

Amazing carp championship heat on Drayton sees...

Five men catch 5,351 lbs!

MORE than TWO TONS of carp...from FIVE pegs! That was the staggering result of last week's 40-hour British Carp Angling Championship heat on Drayton.

The winner – Steve Blow – goes through to the October finals having totalled a stunning 1,970lb in between, presumably, taking occasional 'sleep breaks'.

Several competitors failed to show-up for the match, but the five who did landed a combined 5,351lb!

Dozens of other anglers also leisure-fished the Daventry reservoir, catching carp to 27lb.

● TOM Griffiths set a new Tofts record with a 282-5 winning weight in White Hart Flore's midweeker. Gary Muddiman came close with 265-10. John Tee had 121-4.

● THE Canal River Trust's stillwater champs Boddington final saw Steve Ringer just make the money on 42.680kilo for fourth – missing third by 300 grammes. Barry Bush won on 80kilo, while Geoff Ringer blanked in the final...for the second year in a row.

● TOWN all-rounder Vince Rogers has been all at sea, again, this time off the south coast where he boated several 40lb+ tope headed by the real red-letter day 52 pounder pictured.

● MUCH nearer home golden oldie Ron Kyte had a 3-5 eel from the local Nene...on touch-legered free-lined breadflake!

● **BEWARE of offending any canal boaters this week. One is advertising herself as 'Wendy Witch – magic spells and rituals for all occasions'. I can hear it now: "May your maggots turn to dust..."**

● SO FAR the 'Z' boat electro-fishing the canal has had more than 650 zander, up to 8lb, between Three Locks and Stoke Bruerne.

● STANWICK's catch of the week was Carl Dunkley netting a 25lb mirror while dad John had a 25lb common.

● ROYAL Oak, Shearsby Valley: Alan Walton 172lb, Grant Merit 142-12, Richard Watts 132-4.

● MILL Lane, Tofts: Steve Johnson 148-12, Gary Abrahams 89-10, Alan Aird 67-11.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Flecknoe: Paul Minney 93-12, Graham Martin 59-12, George Cooke 52lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Glen Tilson 89-8, Geoff Wiggins 49-8, Ron Collins 46-8.

● CASTLE Ashby opens: Sat., Brickyard Mick Hewlett 55-12, Frank Pizamenti 48-6, Courtney Hewlett 38-12; Sun., Grendon, C Hewlett 34lb, Richard Dunkley 28-8, Mick Wadham 27-4.

● WAYFARERS, Cranford: Gary Noble 81-14, Phil Hambleton 62-9, Chris Turner 54-12.



● FLORE & Brockhall, Hill View: Bob Prowse 36lb, Steve Smith 35lb, Terry Smith 17lb.

● OUNDLE, Phil Deacon memorial, Nene: Grant Howie 26-5, Mike Fairey 12-2, Brian Garrett 7-15.

● NENE/Towcester, Yardley canal section: Wayne Robinson 3-14, Chris Howard 3-10, Mick Goodridge 2-4.

● TROUT: Phil Jordan had Pitsford's best-of-season rainbow at 11-2.

● **FIXTURES: Furzton fest: Aug 24, Vets, 01908 565446; Aug 27 'float only', Aug 29 Frank Swan, Sept 23-25 carp open, all thru GoneFishin 01908 313158.**

● **Sep 24 British canal pairs champs heat (big-money final a month later) Peartree Bridge in MK, 01159 061301 or www.anglingtrust.net**

● **TUITION: Tomorrow (Friday), Nene holding teach-in, open to all, on the river at Becketts Park, 01604 761173; Saturday, 'Try fly-fishing' at Pitsford, everything provided, 07778 739157.**

● **ADVICE:** Blisworth canal area best avoided until Aug 15 due to local canal fest ■