

**CHECK** out the head on that! David Parks shows his 10 lb 2 oz tench to the camera. He wins a weekly Fox Specimen Cup award of £50 plus a Fox Warrior Rucksack.



# Tench turn on!

**GARY NEWMAN** reports

**T**ENCH have finally started to show in decent numbers and sizes at waters around the country.

Pick of the bunch was a 10 lb 2 oz cracker (above) to David Parks during a session on a Colchester APS water.

The local Essex angler added a couple of smaller fish during the day session, all on red maggot presented on a maggot clip off of the hook, casting a Method feeder at long range to a gravel bar.

'I am over the moon. She was beautiful and my first tench double,' said David.

David's fishing partner, Hardy Greys coarse academy manager Tony Runnalls, tackled the same venue in Essex for a cracking 8 lb 12 oz fish (inset). Tony had already landed a new PB of 9 lb 1 oz but unfortunately the angler who took his photos managed to blur



**Tony Runnalls has been in form with tench on traditional float tactics. This one banged the scales down to 8 lb 12 oz.**

all of them, but shortly afterwards he landed this one and managed to get some better shots of it.

Tony, who runs day ticket Churchgate Lakes, hair-rigged red maggot over caster and pellet, offering in the margins under a float set lift method-style. He added five others over 5 lb during the morning session.

Tony has been back for fish to 9 lb 4 oz, and has high hopes of landing a double-figure tench soon on the float. That would be a rare feat as most green giants fall to feeder or boilie tactics.

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