

As 31 out of 36 blank in dire Boddington pairs match...

# Phil rings dinner bell for carp!

**A REAL lottery with 31 out of 36 anglers Adrynetting! That was Sunday's frost-bitten pairs on Boddington – with no pair producing a double catch.**

But, despite the bitter winds slowing melting of over-night ice, Phil Ringer still put in a maestro's performance to net 10 carp for 98lb – putting him and fishless bro Steve top on the day.

One 10lb fish, in the other section, earned enough points for Steve Potter to take himself and Matt Grant to second-pair spot, with Tom Chillingworth's 60lb (second individual in Phil's section) seeing him and Jack Eades third pair overall.

● **ENVIRONMENT Agency fisheries staff have spent two days in the Shutlanger Tove (pictured) putting in stake-and-brushwood-**

**bundle reinforcing to bolster collapsing banks, banks undermined by burrowing red signal crayfish.**

**The work is paid for from anglers' rod licence fees, including putting in deflectors to clean the fallen clay from gravel spawning beds...which should help boost future fish stocks...**

● THE Ouse around MK saw Den Reid catch chub of 6-2 and 6-1 in the same trip. Further downstream Pete Hodgson landed Olney's best of season perch, at 4-3-8, and Adam Short caught an 8lb-ish bream...but apparently didn't weigh it because he was after chub at the time...

Myles Philips had a 4-4 – his only fish – for third in Newport's Ouzel sweep. Barry Glidewell won with 8-7 followed by Bob Gale, 7-5.

**And with the weather set to get warmer (and wetter) there could be some more good fish caught before the legal river close season kicks in Monday night.**

● CASTLE Ashby opens, Sunday: Grendon, Steve Shakespeare 64-2, Keith Garrett 61-10, Richard Garrett 28-

12; Scotland, Gary Millward 34-8, Bob Spencer 32-6, Joe Roberts 12-14.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Dale Gibson 48lb, Dave Chapman 36lb, Tom Newby 31lb.

● GLEBE, Dog Lane: Martin Shaul 46-8, Dave Jones 25-4, Kevin McIlhinney 22-4.

● WOODFORD Nene open: Jim Martin 7-8, Dave Stanley 6-8, Jan Sebula 6lb.



■ **GOOD Guys: EA fisheries team reinforcing crumbling banks – damaged by crayfish – on the Shutlanger Tove**

● TOWCESTER/Nene, Tove: Dave Gibbins 6-9 (30+ small fish), Tosh Saunders 2-8, John Balhatchett 1-14.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Hillview Farm silverfish: Steve Smith 3-7, Rob Rawlins 3-4, Ken Cadd 3-2.

● FINEDON, Thrapston Nene: Danny Richardson 3-2 (3-1 chub), Roger Brain 1-11, Mark Clemmett 1-4.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Astwell Mill: Grenville Read 5lb, Graham Martin 2-12 (inc a 1-8 roach), George Cooke and John Balhatchett both 1-1.

● STANWICK produced 20s throughout the week with Steffan Fuller getting four to 22-8. Drayton has been producing carp, too, along with a 22lb pike.

● **FIXTURES:** Coming up, MKAA spring league teams of four, 01234 713144.

● **TROUT:** town's Mick Sharpe caught and released 50 fish, including five five-pounders, on Ringstead's opening day. Roade's Jason Cooke had a 7lb brown at Elinor, Pitsford averaged 6.8 per rod and Ravensthorpe 7.2 ■

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