

## Nene league proves some 'no carp' river matches...

# Can still put bums on baskets

**GOOD** old-fashioned river matches **CAN** still draw a crowd despite the long hot summer, chronically low, clear, water and masses of weed.

**Saturday's George Shepherd teams-of-six league opener, on the Oundle Nene, pulled in almost 70 anglers...and all without chance of anyone getting a 'ton-up' carp net!**

And proving they are the ones to beat on both still AND running waters, Black Horse were top on the day and their Roy Woodward won with 20-11.

Pegged on what amounted to a hole in the weed he used a big float to nail his worm to the bottom at 14 metres: catching two-good bream, a tench, and a rake of silvers...earning him, due in part to the league's wealthy sponsor, £175.

Oundle Green's Mark Cunnington and 'Horse's Ady Stokes – both had 14-8 – with End Pegs' Paul Cowan on 13-3.

Only one section was won with less than 10lb, and the top three teams were: 'Horse 61-8, End Pegs 52-8, Olney 42-15-8.

● **WHITE Hart Flore, Tofts:** Dave Chapman 296lb, Dave James and Mick Wheeler both 193lb, Trevor Griffiths 185lb.

● **LOCO midweek, Peatling Parva:** Dennis Sharman 184lb, Paul Baxter 130lb, Dave Smith 102lb.

● **ROYAL Oak, Shearsby:** Steve Palser 117lb, Pete Caton 83lb, Wayne Sharman 73lb.

● **WHITE Hart Flore oldies, Flecknoe:** Pete Smy 111-12, Ted Adams 11-1, Mick Howkins 91lb.

● **TOWCESTER Vets, Home Farm:** John Broughton 110-15, Les Goodridge 70lb, John Balhatchett 68-5.

● **GLEBE, Peatling Parva:** Russ Lay 79-15, Dave Haddon 75-5, Ron Sandle 52-2.

● **LOCO, Barby:** Dave Walker 75lb, Terry Smith 51lb, Dave Smith 50lb.

● **CASTLE Ashby:** wed., Courtney Hewlett 54-4, Jeff Rice 52-12, Nick Antonacci 25-4; Sat., Mark Moody and Glen Pinnock both 43lb, Frank Pizamenti 37-4; Sun., Bob Reed 55-6, Darren Driver 48-4, Craig Bennett 46-6.

● **FLORE & Brockhall, Denettes:** Terry Smith 49lb, Rob Rawlins 35lb, Paul Humphries 32lb.

● **COUNTY Vets, Canons:** Bob Spencer 31-4, Dave Cantrell 24-15, John Lewis 17lb.

● **NENE/Towcester, Rysons:** Les Ramsden 22-6 (bream), Mick Goodridge 14-2, Kevin Elliott 10-6.

● **CASTLE, Canons:** Bob Spencer 15-8, John Lewis 13-9, Dave Cantrell 12-11.

● **WELLINGBOROUGH, canal, Foxton:** Ivor Stokes 4-7, Steve Bettis 3-13-8, Andy Webster 3-12.

● **TROUT:** Pitsford averaged 4.2 per rod this week (7 per rod over the weekend) with Dave Anderson, out on a boat Saturday, using a slow-sinker to catch and return 15 trout...eight of them browns estimated at between five and 12lb each!

● **FIXTURES:** Sept 18 Olney Ouse open & Sept 23 Ron Bull memorial open, £500 guaranteed prize pot, 01234 240061 for either ■