

Anglers bag up from Drayton's refurbished boards swims as...

Carp go on feeding rampage

REOPENING of Drayton's refurbished R'boards' swims is producing explosive sport...with the first eight pegs producing more than 400 carp over the weekend!

Most of the action at the Daventry reservoir has been on the surface with fish after fish falling to floating baits or zig-rigs fished high in the water.

One man included three 20s among a 65 fish catch taken in 24 hours, with most of the others being good doubles.

There were plenty of big fish coming out at Stanwick, too, this week. Sam Bingham had three to 33-4 from Elsons with Jim Hibbard getting eight to 29-4. 'Kevin' had a 28-12 from Mallard and Glenn Wright a 21-10.

● WHEN town's three Ringer 'musketeers' went 'oop north' to Southfields for a Feedermaster qualifier they, against all odds, all drew the same section.

And they took all three top section spots with Steve on 38lb of skimmers (winning the match and £400), Phil on 26lb and Geoff 25lb. But only section winners go through to September's mega-bucks final...so Phil and Geoff will have to try again.

● SPORTS & Social, Oats Lake: Tony Glanfield 101lb, Stuart Cheetham 88lb, Jim Broadbent 71lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Terry Adams 96lb, Dave Chapman 68lb, John Berry 66lb.

● MILLPOOL AC, Meadowlands: Dave Pritchard 89lb, Gary Powney 87-6, Paul Cook 85-4.

● CASTLE Ashby: Weddy, Boatyard, Shaun Weed 67-2, bro Nick 37-4, Mick Hewlett 35-4; Sat, Brickyard, Chris Garrett 62lb, Bob Reed 58-4, M Hewlett 54lb; Sun, Grendon, Richard Dunkley 45-9, Courtney Hewlett 34-8, Reed 31-4.

● CROCKETT & Jones, Waterloo: Gerry Willmott 60lb (all barbel bar one carp), Max Romaine 49lb, Phil brown 38lb.

● MILL Lane, Waterloo: Gary Abrahams 54-7, Andy Sibley 53lb, Paul McClarey 42-7.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dog Lane: Paul Humphries 46lb, Bob Prowse 43lb, Rob Rawlins 39lb.

● COUNTY Vets, Canons: Bob Spencer 37lb, Ron Coles 21lb, Paul Lafflin 18-12.

● CASTLE silverfish league final, Canons: Jeff Boyce (league winner) 32-4, Steve Bettis 31-8 (he had 18 carp which didn't count), Fred Prior 15-12.

● WILLOWBROOK open: John Bull 15-4, Paul Brand 14-10, Bill Underwood 11-12.

● ABINGTON – still under siege from fish thieves – have recovered another THREE gill nets from their park lake. **Hopefully police will catch the scumbags responsible SOON and the council will then do a restock?**

Vince Battams won Sunday's match with an 8-7 carp, one ounce ahead of Chris Howes. Rus Coleman had 0-14-8 ■

■ JOHN Bull (left) with his 15-14 winning net of skimmers at Willow Brook



Rod licence changes ahead?

● ACCORDING to *Angler's Mail* the Environment Agency is starting public consultation on a raft of rod licence law changes.

Proposals apparently include: valid for 12 months from date of purchase instead of current fixed April to March; scrapping junior rod licences; a new three-rod ticket; minor price changes.

If it all becomes law, as is likely, the changes will run from April next year ■