

Making the most of 'spring feeding', Ollerhead...

Leads the charge with a 40

ANOTHER week passes and another Stanwick 40 has been on the bank – heading another flush of 20s and 30s!

This time it was Allan Ollerhead who had the top catch with a superb 42lb common from Elsons. But, fishing the same lake, Dean Jasper came close with a 38-8, a 36-4 and a mid-twenty.

Ian Smith had a 29-8 from Mallard while Andy Garner landed six fish to 23lb. And all that before the weather shows signs of settling down any time soon.

● **STEVE Ringer** wasted no time in getting his name on this year's Feedermasters card – winning Sunday's first qualifier, on Decoy, with 24 fish on 'the method' for 161-9 and qualifying for September's big-money final.

● **MEADOWLANDS** produced some good weights, compared with many other waters on the day, in its spring league opening round. Dean Young had 131-8, Wayne Sharman 99-12 and Steve Daly 96-14.

● **WHITE Hart Flore's Dog Lane** midweek ended with Gary Muddiman top on 110-7 ahead of Jeff Wiggins 90-13 and Tom Griffiths 86-4. Sunday's Barby Banks do went to Darren Williamson 85-4 as Muddiman had 64lb and Trevor Griffiths 60lb.

● **ANGLING Trust** staffer James Lewis fished Castle Ashby with his Browning Northants pals...and beat the lot of them with 20lb on the short pole.

● **CASTLE Ashby:** Wed., Steve Bull 20lb, Courtney Hewlett 19-8, Bob Reed 19-4; Sat., Alan West and Chris Garratt both 25lb, Keith Garratt 14-4; Sun., John Kent 15-8, Gary

Underwood 12-4, Alan West 10-4.

● **MAKING** a 'guest appearance' in Towcester Vet's canal sweep at Cosgrove, Rob 'Rambo' Rawlins had a runaway win with 9-4 of skimmers as Tosh Saunders had three bream for 5lb and Les Goodridge 3-4.

● **FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Marshes:** Fred Johnson 6-8, Steve Smith 5lb, Rob Rawlins 4-7.



■ **MONSTER** from the deep: Allan Ollerhead with Stanwick 42

● **NENE/Towcester, canal, new bridge, Heyford:** Bas Eaton 4-15, Dave Gibbins 4-2, Tosh Saunders 3-12.

● **NORTHAMPTON Nene's AGM** was the shortest on record with no rule changes, any other business or price hikes. Tickets stay at adult £38, concessions £25 and juniors £5. John 'smiler' Balhatchett was presented with the series-winner award with Dave Gibbins runner-up and Les Ramsden third.

● **WELLINGBOROUGH Nene's** annual meeting took a little longer as they had to elect a new secretary following the retirement of Bryan Dray who will be concentrating on junior recruitment. Sam Corteze is now the man in the hot-seat and can be contacted at wdnac@outlook.com or on 07970 956788 ■



■ **James Lewis**



■ **NENE's** Ron Collins (left) presents the club's annual series awards to winner John Balhatchett (right) and third-placed Les Ramsden. Pic Neil Stafford