

Osprey's wild, wild Essex fest!

OSPREY's away-day to the wilds of Essex was a real carp fest – with 205lb only good enough for 11th place in a 19 peg match!

The top four netted almost threequarters of a tonne between them from Arran's, near Brentford, on a day when 11 sets of scales were in constant use for a succession of doubles.

Top man was Tony Wynick with 484lb, followed by Barry Earnshaw 375-8, Loll Summers 343lb and Mark Gilbert 328lb.

The six-hour match was fished in two halves with mid-way weigh-in... and nine rods had PB matchweights.

● CARP were also on the move at Castle Ashby as Simon Egon (pictured below) won Sunday's Grendon sweep with 11 carp and three slabs for 110-10. Mick Wheeler netted 76-7 and Keith Garrett 48-12.

Saturday on the Brickyard it was Frank Pizmenti's turn with 58-4 followed by Kevin Follwell 33lb – mostly roach – and Garrett 28-6. Bob Reed won midweek with 109-6 of Grendon carp and bream, with Mick Hewlett 54-6 and Alan West 44-8.

● LOVED-up canal bream were crashing around under willows at Grafton, Sunday, and I had 8lb of skimmers, roach and rudd in three hours which, I reckon, were queuing to eat the big girls' spawn.



■ **HAPPY days.** A three hour evening spell on Emberton Park lakes saw Steve Woodley snaffle this 26-12 mirror plus an 18-9, while friend Gary Varty had a 21-8. Pop-ups over hemp in the margins did the trick.



■ **ANOTHER happy bunny** – Simon Egon with part of his 'ton-up' 'Ashby winning weight. Picture Mick Wheeler.

IF you fish the cut Saturday afternoon / evening, a 200 person charity walk is due to come through...

● Willen South's big bream are moving too, in MK, where Adam Carrick had a 9-1 on fake corn in an evening trip.

● ABINGTON Park lake may have been lowered for engineering work, and have a squadron of cormorants on it, but Malc Bunyard

had four good tench, six bream and an orfe for 35lb while Tony Pickering had five tincas and a roach for 15lb. SEVEN Acres produced 8lb of roach to 1-8 for Towcester's Mick Goodridge.

● STANWICK's fish of the week was Paddy Wheat's 27-8, with five other 20s from the complex. MEADOWLANDS Tuesday open: Max Higgott 120-12, Wayne Sharman 98-6, Richard Watts 68-4.

● CASTLE AA, Canons top: Graham Collins 88-12 (carp to 21lb on pole), Pete Tapp 77lb, Jeff Rice 67-4. BUCKO's charity pole champs, Lubenham: Rob Dzialak 52-8, Steve Oswick 48-9, Glen Ribbons 36-9.

● LOCO, Shearsby Valley: Steve Billing 49-8, Jamie Parrish 43-4, Andy Anderson 29-6.

FINEDON, Peatling pools: Simon Higgs 45lb (barbel and eyde), Sam Corteze 42lb, Steve Amos 29-3.

● GLEBE, Jubilee pool: Dave Jones 43-4 of bream, Kelvin McIlhinney 36-11, Pat Bryne 35-4. NENE points series, Tofts: Paul Ramsden 42-2, Gerald Green 41-11, Brian Beard 33lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore,

Waterloo: Paul Jackson 30lb, Dougie Goldie 27lb, Darren Williamson 23lb. HEYFORD open: Wayne Robinson 28-11, John Musk 23-8 (no 3rd).

● MOBBS Miller, Mill Cotton: Dave Rawlins 26-6, Geof Beeby 23-12, Jim Broadbent 21-3. RUSHDEN, Wold Farm: Max Beck 25-7, Keiron Dickens 13-2, Josh Lyne 13-1.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Muscott Mill cut: Gary Abrahams 7lb... Rob Rawlins 3-1, Ken Cadd 2-9. TOWCESTER, Bairstows: Dave Martin 4-6, Mick Goodridge 4-1-8, Darren Pannell 3-6.

● HOW thick can you get? A guy recently defied Emberton Park staff by parking on soggy grass... and ended up paying £100 to be towed out. Serves him right!

● FIXTURES: Sunday, Harry Page memorial, Barby Banks 01604 831113. June 1 to 4 Furzton lake, MK, closed for four days. June 2, Bucko's charity open, Heyford, 07761 133169.

June 17, Come & try Angling day for all ages – you are never TOO old to start fishing – at Barnwell Park with qualified coaches and underwater camera, 07791 786251.

Towcester postal tickets available from Mrs Toni Broughton, 67 Towcester Rd, Northampton.

● **AND FINALLY:** with the Chron going weekly from tomorrow can everyone please get their contributions to this column in on MONDAY mornings **LATEST**, thanks? See you THURSDAY, folks.