

Howling gales help help whip-up another 'Ringer benefit'...

# As Boddington comes on strong!

**B**ODDINGTON came on strong despite – or perhaps because of – Sunday's gale-force winds.

And that helped make the Ringer Baits & Match Catch open yet another Ringer benefit as Steve R netted just 10 chunky carp for 122lbs.

Mark Griffiths made second with 11 fish for 102lb as Sam Skelton took third spot with 10 for 87lb.

● LOCAL Mike Green knows a lot about fishing in other countries, and friends have often urged him to write a book about his life-long globe-trotting angling adventures.

And that is what he has done with Angling Escapades – Stories from Home and Abroad.

Once described in the Chron as 'Iron Mike' after wading bare-legged to flyfish for sharks – while they were feeding around his feet! – he has a habit of scooting off to the latest exotic place he's just heard of.

Not that things always go well: delayed by a travel company foul-up, a recent trip came to a dead stop when his travelling companion was arrested by airport cops...after forgetting to remove a fishing knife from his carry-on bag...

Written in his own self-effacing style, his £25 full-colour book from Harper Fine Angling Books features scores of pictures – some of seemingly out of this world fish and places – collected during 40 years fishing in 20 countries, everywhere from local reservoirs to Christmas Island.

Some pages positively ooze sunshine, a real tonic read in a British December. Ask for a copy for Christmas – and tell the family to call Mike on 07976 915888 or visit [www.harperanglingbook.co.uk](http://www.harperanglingbook.co.uk)

● ENVIRONMENT Agency fisheries officers have just put 3,000 silverfish in Abington Park Lake. Nice one lads.

● CANAL River Trust fisheries boss John Ells was on the cut this week making a website video called 'Slow your pace – share a space' and intended to encourage boaters, cyclists and anglers to cause each other less grief. Sounds good...

● MEADOWLANDS league round: Steve Daley 93lb, Wayne Sharman (league leader) 84-12, Pete 'carpetbagger' Davies' 81lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Trevor Griffiths 62-7, Dave Griffiths 30-2, Geoff Wiggins 26-3.

● 'ASHBY opens: Sat, Brickyard, Chris Garrett 47lb, Keith Garrett 25-8, Frank Pizamenti 19-12; Sun, Grendon, John Kent 42lb, Richard Dunkley 36-14, Charlie Edwards 31-14.

● GLEBE, Scotland Pond: Dave Haddon

42-8, Martin Shaul 21-8, Marcus Annable 20lb.

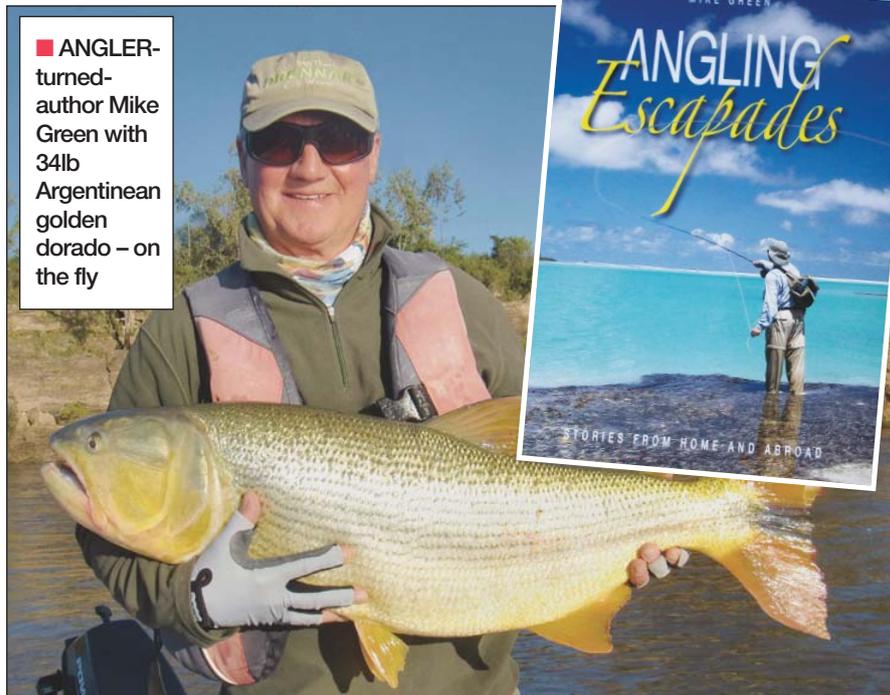
● FINEDON, Shearsby: Dave 'old-timer' Ross 37lb, John Sumpter 31-4, Gary Scott 22-4.

● DAVENTRY, Bishops Bowl: Kevin Ross 18-15, Mick Turner 16-14, Roy Spencer 8lb.

● CASTLE, silverfish league, Canons: Alan West, series leader, 17-8, Graham West 16-12, Dave Keech 13-12.

● TOWCESTER & Nene, Tove: John Balhatchett 4-11, Tosh Saunders 4-6, Tony Hirst 3-10.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Tove: Buster Matthews 1-15, Jim Tanser 1-7, Ray Ayres 0-8 ■



■ ANGLER-turned-author Mike Green with 34lb Argentinean golden dorado – on the fly



■ ABINGTON Park Lake gets a 3,000 silverfish boost from the EA – just in time for Christmas!

Matches, catches, even rough patches? If there's a tale to tell call Trevor Johnson on 01908 270000 or 07801 183381 or [angling@intermediauk.com](mailto:angling@intermediauk.com) (click link to email)