

# Luck of the English helps friends come good in Irish 'world pairs'

**H** EADING back from the Emerald Isle four-thousand quid better off – that's local ace Michael Buchwalder and match-partner Rod Scott.

Always in the leading group throughout the five-day Lakelands World Pairs Championship, fished on a variety of Irish lochs and lakes, they ran out third from 42 pairs – totalling 111.890 kilo – with Rod runner-up in the Daiwa Cup individual series on 60.850 kilo.

But the real story of the match was how good friend of the duo, Phil Ringer, fished the final leg on his own (after being in a car crash on the way to the match which had left his bro Steve temporarily hospitalised) and put enough on the scales to win both the individual title AND the pairs – the latter almost 10 kilo clear of their nearest rivals.

Generous to a fault, Michael said: "After what they went through they deserved that win..."

■ BACK before creation of Willen and Caldecotte, Black Horse pit was THE place for bream anglers. Then it came under the Linford Lakes debenture system.

Now, from October 1, it will again be open to all bream-seekers on a dayticket. Call Alf at Great Linford Tackle (01908 690969).

■ REPORTING through Willards, Victoria Simons landed her first-ever fish, the chunky Wolverton Mill common pictured.

■ SATURDAY saw people from MKAA, Nene, Luton and Towcester clubs – as well as some from as far afield as the Ivel area, Downham Market and even Preston, plus some landowners and agents – gathered on, and in, the Adams Mill Ouse.

It was all part of an Environment Agency and Upper Ouse Fisheries Consultative Association event to spread word about how rivers can be revitalised with simple, workmanlike,

methods. And it seemed to go down a bomb, especially the practical in-river stuff, with all who attended.

■ TACKLE Hub regulars reckon good doubles are on the move at Furzton.

■ SUNDAY's Newport Ouse Sherington Bridge open saw James Drakulik win with 16-5 of mixed silverfish as Paul Abbott worked like a machine to total 14lb...of bleak. Myles Phillips had 13-14, including two 3lb perch!

■ MK 'multi-club', Furzton: Paul Chapman 22-3, Alan Ford 19-13, Ernie Sattler 19-12.

■ MK Vets, Stony Main: Bruce Harvey 8-7, Kevin Osborne 7-5, Alan Ford 4-2.

■ CALVERT, Woodfield Lake:

Dave Lewis 8-7 (one carp), Derek Bishop 2-1, Brian Beasley 1-12.

■ LINFORD, boatyard cut section: Pete Whatley 6-6, Roy Hefferon 6-1, Mick Hefferon and John Hough both 3-8.

■ TOWCESTER, Castlethorpe cut: George Mynard 3-8, Pete Keale and Les Ramsden both 3-5.

■ THE Southern Canal league, which some thought defunct, will, says organiser Alan Stokes: "Be back next year...as always." Anyone wanting his contact details should call 07801 183381.

■ OLNEY'S Citizen Cup (Sunday) is a 60 peg sell out!

■ FIXTURES: Sep 25-27 Furzton Festival carp pairs match and Nash roadshow, call GoneFishin 01908 313158; October 4, Towcester open, Castlethorpe canal, 01908 563617 after 4pm.



■ HAPPY lad Michael Buchwalder – third in World Pairs



■ HAPPY lass Victoria Simons with Wolverton Mill common, her first-ever fish

Matches, catches, even rough patches? If there's a tale to tell call Trevor Johnson on 01908 270000 or 07801 183381 or email [angling@intermediauk.com](mailto:angling@intermediauk.com) (click link to email)