

Want to fish a water where you never quite know what will turn up next...

# Town's park lake could be the place

**ABINGTON** Park lake may look like, well, just a park lake...but the town fishery rarely ceases to amaze.

And Chris Howe – in his debut with the club – was amazed AND a little richer, Sunday, when his first bite produced a 13-12 mirror which put him in top spot only minutes into the match.

That and a 4lb tench plus bits gave him 18-4 all-up, while Andy Weatherby had 7-8 with Richard Hawkes third on just 0-4.

Bream had failed to show, perhaps it was the overnight temperature drop? Whatever the reason they'd 'disappeared' as completely as the 'flowering lilies' are said to have done – plants which no-one in the club had seen flower despite being at the water week after week...

It had been a different world days earlier when Vince Battams had bagged 18 slabs, a tench and a mirror for 90lb while mate Malc Bunyard had eight bream and a brace of beautiful 2lb crucians for 38lb.

● **HOT** rod Steve Ringer's winning roll goes on. Having claimed double world gold in Ireland, he came back to top a qualifier on Blythe Water with a record-setting 191-6.

THEN he topped an Earlswood open with 224lb of carp before moving to Ferry Meadows at Peterborough to win with 14 bream – fish to 9-3 – for 96lb...

● **BOTH** Kyle Taylor and Mark Redwood set new PBs at Stanwick with commons of 33-8 and 30-8.

● **GEORGE** Wheeler, 16, had a 5-15 chub from Olney's Ouse, and Adam Short an 8-2 barbel.

● **CASTLE** Ashby opens: Saturday, Brickyard, Frank Pizamenti 84-12, Courtney Hewlett 82-12, Andy Jones 36lb; Sunday, Grendon, Mick Hewlett 34-12, C Hewlett 28-12, Pete Lovell 26-8.

● **DAVENTRY**, Bishops Bowl: Jake King 46lb, Steve Martin 31-8, Paul Knapman 29-5.

● **WHITE** Hart Flore Barby Mill: Richard Spriggs 53lb, Trevor Griffiths 44-8, Gary Muddiman and Tom Newbury both 30lb.

● **COUNTY** vets: Canons, midweek, Paul Lafflin 40lb, John Lewis 35-8, Nick Antonacci 34-8; Sunday, Mill Cotton, Pat

Neale 30-8, Fred Prior 23-12, Lewis 23-8.

● **BUCKO's** charity open, Holly Farm: Fred Bispham 37-6, Luke Downing 24-4, John Holmes 22-9.

● **NENE**, Tofts: Paul Ramsden 32-10, Les Ramsden 28-14, Tosh Saunders 28lb.

● **FLORE & Brockhall**, Tofts: Tony Ward 30-4, Kelvin McIlhinney 24-12, Rob Rawlins 19lb. Unlucky man was Paul Humphries who: broke his flask, had his brolly blown in (recovered it), had his top three towed away by a carp (recovered, minus the fish) and then did not weigh...

● **FIXTURES**: Sept 21, Olney's 'Citizen' open on their Ouse – top-spot £500 plus cash for 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 10 peg default sections. Tickets £20 (all monies paid as prizes) 60 tickets first-come first-served from The Two Brewers, Olney, 01234 711393. **NO tickets reserved UNTIL they are paid for** ■



■ **FIRST-time winner:** Chris Howe had won his debut match with Abington as soon as he landed this carp



■ **Malc Bunyard with Abington crucian brace**

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