

# Irish eyes get to weeping as in-form Phil steals their show

**PHIL Bardell ought to get his 'drawbag' arm insured...right now while it is still in red-hot winning-peg form!**

Two-weeks after winning his sixth Furzton Festival match in seven years he has topped the five-day Irish Arvagh angling fest with 73.400 kilo: earning a decent pay-out and a trophy big enough to swim in.

*And then, partnered with Roly Mceneaney, scooping the pairs title as well in an event dominated by small silvers.*

Then he was off to the Fermanagh Cup in Enniskillen while, in his own words: "Hoping the old drawing arm can hold out."

■ **ALSO in the Emerald Isle, Michael Buchwalder and Rod Scott shared a €2,500 payout for third (total 159.560 kilo) in the five-days world pairs – adding runners-up spot in the Daiwa individual cup on 96.740kilo, two slots ahead of Steve Ringer. Mark Pollard and Derek Willan were eighth with 140.880.**

■ **BIG bream may not have fed for Arvagh and world pairs events, but much, much nearer home Scott Walker, reporting through Waters Edge, found a big shoal of slabs in Rocla Lake and notched up 100lb+.**

■ **NEIL Riddy's two-day Alders fest saw Gary Thorpe win one point ahead of Chris Lovelock and Pete Archer. Day one: Ed Blane 190-12, Thorpe 157-6, Lovelock 142-9. Day two: Pete Archer 177-1, Trevor Price 176-5, Ian Sunderland 166-2 (a venue PB).**

■ **CARPER Fraser Dunsford had six to 27-11 in a short Furzton**

session while Frazer Magee and friends shared 25 over two days.

Still on Furzton, young Michael Weeks had a new PB of 21-1 as dad Gary managed to stay ahead (for the moment) with a 22-13 PB. Bobby Baxter, reported through Fishing Republic, had a Big Pit 20-6.

■ **MK Vets, Lodge: Gary Underwood 31-11, Ernie Sattler 20lb hemp and tare roach, Austin Maddock 18-10.**

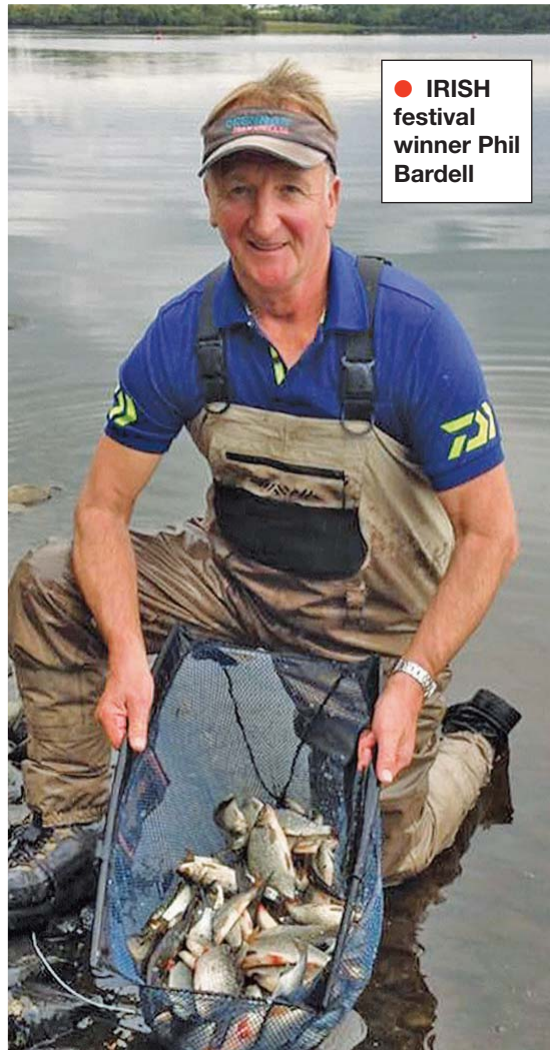
■ **KINGFISHER, Furzton: Bob Gayle 19-2, Matt Ordway 18-3, Paul Chapman 17-8. Thirty fished and Paul Hamilton was judged off-side after hooking and 'playing in' a burst football...**

■ **CALVERT, Claydon Lake: Austin Maddock (golden peg winner) 11-15, Nigel Steel 8-15, Barry Witteridge 3-14.**

■ **TOWCESTER/Nene, Heyford canal: Dave Gibbins 6lb, Les Wallace 5-13, Chris Lane 5-0-8. Lots of small silvers.**

■ **LINFORD, club canal: Charlie Lancaster 4-12, Sean Wilson 3-12, Mick Hefferon 3-6.**

■ **NEWPORT roving lure match: Florin Sutu, Bob Goodman, Norbert Kertesz.**



● **IRISH festival winner Phil Bardell**



● **SCOTT Walker's ton-up Rocla bream catch**  
Photo: Darren Mayes

■ **FIXTURES: Friday-Sunday, Furzton closed for festival carp match; Olney's Sept 23 open is sold out. Tuesday Sept. 18 open 01234 240061.**

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