

More big white flashing teeth than in Hollywood as town's...

# Iron Mike goes swimming with sharks

**S**OME guys can never get enough – seemingly always wanting to push their luck just that little bit further each time...

And town's globe-trotting fly-fisher extraordinaire Mike Green just HAS to be among the most 'extreme' of anglers.

Not satisfied with going after game fish on the fly while sharks swam around his feet off Christmas Island a few months back – he has now been SWIMMING with them!

Tired of catching 70lb tarpon off Cuba recently, *Chron angling May 9*, he spent an afternoon with a scuba diving group, his first dive for more than 50 years, and came face to face with some pretty impressive teeth: as the pictures just sent to him by a fellow diver show.

■ SIX-FOOT reef shark wanting to be friends with Mike



a baited hook down in front of the goliath? "Having seen them close up I would not imagine they'd be landable."

*At last: something too far off the Richter scale – even for 'Iron' Mike.*

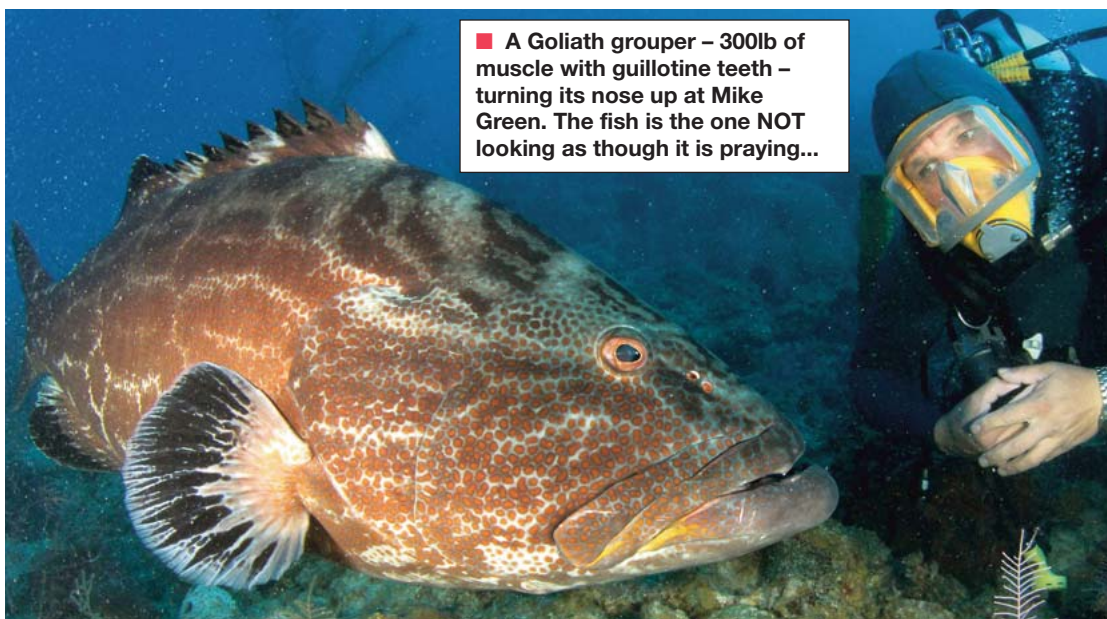
● Some 15 parents, grandparents and youngsters tried,

with the help of ECL Club coaches, matchfishing at Wellingborough's Swanspool lake and had a great day, Ken Lawrence and son Callum won the local council-sponsored event with 1-6.

● TOWCESTER vets, Tofts: Tosh Saunders 90-4, Gerald Green 66lb, Mick Read 51-4.

● CASTLE Ashby midweek, Brickyard: Frank Pizmenti 64-12, Keith Bishop 33-10, Peter Gib-son 32-4.

■ A Goliath grouper – 300lb of muscle with guillotine teeth – turning its nose up at Mike Green. The fish is the one NOT looking as though it is praying...



Thankfully for the dive-operator's no claims bonus, the six-foot reef shark pictured nosing up to Mike (top of page) seemed inquisitive rather than hungry. "There were 20 or 30 down there and they seemed only milady curious," said Mike.

Then he came snout to mask with something potentially more scary than the reef sharks – a 300lb+ goliath grouper. "He had a really good look at me, but fortunately decided I was too big, or fat, to eat."

Was he tempted to go back up and drop

● MK vets, Clattercote: Austin Maddock 9-6, Les Smith 7-4, Jack Wilson 6-8.



■ WHAT a great way to bring kids into angling! Parents and youngsters after the ECL club's teach-in match

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