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MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- An Interview with Phil 'GB' Saunders

We always want to hear from our members. Send us your fish tales and pictures (JPEG pictures required) and we will put your name in lights. Don't forget to include the important details: name, weight of fish and where it was caught. We hope you enjoy this month's interview with Phil Saunders, and watch for upcoming interview with ACS member Brian Nordberg!

ACS member Phil Saunders is well known throughout the carping circles in the USA for his 'Golden balls'... Phil I think you have some explaining to do here mate... enlighten us on how you got the Nickname ;-)

Phil: Well that one strikes very close to home. I think originally David Moore gave me the tag 'GB', from there Pat Kerwin and Stewart McKenzie made several variations and to save further grief I adopted "balls".

Sean: So I'm presuming then that 'the method' is your personal favorite approach?

Phil: Yes on the whole I feel more confident with this as a fish producer. Being able to use 3 rods here,

always allows the alternative "single huge Boilie" or whatever, but the old battered cooler full of cooked cracked corn is normally pretty close by.

Sean: Can you tell us how you prepare your method mix...or is it all hush, hush. I've seen the results first hand; the stuff definitely works and has some magic!

Phil: Well a few lucky folks have seen it made. No huge secret really, just getting the proportions of cracked corn – water correct, is the key. I typically add some "Wackerblend"

to the water and bring to a rolling boil. Then add the cracked corn, stir until its like porridge, @ 5 – 8 minutes then, and I believe this is the real trick, then pour it into a cooler, and leave ideally for...



Phil's first 50... a stunning 57 lb common from the DC Tidal Basin

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BIG FISH AWARD

The American Carp Society offers a cash prize to its members for the largest fish caught in both the spring and fall seasons. This \$500 per season award is expected to increase over time as the membership of ACS grows. Check out the BIG FISH AWARDS link on the

www.americancarpsociety.com website. Send in your entries throughout the year and watch the E-Newsletter for updates of the top contestant. Send in your entry to info@americancarpsociety.com with BIG FISH AWARD in the subject line.

BIG FISH AWARD UPDATE

– Check out these pictures of the current leader, Pavel Hastik, with his 41lb Florida mirror. Send us your BIG FISH pictures.



BECOME AN ACS MEMBER

Check out the ACS Membership link on www.americancarpsociety.com and **JOIN TODAY!**

FISHING DATABASE (A NEW ACS MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT)

ACS has created a carp fishing journal for YOU. Many members already keep track of where and when they fish and what they use for bait. We believe that participating members will compile an invaluable database as a resource. All the data that you collect has been assembled into an easy to fill-out form, which are in journals that are personalized for you. See

example (below) of data collecting sheet. Each member can enter the information they are comfortable sharing (watch for link on the website) OR mail the journal back to ACS and we will enter the information for you. If you don't want to divulge that new secret spot, that's not a problem. We just ask that you share the basic information and the state in which you fished. On a quarterly basis, ACS members will receive information compiled from the database such as: best days to fish, best baits to use, and best rigs. REMEMBER... this important information will only be available to ACS members.

Date:		Venues:	
Sunrise:		Solarar Majors:	
Sunset:		Solarar Minors:	
Moonrise:			
Moonset:			
Water Temperature (degrees F):		Air Temperature (degrees F):	
Surface	8 AM		
3 ft	Noon		
10 ft	4 PM		
15 ft	8 PM		
20 ft	Mean Phase		
Water Clarity:	Clear	Strained	Muddy
Water Level: (ft)	High	Normal/Low	
Swim Location: (Exact Coordinates)			
Fish Level: (ft)			
Fish Seen?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	How Often?
Pre-Bait?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	What Was Used?
Groundbaiting:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	What Was Used?
Rod Number:	1	2	3 4 5 6 7 8
Depth fished: (ft)			
Temperature of Water:			
Structure: B/W/S/M			
Bite Number:	1	2	3 4 5 6 7 8
Time:			
M / FF / L / C			
Sky Conditions: C/P/C/O			
Wind Power: C/B/B/W/S			
Wind Direction: N/S/E/W			
Precipitation: N/L/M/H			
Barometric Value: (a.k.f.P)			
Bait Flavor:			
Bait Type: B/W/S/C/P/O			
Rig Type: (ft)			
Hair Length: (mm)			
Type of Carp: C/M/K/L			
Weight:			
Length: (in/cent)			
Girth: (in/cent)			
Picture # (on camera):			
Rig Type #1			
Rig Type #2			
Rig Type #3			
Rig Type #4			
Rig Type #5			

Carp Recording Journals

Many of you have already received your personalized carp recording journals. We would love to hear what you think. Please send us an email to info@americancarpsociety.com; Subject line: Carp Recording Journal. You can begin entering your information on the link: <http://www.americancarpsociety.com/fishdb.html> Let us know what you think!

MEMBERSHIP

Check out the ACS Membership link on www.americancarpsociety.com and JOIN TODAY!

