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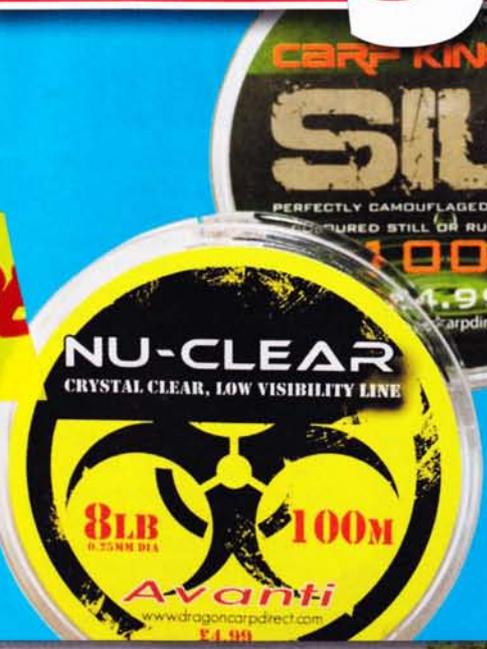
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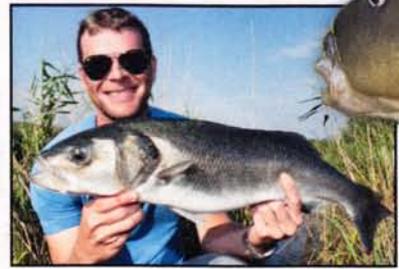


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NEIL MITCHELL set a new venue record and personal best when he matted this rotund 11 lb 2 oz tench during a 60-hour session on Milton Abbas syndicate lake. The 36-year-old from Stalbridge, Dorset, tempted the chunky fish on a CC Moore Odyssey XXX boilie fished on a chod rig at 45 yards on light weed, over 5 kilos of spodded particles and a scattering of boilies. He also added two smaller tench and three carp to 20 lb 10 oz in the same memorable session.

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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When is it? All this Bank Holiday weekend, August 28-30.

Where is it? Set around the Worcestershire market town of Evesham, this festival attracts over 50,000 visitors to the tackle stands, craft fair, kids attractions plus top quality 70-entry matches each day. The fishing matches – one team and two individual events – on the Avon attract some of the best anglers in the UK, and last year Garbolino star Darren Cox won one event thanks to a specimen 12 lb barbel in the last ten minutes to earn £6,000. As you can see from the picture here, Dazzler's dazzler pulled in quite a crowd!

Can you go? Yes, and it's free entry. But have a few quid handy for buying refreshments, tackle bargains and for kids to go on the bouncy castles.

What else is on? The Happyhookers fishing forum have a charity fish-in from Friday until Monday at the Bridge Inn, Lenwade, Norfolk, where they hope to raise £1,500 for Cancer Research UK.

There's also a mega raffle, with three fishing holidays plus an auction. The Nash Tackle roadshow will be there from Fri-Sun, along with a BBQ, mini beer festival and even a music gig – all welcome. More at www.happy-hookers.org or 07711 474690.

Predator fishing will start at Bury Hill this autumn with treble hooks banned.

concluded David.

Top predator angler Neville Fickling commented: 'If an angler does have a mishap with a swallowed bait, a barbless single hook is far easier to remove than two trebles.'

'Any moves to safeguard stocks and protect fish from unnecessary dangers should be welcomed.'

Venue latest: 01306 883621.

■ Pike fishing comment from *Mail* contributor Mark Barrett – see p.15.

Treble hooks banned

THOMAS PETCH reports

THE UK's top mixed predator fishery has banned treble hooks for the forthcoming season, to protect their valuable zander and pike stocks... and boost fishing.

Surrey's prolific Bury Hill Fisheries, near Dorking, revealed the decision last week after a comprehensive study, with a maximum size 4 single hook permitted. Over 100 double-figure zander to 16 lb are typically reported each season, with a big head of pike to a fishery best of 33 lb.

Boss David de Vere said: 'We are the first major commercial fishery to ban the use of trebles for predators. The decision has followed two years of intensive research, and the capture of hundreds of pike and specimen zander.'

'With a huge head of both in the Old Lake, we



have a duty to protect our stocks.

'Barbless single-hook rigs and smaller baits will not only see an increase in the number of runs and fish caught, but virtually all fish caught will be hooked cleanly in the scissors, with obvious fish safety benefits.'

'A full range of hand-tied single-hook predator rigs will be available to buy in our tackle shop, where there will also be plenty of help on hand to encourage anglers to make the most of them.'

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