

# 'Supercharged' vets' world date

**GOLDEN oldies with global class. That's Joe Roberts and Terry Lancaster – supercharged pensioners poised to take on the world...and beat it!**

The local pair have been called up to fish for England – again – in the world veterans' champs, and will be part of the national team heading for Portugal, in August.

There, on the river Mondego, they will chiefly target borga, claimed by some to be the most difficult of fish to catch!

Guess that says it all about age. Poor blokes spend 50 years apiece perfecting their talents... and then get sent on a mission almost impossible. Best of luck lads.

It's sad that the squad will, unlike the 'main' England team, have to pay their own way...a bill reckoned to be around two grand each.

Seems the Angling Trust can't find sponsors for the squad. Strange that – with the high average age of matchmen, I would have thought tackle firms would be gagging to gain an 'empathy factor' by backing England's greybacks?

● CASTLE Ashby's four bankholiday matches saw bad-weather Monday go best with Grant Howie winning on Grendon with 125-10 ahead of Martin Harrington 98-6 and Mick Wheeler 64-12.

Grendon's midweek sweep went to Alan West 62-4 – waggler bream – with Mick Hewlett 58-2 and Joe Roberts 49-12. Chris Garrett won on Brickyard with 52-8, Saturday, as Dick Rogers netted 48-6 and Richard Skeen 42-8.

Bob Reed starred Sunday, top on Grendon with 70lb. Keith Bishop had 53-12 and Pete Lovell 46lb.

● CONTINUING his astonishing Meadowlands' run Wayne Sharman clocked up yet another win in the Tuesday's open with 112-14 of carp, followed by Joe Bonas 108lb and Phil Croxford 100-4.

● OSPREY's 'second division' – so many want to fish the club's matches they've now got two divisions – Lakeside, Towcester, trip saw Dave Lewis with 102-6, Keith Stent 75-15 and Jeff Duguid 57-13.

● OLD master Tom Griffiths topped White Hart Flore's Tofts do with 98-8 maggot carp. Rob Wickham had 79lb and Gary Muddiman 60lb.

● BISHOPS Bowl's Greenhill lake

yielded a 9-13 bream to Neil Bostock while Grant Detheridge had a 28-2 mirror. STANWICK saw Steve Ringer with a 17lb common and Kevin Onews a 22.

● THIS year's Terrie Tapp memorial – organised on Tofts by John Buxton – went to Rob Dzialak 64-8 with Richard Latimer 50-2 and Kevin Folwell 40-4. More than £500 was raised for charity.

● THE Ringers – dad Geoff and son Phil – got through at Woodlands to the next round of the Matchfishing Cup. Four rounds separate them from the two-man head-to-head final.

● MOBBS Miller at MILL Cotton, Ringstead: Dave Chamberlain 52-3 of small carp, Danny McMakin 32-3, Stan Atter 31-5. THIRD Bishops Bowl win on the trot for Rob Bassett, with 46-12, Kevin Green 40lb, Andy Poole 37-12. Midweek Bishops' oldies' do, Geoff Winters 31-4, Tom Payne 24-10, Mike Smith 21-4. Tench featured strongly.

● LOCO at Flecknoe: Tom Payne 36-8, Steve Billings

17-6, Ian Wills 16-8. HEYFORD fishery open: Kevin Knightingale 33-6, Damion Warnes 30-14, John Musk 14-5.

● KETTERING at Wadenhoe: Dave Garrett 14-10, Rob Eyles 11-11, Dave Roberts 5-10. GLEBE on Biggin: Dave 10-5, Marcus Annable 9-11, Glen Kirton 6-13.

● TOWCESTER Bairstows open: Andy Jones two carp 7-14, John Balhatchett 7-4, Darren Pannell 4-8 of bits. CASTLE silverfish match at Crescent lake: Jeff Rice 4-7, Andy Webster 4-1, Bob Spencer 3-1.

● KETTERING's Wicksteed Lagoon tickets on sale, £15, at park reception or Gilders Tackle. No night fishing but good bream, roach, tench and carp fishing plus some biggie carp. Details dgarrett1940@aol.com or 01536 515547.

● AND FINALLY: Gareth Abraham came close to re-writing the record book for Flore & Brockhall's diamond bridge cut section (it is THAT hard) when he won with 3-4. And word is that having also won the £80 golden peg kitty... he needed a Ninja escort squad to get him out in one piece! Buster Matthews had 1-15 and Jim Tanser 1-11-11.

● FIXTURES: Sunday, Towcester Bairstows open 01327 353263. May 27, Harry Page memorial at Barby Banks, pegs available on 01604 831113.



■ Local 'supervets' Joe Roberts (inset) and Terry Lancaster – two more England caps ahead!



■ TOP on Castle Ashby's Grendon last week, Chris Garrett (is he having 40 winks?) won on the Brickyard this week with 52-8. Picture Mick Wheeler.

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