

Town aces 'ringer' up a wallet full of euros as they...

Make their mark in Emerald Isle

ROLL up, roll up – collect a big cheque! It was just ANOTHER day at the office for town stars Steve and Phil Ringer.

And this time the all-conquering pair didn't even have to win...

Runner's-up spot in Ireland's 130 peg €30,000 World Pairs Angling champs (with Steve second overall individual for good measure) brought them €7,500, two fancy crystal trophies and a £1,000 Daiwa voucher.

It was hard work much of the time: mostly smaller fish four days out of five in five matches on five venues across the Emerald Isle's Lakelands region, with Steve totalling 102.14 kilo (200lb+) and bro Phil 65.06.

But every fish counted, as they had less than 2 kilo to spare over the next pair. Top spot went to Ireland's Cathal Hughes and Phil Jackson, who finished some 18 kilo clear.

MK man Michael Buchwalder was fifth individual with 93 kilo.

● Tofts was on fire for White Hart Flore as Steve Bull won with 237lb, ahead of Dave Griffiths 218lb and Trevor Griffiths 154-8. The top seven totalled around 1,200lb!

● On a 'less hectic' part of the same complex Flore & Brockhall's do went to Jim Tanser, 87-12. Rob Rawlins, finally discovering what carp look like, netted 70-12 and Steve Smith had 47-4.

● Bob Reed topped Castle Ashby's Sunday Grendon do



■ **STEVE Ringer had more than 200lb over five days**

with 12 carp and a slab for 110-8, way ahead of Andy Jones 49-12 and Gary West 48-6. Saturday, Brickyard: Pete Lovell 57-8, Geoff Ringer 40lb, Chris Garrett 28-8. Brickyard, midweek: Jones 44-2, Keith Bishop 32-4, Alan West 27-8.

● ROYAL Oak, Waterloo: Jason Shirley 90lb, Glen Maxwell 65-4, Tony Rogers 49-12.

● DAVENTRY, Bishops Bowl: Paul Knapman 52-10, Carl Hulley 49-2, Simon Potter 35-4.

● COTTON Club, Bill Chatfield memorial, Barby Banks: After 13 years of trying Gary Chatfield (32lb) finally won his dad's memory match. Kelvin MacIlhinney 22-4, Dave Haddon 21-7.



■ **OFF the banks and heading for the bank! Steve and Phil Ringer with World Pairs Angling champs €7,500 payout**

● FINEDON, Millcotton: Geoff Eade 21-6, John Sumpter 12-12, Dave Roberts 12-4.

● OLNEY, Ouse, midweek open: Pete Hawley 9-9, Graham Prince 8-15, Don Wills 7-5.

● NENE canal open, Grafton willows: Brian Beard 6-3; Chris Howard 5-9, Andy Pettit 5-7.

● LITTLE Harrowden, Oundle Nene: John Edwards 5-5, Mick Dudley 4-9, Pete Thorpe 4-7.

● FIXTURES: October 6, Towcester open, Navvi cut, 07915 613862; October 12, charity open for Macmillan Nurses on Nene's Stoke canal, tickets £10 include pre-match breakfast and post-match buffet at the Navigation, Stoke, optional pools, 07803 209099 ■

OBITUARY

SADLY, another of angling's old stalwarts has passed on. But at least Stuart 'Sid' Barker went the way so many might choose: very suddenly while fishing his favourite water – Gayton marina. Having run the marina-based club for at least a score of years Sid, 73, leaves a widow and family.

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 (click link to email)