

After 'moaning for England', winner Geoff just has to...

# Wait for carp to pull rod round

**D**RAWN on what he thought was an 'empty peg' - and facing the coldest east-wind he could remember - Geoff Ringer started, in his own words, "Moaning for England".

*But the golden oldie (fishing for Guru) soon found that even top rods can get it wrong...and finished runaway winner of Sunday's Meadowlands teams-of-three opener with nine carp for 98-8.*

"I thought I couldn't have had a worse draw," said Geoff, "but it turned out that I just had to sit and wait until a nice carp tried to drag my rod in."

KGB's Calvin Mills had 68-2 and Captain Crook's Pete Caton 64lb, but it was a Milton Keynes trio which took top-spot one-point clear of Team Garbo and two up on Carpetbaggers.

● **CARPIN Capers tackleshop manager 'Dougie' is, after 12 years behind the counter, launching into a new career as a professional angling coach.**

*That said he may still re-appear in the shop to give owner Dean Darmanin a helping hand from time to time.*

*Dougie has been a qualified coach for several years, increasingly giving up time to help clubs and groups run coaching sessions - typically for youngsters - but now he is up for helping all ages into the sport, along with established anglers wanting to improve.*

**Good luck to the lad. Reach him at [dougiecaper@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dougiecaper@yahoo.co.uk)**

● DRAYTON's Boxing Day Cup, awarded to the first angler (starting on Boxing Day) to catch a common from the reservoir, ran

through until January 3 before Lee Smith claimed it with a 17. Catch of the week was Wayne Snodding's 51 mirrors to 20lb.

● **MORE news on the Environment Agency's Ouse barbel stocking. Apart from a thousand fish recently stocked below Newport, 500 to a pound-plus have been added below Haversham weir.**



■ 'DOUGIE' - starting new career as an angling coach - with a 3-15 Ouse perch

● ABINGTON finally got to fish their postponed park lake Christmas match...with the prizes drawn for after everyone blanked.

● CASTLE Ashby Sunday open, Grendon: Roger Dunkley 82-4, Ian Drage 44-6, Alan Barnes 38-6.

● TOVE Valley open, Lakeside: Paul Abbott 21-12, Mark Morgan 19-6, Lee Jones 17-13.

● SPLINTERS, Barby Banks: Drew Adams 14-1, Dave Griffiths 12-8, Robin Wycombe 7-15.

● FLORE & Brockhall, teams-of-three opener, Dog Lane: Dave Boulton (Tony's Trio) 9-8, Steve Barrett (Nubold) 8-7, Tony Ward (TTs) 7-5. TTs were top on the day.

● CASTLE, Canons: Bob Moore 6-4, John Lewis 5-10, Len Keech 2-11.

● TOWCESTER-Nene, Castlethorpe canal: Bas Eaton 1-15, Les Goodridge 1-12, Mick Goodridge 0-12.

● **FIXTURES:** Jan 23 Olney Ouse open 01234 240061. Feb 4 Lakeside open, book Tove Valley fb page ■



■ LEE Smith with Drayton Boxing Day Cup...a REAL marathon event!