

*Town bros so busy dashing from festival to festival they must wonder...*

# *Which country are we in today?*

**WHERE** in the world do you want to go today? That was once a Microsoft pitch to would-be web surfers...

But now it's something Northampton globe-trotting aces Steve and Phil Ringer must ask themselves every time they wake up – though sometimes the question must be: where in the world are we fishing today?

Back from a three-day 'practice' festival on Ireland's Lough Iniscarra the previous week, this weekend saw them in a two-day Ghent canal event where Holland meets Belgium.

Their five-man Team Guru squad made runners-up spot – Phil seventh overall – in what was really an early practice for NEXT year's world feeder champs. And in a month's time (July 19 and 20) they will be back on Iniscarra for THIS year's world feeder title clash.

Some have hard days 'in the office'. This pair have hard days OUT of the office...

● ANOTHER town star, Drennan Cup holder Jamie Cartwright, tends to fish closer to home but still has his moments.

Like the fin-perfect 11-5 tench, pictured – which gave him a new PB after three years of trying – caught from a 'local pit' which he's fished for the previous two spring seasons without a fish.

It topped his previous best by a pound and, using two hair-rigged fake casters, he banked a 9-5 in the same session.

And just to round off a perfect result, mate Dougie from Carpin Capers called in to help celebrate...bringing a big bacon breakfast for two. Now THAT is fishing in style!

● STANWICK co-boss Phil Dunn also notched up a new PB, on his own fishery, with a 35lb common during a night session which saw him net other fish of 31lb, a brace of 25s, a 23, a 21 and a 17...frenetic action which left him a tad tired.

● MONDAY's river season start – the glorious 16th –

was a rather pedestrian affair for many: me included as I managed a 3-6 chub from MKAA's Wolverton Ouse. On the brighter side that section is absolutely teeming with small dace.

Downstream at Olney Keith Mitchell had four bream for 21lb, heaviest 6-5, and 'Paul' a 4-8 chub.



■ **MONSTER:**  
Drennan Cup  
holder Jamie  
Cartwright  
displays his  
new PB 11-5  
tench

● MOBBS Miller, Kingsmead in Cambs: Ken Taylor 133lb, Jim Broadbent 116lb, Stuart Cheetham 89lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Spring Pools: Mick Wheeler 108-8, Dave Griffiths 86lb, Dale Gibson 75lb.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Flecknoe: Kelly Humphries 44-8, Tony Ward 43-2, Mark Ward 42lb.

● TOWCESTER vets, Brickhill, Eydon: Mike Howkins 37-14, Ron Collins 35-4, Chris Howard 19-1.

● CASTLE Ashby: Wednesday, Brickyard, Frank Pizamenti 29-4, Mick Hewlett 24-6, Mick Smith 18-2; Saturday, Brickyard, Pizamenti 39lb, Hewlett 26lb, Chris Garrett 18-4; Sunday, Grendon, Hewlett 30-6, John Kent 28-12, Keith Garrett 19-4.

● CASTLE, silverfish, Crescent Lake: Paul Lafflin 16-8, Jeff Rice 10-8, Dave Cantrell 10lb ■

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