

Globetrotter Mike's 'trip of a lifetime' to a...

Fishy heaven - with armed guards!

AN anglers' paradise with shoals of huge golden fish waiting to grab your fly – and armed Latin American cops making sure you don't bend the fishery rules!

That was the surreal setting from which Northampton angling globetrotter Mike Green has just returned...claiming to have had: "One of the best fishing trips of my life, if not THE best."

Never mind the World Cup in neighbouring Brazil, Mike and fishing pal Ryan much preferred fishing a river below a mile-wide dam some 300 miles north of Argentina's Buenos Aires.

Fly fishing from a boat over four days, they shared 82 golden dorados – big muscular predators fighting like fury in water flowing at eight to 10 mph below the dam.

"In my usual jam strangled way I boated 13 over 20lb, four over 30lb and a monster of 42lb," said Mike, adding: "Ryan only had one over 20lb...albeit the largest at 44lb."

"It's the stuff dreams are made of! I wouldn't take much persuading to get back there again."

The gun cops? They enforce the rule that only four anglers a week can fish there. Apparently few visitors try to break it...

● BACK here in the middle of town, local lad Vince Battams was on an equal, and far less expensive, high with an exhilarating evening on Abington Park lake!

One of those successfully championing restoration of the water, he bagged 25 slabs (and lost two) for an estimated 110 to 115lb. Packing up, he texted: "I'm extremely tired but happy..."

● THE same could probably be said for the top three in Little Harrowden's Decoy Lakes do as Jim Broadbent had 226lb of carp, Stuart Cheetham 216lb and Tony Glanfield 182lb.

● AND for Chris Wiggins who broke his PB twice on Stanwick's Elsons but is still two ounces shy of a 20, having banked carp of 19-14 and 19lb.

● PRACTISING for next month's world feeder champs Steve Ringer made fourth overall (56 kilo) in a three-day festival on Ireland's Lough Iniscarra.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Marshes: Trevor Griffiths 103lb, Tom Griffiths 102lb, Glen Tilson 61-8.

● FINEDON, Lawn Farm: Barry Lawrence 91lb, John Sumpter 47-12, Dave Roberts 41-4.

● TOWCESTER vets, Tofts: Gerald Green 62-7, Tosh Saunders 35-7, Simon Cordingley 23-12.

● ROYAL Oak, Packington: Wayne Sharman 62-12, Daz Sanders 51-4, Mark Dann 42lb.

● CASTLE Ashby: Sunday, Grendon, Chris Garrett 56-12, Gary Millward 48-12, Bob Reed 39lb; Saturday, Brickyard, Mick Cowap 14-8, Mick Hewlett 13-2, Garrett 12-6; midweek, Brickyard, Joe Roberts 43-12, Chris Prigmore 36-4, Mick Wheeler 30-12.

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■ BIG, fat, a golden glow and all his own teeth: a 42lb fly-caught golden dorado with Mike Green in Argentina

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■ The sharp end!

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