

Up against the cream of Europe, Steve Ringer...

Comes oh so close to gold

UP against the cream of European matchmen Steve Ringer came oh so close to winning his second Walterland Masters in three years!

Fishing the 180 peg prestige match on a 'big' canal in Hungary, he won his section on day-one and made second-in-section on day two.

That gave him 3 points – a score shared with four others...and he finished up fourth overall on weight, with his Diawa team fifth from 36.

There were some big fish about, too. The day-two winner included a 38lb carp in his catch, caught on the pole fishing to full international rules!

● STANWICK top rod this week was Don McKinness with a 37-12 from Elsons. Alex Grice had three to 26lb and Nathan Tabor a 22 and two 25s. Dan Wright netted a 21-10 from Mallard.

● SPORTS & Social (SAS) Alders: Lee Cox 119-6, Stuart Cheetham 82lb, Steve Potter 71-7.

● MEADOWLANDS spring league final round: Bas Byrd 104-10 (four points clear at top of table). Ian Coxon 98-4, Wayne Colloff 88-8.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Tofts: Tom Griffiths 95-8, Mark Wheeler 82-7, Darren Gibson 54-4.

● TOVE Valley, Lakeside: Richard Latimer 68-8, Darren Pannell 55-2, Pete Gibson 52-12.

● CASTLE Ashby: Weddy, Brickyard, Terry Fielding 36-2, Steve Smith 35-8, Frank Pizamenti 33; Sat, Brickyard, Keith Garrett 39lb, Pizamenti 22-8, Courtney Hewlett 17-12; Sun, Grendon, Steve Shakespeare 40-8, Hewlett 33-12, Pete Lovell 26lb.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Cosgrove canal: Graham Martin 12-13, Terry Robinson 8-8, John Balhatchett 6-10.

● TOWCESTER, Silver Lake: George Mynard 12-5, Bas Eaton 10-8, George Cooke 8-4.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Banks: Terry Smith 12-12, Ken Cadd 10-6, Bob Prowse 7-10.

● CASTLE silverfish, Canons: John Lewis 10lb, Bob Spencer 9-14, Dave Cantrell 8-8.

● FINEDON, Rysons Lake: Barry Lawrence and Steve Amos both 2-10, Roger Brain 2-5, Dave Ross 1-13.

● WARNING: four-day canal boat fest, Braunston, starting April 29, expect extra boat traffic before and after.



■ **A COLD week but the temperature shot up for Don McKinness when he banked this Stanwick 37-12**

● PLEA for help: Towcester are making big strides improving Astwell Mill and looking for help on May 1 and 15 to help renew platforms. Willing helpers please call Richard, 07824 442201.

● FROM June 1 ALL Nene daytickets will be a fiver whether full, evening or junior...anyone under 17 buying one can trade it in for a FREE season ticket. The club's AGM also voted to freeze season card prices.

● FANCY a shot at £15,000? That cash could be split between the top four pairs in this year's national canal pairs championships if it is a series sell-out.

There are a few places left in the 50 peg Milton Keynes qualifier, September 24, and on the Aylesbury Arm, July 30. To find out more call 0115 9061301 or visit www.anglingtrust.net ■

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