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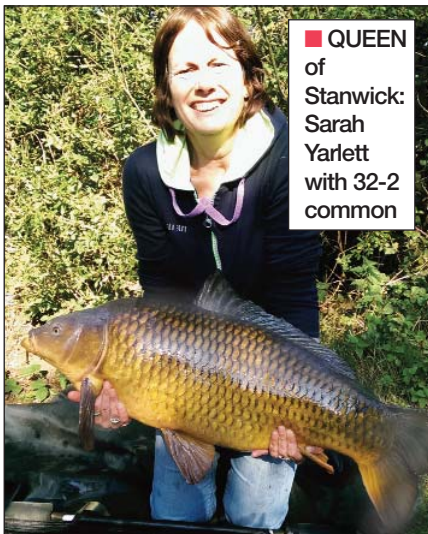
WHATEVER bait or method they were using, every entrant in Sunday's Towcester charity open ended-up 'fishing for the roach'...

The club's committee had already decided that every pound raised by the match, on DATS' Castlethorpe Navvi stretch, would go to the Canal River Trust (CRT) 'Roach Restoration Appeal'.

Masterminded by CRT and backed by clubs including MKAA, Towcester and Flore & Brockhall, the appeal is to help fund: removing zander from the Grand Union all the way from MK to Braunston plus measures to hinder their return, followed by moves to beef-up roach spawning and survival.

Winning with 7-14-8 of chopped-worm perch – on another day when precious few roach had showed – Nene's Les Ramsden pocketed a few quid...while the appeal 'won' £97 (thanks lads).

CRT national fisheries manager John Ellis said: "That's great. The Trust are set to put a lot of cash into this, and the more anglers contribute directly the more chance there is of pulling in enough money from other sources to help make a really good job of this."



■ **QUEEN of Stanwick: Sarah Yarlett with 32-2 common**

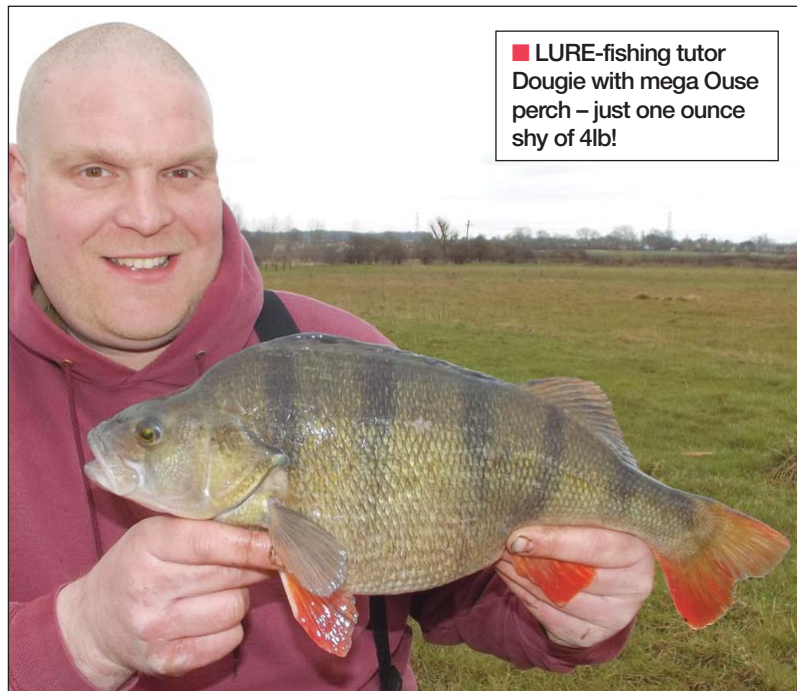
Paul Chapman made second with 7-6-4, with 'end peg' Ernie Sattler – on another end peg – third with 6-11-4 of squat skimmers.

Anyone else wanting to chuck in a couple of quid to the appeal can call 0303 040 4040.

● INTO lure-fishing but think you could do better? A

qualified coach, Carpin Capers' Dougie is running an Angling Trust-backed lure-fishing workshop, Sunday Oct 18, fiver a head. Book with James Roche 07791 786251.

● STANWICK was the stage for Sarah Yarlett's star turn, banking the venue's fish of the week, a 32-2 common. Those getting 20s included Adam Hall, Rikki Wellsbury,



■ **LURE-fishing tutor Dougie with mega Ouse perch – just one ounce shy of 4lb!**

Stewart Rainbow and Bradley Wegner.

● CASTLE Ashby is looking good for next week's AT league opener – aided by an injection (as this column went to press) of more than 800 small carp, which should stir things up a bit!

Frank Pizamenti won Saturday's Brickyard do

with 65-12. Phil Bardell had 39-8 and Graham West 30-6. Sunday's three lake open went to Chris Garratt 72-4 (Brickyard) with Pete Lovell on 58-6 (Scotland) and Keith Bishop 55-4 ('Yard).

● WHITE Hart Flore, Tofts: Trevor Griffiths 136lb, Gary Muddiman 100lb, Dave Griffiths 85-8.

● ROYAL Mail Northampton, Makins: Andy Poole 104-10, Dave Gibbs 71-10, Andy Forbes 68lb.

● COUNTY Vets, Canons: Bob Spencer 64-2, Alf Gillard 56-12, Paul Lafflin 38lb.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dog Lane: Paul Humphries 34lb, Jim Tanser 31lb, Ray Ayres 20lb.

● FINEDON, Mill Cotton: Paul Brand 16lb, Dave Roberts 14lb, John Sumpter 12-5.

● MOBBS Miller, Oundle Nene: Stuart Cheetham 5-6, Charlie White 3-14, Dave Chamberlain 3-9.

● ABINGTON, park lake: Dave Panter 4lb, Rus Coleman 1lb, Dave Huth 0-11.

● FIXTURES: Tuesday, Olney Ouse open, 01234 240061 ■

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