

An 'ill wind' and a gaggle of ducks help Dave win at last

It is an ill-wind which blows nobody any good, and Sunday's helped Dave Tysoe to his first win in donkey's years – with a little extra help from a flotilla of ducks...

The morning's freezing gusts had most pegs intermittently icing over during DAT's Galleon Strait canal do.

All that is, except Dave's, where a group of paddling ducks helped keep his swim clear, and him fishing happily on while others cursed as their tackle bounced off the cat-ice.

He finished up with a 1-3 perch and bits for 1-7 as Kevin Osborne netted 1-5-8 and Colin Chart 1-5. Never mind the low weights – a win is a win!

■ OSPREY had it much better at Lakeside where Tony Winnock totalled 132-2 ahead of Peter Archer 99-2 and Steve Grant 71lb.

■ WHEN Sam Willis took Samantha Stevens (above, reporting through GoneFishing) to Alders for a 'tutorial', SHE showed him how, baggin nine carp to a new PB of 21-5 – 10lb up on her previous best.

■ OVER on Furzton Ricky Aldridge (below) also topped the 20 mark, just, with a 20-8 common.

Not many will remember this...but, decades back, Furzton's

original carp stock came from Alders.

The Brickhill water was a trout fishery back in the days before 'commercials', and owner Richard Westrope sold half-a-ton to

MKAA because the prolific breeders were out-competing his trout. I watched them going into Furzton.

■ IF you've had a bad trip, 'Nigel's' Monday outing was probably worse... Dropping in to see if Bradwell was fishable, he found it flooded out. And when he tried to re-start his car...it burst into flames and ended up a

smouldering wreck! Thankfully he escaped without injury.

■ MK Vets' midweek match on the Baileys and Cosgrove cut saw Paul Chapman win with 6-10 as Mick Hefferon had 4-10 and Dave McLennan 4-8.

■ TOWCESTER's chilly Astwell Mill sweep went to Graham Martin with 5-4. Darren Pannell had 4-14 and Mick Goodridge 4-8.

■ CALVERT's Buckingham Ouse do saw Dave Lewis win the golden peg money (all £5 of it!) with 1-6 followed by Charlie Green 1-5 and Barry Witteridge 0-9.

■ FIXTURES: Sunday, match booking on Willen Ouzel cancelled, section is now open to all MKAA members; Feb 1 Olney Ouse open 01234 240061; Feb 2 Beacon AGM, 7.30pm, Inn on the Lake @ Mount Farm;

Sat Feb 7 forget Tear Drops for fishing – 2,000 cross country runners expected; Feb 8 national pike fishing champs round, Willen Lake; Feb 18 Pulman AGM 8.30pm, Con Club, Bletchley.



● SAMANTHA Stevens almost doubled her PB with this 21-5 from Alders



● RICKY Aldridge warmed up his Furzton session with this 20-8 common