

# 'The Colonel' leads big carp charge

**W**ALKING on air! That's carper Mick Poole, fresh from banking a massive 43-2 common – Stanwick's new venue record.

Big though it is, 'The Colonel' – the biggest carp reported to the Chron so far this year and caught from Roman lake – still has a lot more growing to do!

It has already more than doubled its weight since entering the fishery. Co-owner Phil Dunn said: "It was stocked at around 20lb, not more than eight years ago. All the fish from that batch have done fantastically well with three others already making 40lb and one 39lb."

Mick (pictured right) caught it on a chod rig and pop-up boilie during a three-night session.

The Colonel? It was named after the Kentucky fried chicken tzar by an early-days captor who had it on spicy chicken boilie.

Don McInnes had a 26-12 common and a 20-8 mirror from the complex's Elsons lake.

● RECORD March temperatures also had carp moving in many match lakes. Finedon had fish rushing to their nets at Peatling Parva as Richard Kinnersly totalled 119-4. Dave Fabian had 94-2, Jamie Sharman, 49-3 and Steve Owen 49lb.

● AT Lakeside, near Towcester, Osprey's Tony Taylor won with 116lb as Matt Grant had 106lb and Barry Hatch 84lb. DAVENTRY's Tofts do was patchy for some but Jason Eccles won with 75-4. Jake King came close with 74-2 with Gaynor Mills 66-4.

● ON Spring Pools 'Totts' Tottenham topped White Hart Flore's outing with 71lb. Dale Gibson had 62lb and Dave Chapman 55lb.

● THE Makins' pairs final round saw Pete 'carpetbagger' Davies back

with a bang for – with Ian Coxon – top pairs-spot on the day. John Smalley and Ian Hughes won the league, 36 points, with Gary Powney and Ron Savage on 60. Top weight on the day was Steve Daly 64-12 with Davies 56-14.

● CASTLE Ashby's Sunday Grendon sweep saw Kevin 'redfin'

Folwell with two carp and 38lb of roach for 54-3. Richard Dunkley had 39-4 and Mick Hewlett 25-12. Courtney Hewlett had won the previous day on Brickyard, 19-6, followed by Ian Hutton 14-12 and Bob Reed 14lb – the latter winning midweek on Grendon with 44-8 as Nigel Baxter had 32-4 and Steve Abbott 25-12.

● FORTY fished Nene's Yardley cut John Buckley memorial open, raising £450 for the Alzheimer's Society. John 'Mr Happy' Balhatchett had 12-8, Chris Howard 10lb and Paul Keal 9-1.



■ **WHAT a fish! Mick Poole with Stanwick's new record, the 43-2 common known as 'The Colonel'. Eyes cast down, is the lad overcome with emotion... or offering prayers of thanks?.**

● JEFF RICE won Castle's individual silverfish league Canons round with 34-12 (skimmers) and, with four legs to go, tops the table. Fred Prior had 19-8, Alf Gillard 13-5.

● LOCO, Barby Mill: Dave Smith 32lb, Roy Quale 25-8, Tony Smith 22-8. DOG Lane Bag'em pairs league penultimate round, Saturday: Daventry's Jake King and Graham Cheney top on day. Top weight Richard Wills 15-8-12 (big orfe) with King 9-11.

● GLEBE, 'Ashby Brickyard: Dave Haddon a 16-8 pike... which didn't count. Glen Kirton 14-15 (one carp 14-3) Ric Haynes 12-7, Jim Osborne 8-9. COTTON AA midweek, Gayton junction cut: Rus Lay 8-9 of perch, Marcus Annable 6-11, Dan Browne 3-7.

● FLORE & Brockhall club cut 'trot' out: Paul Humphries shaded Buster Matthews 4-1 to 4lb (punch roach and skimmers). Rob Rawlins 2lb. Club cards (must be worth a tenner just for the crack) now available on 01604 832358.

● TROUT: town's Mick Griffin caught Ravensthorpe's rainbow of the week at 16lb. Elinor, 236 rods landed 1,149 trout. Pitsford, 572 fish to 135 rods. Ringstead, 250 to 83 rods. Rutland opens tomorrow, Saturday.

● TOWCESTER's AGM decided to keep its full ticket at £30. Don't try renewing at address in this season's card (he's moved). Tickets from Towcester football supporters' club or GoneFishin, Wolverton.

● AND FINALLY: avoid a fine and crim record, get a new EA rod licence. Last year's expire midnight tomorrow (March 31).

● FIXTURES: Sunday, April 1, first of six weekly Towcester Bairstows opens 01327 353263. April 15: Bob Church charity fly-fishing Grafham open, international rules, entry £54.50 inc hot meal, 01604 492705. Monday April 16: Northampton Nene AGM/presentations, 7.30pm, The Yeoman of England, Wooton.



■ **THE good, the bad... and the older guys. Towcester & DAA's annual trophy winners Gerald Green, Wayne Robinson, Pat Jacquet, Andy Jones and Mark Read – with (seated) Mick Goodridge and George Cooke.**

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