Many ACS members have already received renewal information in their INBOX. Log on to the e-store today and click on the ACS membership link to renew. Do it TODAY! Two renewal membership options are available:

Option 1 (\$45) – Limited ACS T-shirt (black with gold lettering), Carp Recording Journal (see Fishing Database for more information), ACS benefits which include: monthly e-newsletter, 10% discount at E-Store, 10% discount on entry fees into National Competitions, 10% discount on Enterprise Car Rentals in the U.S., participation in \$500 BIG FISH AWARD (awarded twice yearly), participation in Web Competition, Access to Fishing Journal Database, Access to Lending Library, and packet of ACS hooks.

Option 2 (\$35) – All items stated option 1 with the EXCEPTION of ACS T-Shirt

Junior Carp Membership (\$25) – Available to individuals 18 years and younger. Junior Membership will include: ACS limited T-shirt (black with gold lettering), ACS tackle hooks, and all the benefits ACS members receive. Benefits include: monthly e-newsletter, 10% discount at E-Store, 10% discount on entry fees into National Competitions, 10% discount on Enterprise Car Rentals in the U.S., participation in \$500 BIG FISH AWARD (awarded twice yearly), participation in Web Competition, Access to Fishing Journal Database, and Access to Lending Library.

REFER YOUR FRIEND AND GET A FREEBIE...ACS is holding a membership drive – For every NEW member that joins ACS, the referring member will receive a \$10 gift certificate to the E-Store (No limit on the number of NEW members that a referring member may submit.) Membership drive will run until December 31, 2005. We can't wait to meet your friends.

Do You Want to Share Your Contact Information with Other ACS Members?

We have received some requests from other anglers requesting names of other ACS members who might live near them so that they may fish together. So as you purchase a new membership or renew your existing membership to the American Carp Society we will be asking you if you would like to share your contact information with other ACS members. The contact information (name, address, phone and email) will be on a database located on the American Carp Society website. The database will only be able to be accessed by ACS members. What a great way to meet new friends who might live near you.

LENDING LIBRARY (A NEW ACS Membership Benefit)

ACS is creating a lending library for YOU. We are currently gathering books for you to borrow (\$5/ book). All you will have to do is send us an email at info@americancarpsociety.com; Subject line: Lending Library and we will contact you to gather more information. The grace period will be 30 days and you will be provided with a prepaid envelope so can just drop the envelope into the mailbox when you are ready to return the book. We are happy to accept any books that you might like to donate to the ACS lending library so that others may enjoy the information. Are there any books that you think ACS should have in the lending library? Let us know!

We now have the following books in our lending library...Be sure to check them out TODAY!

- Advanced Rod Building (by Dale Clemens)
- Carp Rigs (by Kevin Maddocks and Julian Cundiff)
- Fox Guide to Carp Rigs
- Management of Carp Fisheries (by Chris Seagrave)
- Carp Baits (by Ken Townley)
- Memories of Carp (by Tim Paisley & Friends)(signed copy)



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AMERICAN CARP SOCIETY ANNOUNCES AUSTIN AS SITE FOR INAUGURAL TEXAS CARP CHALLENGE

Unprecedented Quarter Million Cash Prize for New Texas Carp Record

Bartlesville, OK --- The American Carp Society announced today that Austin has been selected as the site for the first annual ACS Texas Carp Challenge (TCC) March 26-31, 2006. A prize pool like none other in the sport of catch and release carp angling will be offered at the premier tournament.

One lucky angler has the chance to win an astounding \$250,000 cash prize should the new Texas state record for *cyprinus carpio* be established at the competition. Town Lake yielded the current record of 41.5 pounds in March 2005 according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The coveted "Big Four" bonus cash prize of \$25,000 could be awarded to the participant who brings in the four largest fish with a total weight grander than 130 pounds combined during the event.

"These prizes are unprecedented in carp angling," says David Moore, tournament coordinator and a director of the American Carp Society. "As we see the sport of catch and release carp angling gaining momentum in the United States, tournaments and the prizes will undoubtedly grow larger."

"Carp angling is widely accepted in many other countries around the world, so it is certain this tournament will see some international anglers as well," continues Moore. "We expect a good number of talented and acclaimed carp anglers to compete."

The six day tournament will be headquartered in Austin. Competitors will draw for peg position and set out to fish within a seventy-five mile radius of Austin, the Greater Travis County and lower Colorado River region. The 120 hour endurance and skill competition commences on March 26 and ends on March 31. A number of cash and tackle prizes will be awarded throughout the tournament and at the awards ceremonies in Austin.

Texas Carp Challenge registration information, call 918-289-6774 or visit the American Carp Society website at www.americancarpsociety.com.

The American Carp Society provides a broad array of services which include carp tackle and equipment e-store, educational materials and publications, regional and national tournaments and contests. ACS is dedicated to the sport of catch and release carp fishing and promotes the conservation of the species.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ANGLER OF THE YEAR!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ACS SALES REPRESENTATIVE?

ACS is expanding into the whole-sale tackle business. We are currently recruiting interested regional sales persons who want to get in on the ground floor of an organization that is quickly GROWING. If you are interested in becoming a sales representative for your region or have questions about becoming a representative, please send an email to: info@americancarpsociety.com; subject line: Tackle Representative. One of the benefits of becoming an ACS Sales Representative is the opportunity to field test tackle and equipment. What a great way to try it before you buy it!

