere in the borough – with police entitled to have culprits' vehicles towed away.

Use the car parks. It is what they are for.



● The oldest swingers out of town. MK and Towcester vets before their Stockton clash. Picture by John Hewison

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