

Gilders man Pete crosses the Rockies to land sturgeon...

Almost twice his own weight!

PLAYING big fish is one thing – but when they go best part of twice YOUR bodyweight...then the term 'fight' takes on a whole new meaning!

And when Pete Dixon – likely weighing-in at around 140lb – found himself connected to a 220lb sturgeon, he must seriously have wondered who was playing whom.

Details of the epic encounter – messaged back to colleagues at Gilders from 5,000 miles away, on the banks of the Fraser River on the far side of the Canadian Rockies – are currently scarce.

But the Gilders' lads do know that a 300 pounder caught by another member of Pete's party was seven-foot-eleven long!

● MOULTON's Jim Martin – fishing the annual shark club championships – was also into biggies at the weekend...but his 80lb Cornish blue was a tiddler in comparison to Pete's monster.

● CLOSER to home Dan Lloyd netted a 25-4 common from Willowbrook, while Mike Townsend had a 32-7 mirror at Stanwick.

● **A CANAL & River Trust electro-fishing team has started removing as many zander as possible from the cut – work part-funded by £2,500 donated by clubs and individuals.**

Last week's first sweep – south of MK where there should have been hardly any – yielded some 50 Zs, plus a 40lb Luton-stretch cat which is now in a licenced lake.

The team are working their way towards Braunston.

● ON Nene's Turvey Ouse, town-veteran Ron Kyte had a 6lb chub on flake, centrepin and crowquill. Yes...a genuine, olde-world crowquill float!

● TOVE Valley ace Andy Jones fished for Maver at the weekend, winning MK's summer league Lodge Lake opener with 68-15 of slabs, Runner-up Phil Bardell had 32-3 at the next peg.

● MILL Lane, Boddington: Mark Wadhams 141-5, Steve Johnson 79lb, Steve Spokes 78-1.

● GLEBE, Canons: Marcus Annable 93-4, Glenn Kirkton 51-8, Dave Jones 48-4.

● CASTLE Ashby: midweek, Brickyard, Frank Pizamenti 91-12, Bob Reed 66-8, Michael Whadham 39-14; Sunday, Grendon, Grant Howie 60-4, Ray Woodward 40lb (roach and rudd), Pete Lovell 38-12.

● TOWCESTER, Silver Lake: John Balhatchett 82-8, Kevin Elliott 41-8, Paul Robinson 38lb.

● CASTLE, Canons: Bob Spencer 80-6, Jeff Rice 58-13, Alan West 48lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Bishops Bowl: Dave Griffiths 78lb. George Wiggins 63lb, Dave Chapman 48lb.

● FINEDON, Dennetts: 'Dave' 57lb, Steve Amos 27-6, John Sumpter 17-9.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Barby Marshes: George Minards 41-14, Dave Prodder 40-12, Kevin Nightingale 21-1.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Hill View: Terry Smith 32lb, Rob Rawlins 11lb, Bob Prowse 8lb.

● SPORTS & Social, Gunnwade: Gary Millward 17lb, Stan Atter 16-9, Stuart Cheetham 14-5.

● **FIXTURES:** Sunday, Olney Ouse open 01234 240061. Sep 3,

start of Oundle's teams of six river league, opened up to all-comers for first time, 07842 920045.

● **CLOSURES:** Sunday, up to 100 cyclists on Northampton Arm towpath 'tween Far Cotton and Upton 09.30-11.00 ■



■ **JIM Martin**
(blue shades)
returning an
80lb blue
shark off
Looe



■ **DAN Lloyd with Willowbrook 25-4 common** – picture Chris Morehen