

As others freeze their bits off, White Hart Flore...

Come in from the cold on Tofts!

WHILE so many others struggled on frost-hit waters, White Hart Flore found Tofts in cracking form – with Ron Collins top on 132lb.

Alan Barnes made second with 86-8, Dave Griffiths had 67-8 and Trevor Griffiths 65-11.

But it had been a different story for the club's Old Geezers, midweek on Waterloo, where Glen Tilson needed only 28-12 to win as Ken Andrews had 18-10 and Eddie Kelly 16-14.

● AND it was pretty gloomy on Boddington, too, in the final Ringers' Pairs of the winter where, having won the previous round with an eye-watering 247lb, Phil Ringer needed just 39lb for top spot on Sunday.

Carl Barnfield had second with 33lb and, together with Lee Jepson, topped the pairs on three points. Jason and Graham Morris, the only other pair to both catch – yes, it was THAT bad – had five, with Phil Ringer, and dad Geoff (who might as well have stayed in bed), third on 11 points.

● MEADOWLANDS' four-round individual spring league opener drew 42 entrants and saw Wayne Sharman riding high with 106-12, way ahead of Grant Merritt 84-2 and Dave Lightwoller 82lb.

● BISHOPS Bowl's open went to Rob Bassett with 85-12 as Dave Smart had 68-8 and Greg Satchell 44lb.

● TOVE Valley's Lakeside open fell to Rob Dzialak with 64-7 ahead of Andy Jones 51-6 and Dave Martin 42-6.

● LAST week's column included an error, and the REAL Makins-Guru pole only series winner was Mark Griffiths. Well done Mark.

● CASTLE Ashby opens: Wed., Brickyard, Mick Hewlett 23-12, Phil Wintle 14-8, Shaun Weed 13-12; Sat., Brickyard, Chris Garrett 46-8, Courtney Hewlett 43-12, Mick Boddilly 34-4; Sun., Grendon, John Kent 27-3, C Garrett 26-8, Chris Camplin 20-12.

● COUNTY Vets, midweek, Canons: John Lewis 13-13, Jeff Rice 12-4, Bob Spencer and Dave Cantrell both 12lb.

● FLORE & Brockhall teams-of-three final round, Dog Lane, silverfish: Dave Bolton, Tony's Trio, 11-4; Steve Smith, Dolphins, 9-9; Brian Johnson, The George, 6-10.

Tony's won the series with 60 points followed by Newbold 58.5, Dolphins 56, The George 54.5, and The Regulars 41.

● STANWICK's best-of-week was Dan Salek's 24-6 common followed by Dusan's 23-8 mirror. At Drayton two men shared 40 fish to 22lb.

● TOWCESTER's AGM chopped their adult season ticket from £40 to £35 to reflect having given up Bairstows Lake as, in the club's view, no longer worth the rent.



■ TOVE Valley open winner Rob Dzialak
Pic by Andy Jones



■ PAUL Shephard (right) with Ringstead's 8lb best of week

● AGMs: Nene, April 10, 19.30, Yeoman of England, Wootton; Castle, April 11, 20.00 Far Cotton WMC.

● FIXTURES: Tove Valley open, Lakeside, 07739 094216; also MKAA canal spring league teams-of-four opener, 01234 713144 ■

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