

If you are planning on fishing Ringstead, do NOT...

Forget to put your quid in the jar!

TROUTER Phil Koris looks happy with this 9lb rainbow – but probably found it harder to smile earlier in the day when missing out on £500!

Fishing Ringstead he had netted an over-wintered 13-pounder, a superb fish by any standards but extra-special because of the tag it was carrying.

That piece of plastic should have meant that the captor had won £500 top prize in the water's tagged-fish competition which has been running since last spring.

But for Phil (pictured right) there was just one snag. He had to be IN it to win it – and he hadn't been in it...having neglected to put his £1 entry fee in the jar before starting to fish.

All that said, his misfortune could be good news for someone else, as the tagged fish is back swimming around in Ringstead...waiting to be caught by someone who HAS put their quid in the jar.

● **SOMEONE** who doesn't need tagged fish (just a half-decent draw) to be in the money, town lad Steve Ringer has his name on a brand new book, published through Angling Times. AT claim his 132 page Guide to Stillwater



■ **WILLOW BROOK Lake winner Paul Brand**
(pictured by Hodge)

Fishing 'will help you put more fish in your net'. But they would say that wouldn't they?

● **STANWICK** carpers had a bank holiday ball with more than a dozen 20s – led by Pete Serasin's 30lb Elsons' common – caught. Oilly Cruden had a 26, Sean Gadsten a Mallard 25, Jim Tobin a 24, and Richard Tester seven bream to 8lb from Swan.

● **WHITE Hart Flore's** Spring Pools outing saw Dave Griffiths on 65lb followed by Gary Muddiman 49lb and Dale Gibson 47lb.

● **FLORE & Brockhall's** Flecknoe match attracted 15 rods despite bank holiday stayaways. It was carp or bust and Steve Smith won with 42lb ahead of Mark Collins 39lb and Reece Clulow 32lb.

● **TOWCESTER, Silverlake:** Kevin Elliott 35-4, Dave Martin 21lb, Mick Goodridge 18-4.



■ **'UNLUCKY' trout Phil Koris with consolation prize 9lb Ringstead rainbow**

● **CASTLE Ashby** opens: Wednesday, Brickyard, Sean King 34lb, Frank Pizamenti 29-14, Steve Smith 25-12; Saturday, Brickyard, Andy Bazely 28-4, Chris Garratt 25lb, Chris Prigmore 18-12; Sunday, Grendon, John Kent 30-4, Garratt 28-6, Andy Jones 27-4.

● **WILLOWBROOK Lake:** Paul Brand, pictured left, 24-12, Richard Lattimer 20-5, Bruce Frisby 19-13.

● **COUNTY Vets** silverfish, midweek, Canons Bottom: Alan West 20-8, Alf Gillard 13lb, John Lewis 9lb.

● **NEWPORT, Abbey Pits** open: Mark Haynes 16-15, Nigel Bass 10-10, John Harvey 9-14.

● **DATS, Navigation canal:** Paul Chapman scooped £186 on the golden peg, 16-3 of skimmers. No one else came near.

● **ABINGTON, Abington Park Lake:** Vince Battams 15-8 (bream to 6-1), Richard Hawkes 8-9, Rus Coleman 7-14.

● **FIXTURES:** Nene AGM, Monday, Yeoman of England, Wootton; May 3 AT & CRT national pairs champs round, Yardley cut, practice opens April 12, 19 & 26, 07711 086436 ■