CAN WE FIND YOU?

Please be sure to send us your updated contact and email information so that you won't miss out on any GREAT NEWS!! Send updates to: support@americancarpsociety.com; subject line: Update Information

We'd also LOVE to hear about YOUR exciting carp news. Send us your fish tales and we'll share them with other ACS members.

AN EXCITING NEW MEMBER BENEFIT...

ACS members will now be provided with John Alden Knight's Original Solunar Tables. The solunar major and minor times will be provided in our monthly newsletter.

The following individuals were nominated for Angler of the Year Award:

- **Louis Cook** – Placed 3rd in the 2005 World Carp Championship and won spring BIG FISH award
- **Matt Coll** – Placed 3rd in the 2005 World Carp Championship
- **Stewart McKenzie** – Placed 2nd in the 2005 World Carp Championship
- **John Tilbrook** – Placed 2nd in the 2005 World Carp Championship
- **Al St Cyr** – Winner of the 2004 ACS Nationals (Hominy, OK)

Congratulations to Louis Cook for being named Angler of the Year.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE?

Is there a book you've read that ACS members might enjoy?

A website or documentary you've found particularly informative?

Please let ACS know. Email at info@americancarpsociety.com; Subject Line: What Do You Like?

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ADVERTISING RATES:

1/8 page = \$20 1/4 page = \$30
1/2 page = \$40 Full page = \$60

Emails can be directed to: sales@americancarpsociety.com; Subject line: E-Newsletter Ads



ACS, BASS PRO AND YOU



ACS is negotiating with Bass Pro. One of the areas in which ACS members can help is by conducting carp seminars at your local Bass Pro store. ACS will help you schedule a time with Bass Pro for your seminars, while Bass Pro will take care of promoting the carp seminar in your area. ACS will provide you with informational literature and presentation ideas and will also pay for minimal costs incurred by the presenter. This is a GREAT opportunity for you to share the thrill and excitement of carp fishing with other anglers.

If you are interested in helping out and promoting our great sport of carp angling to the public, please contact us at membership@americancarpsociety.com; subject line: Bass Pro Seminar

SPAM SOFTWARE: We know many members have spam software.

As you result you may not even realize that we are sending you information. Please add the following addresses to your address book so that you don't miss out on new information:

sales@americancarpsociety.com mail@americancarpsociety.com
ksokolow@twcny.rr.com – Karly Sokolowski's email. She sends out ACS membership and newsletter information.

ACS HAS TEAMED UP WITH CAG

ACS is offering CAG members a 5% discount to the American Carp Society E-store. Follow these steps to activate your discount:

1. Go to www.americancarpsociety.com
2. Enter site
3. Click on "E-Store" link (found on left side of page)
4. Click button to enter "E-Store"
5. On the right side of the page, there is a box titled "Authentication"...Within that box there is a button to "register"...Click
6. Complete form
 - a. Fill in the same name as is on the CAG membership card and use CAG membership number as password. If CAG members don't prefer to use their CAG membership number for their password (as you may prefer to use a password that is easier for you to remember) please place your CAG membership number in one of

the two choices:

- After typing your last name put your CAG membership number in parentheses (For example – Moore (9000))
 - In place of a fax number enter your CAG membership number.
- b. At the bottom under the heading "Username and Password" – Select "CAG" from the drop down menu on the line for "Sign up for membership"
 - c. Hit Submit Button
7. Please allow 24 hours for ACS E-Store personnel to activate your 5% discount.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are an ACS member and a member of CAG, you will only receive the 10% discount. You will not receive both discounts. Thank you for your understanding.

WEB COMPETITION

ACS holds monthly competitions that give members the opportunity of winning a variety of prizes that include tackle, books and magazine subscriptions all related to carp angling. These competitions include trivia and historical questions as well as some creative competitions also. Some answers will require research and others will be found within the ACS website. Winners are announced via our monthly e-newsletter. Some examples of prizes available for winners will be signed books by Tim Paisley and friends such as Carp! and Memories of Carp.

GOOD LUCK!!

Individuals need to correctly answer all questions in order to be eligible for the prize. The winner will be drawn from all individuals who answered correctly. The November Web Competition prize will be a signed copy of the book "Carp" by Tim Paisley and friends. Send answers to membership@americancarpsociety.com; subject line: web competition – November

1. In what country is the River Ebro?
2. Which company designed and patented the bail arm on a fixed spool reel?
3. Which US Angler won the first ACS BIG FISH Award?
4. Between 1870 and 1896 the US Fish commission distributed carp into which countries?

e-STORE UPDATES

Carp Angling 101 Is NOW available for purchase on the e-store.

We have received many requests for this informational DVD. Don't miss out. Purchase your copy today (\$17.50 – which includes shipping).

Town Lake, TX DVD is expected to be released in December 2005. Keep your eyes open for this new DVD filled with more angling tips and techniques.

We want to know what you think of the new e-store. We have sent out emails to those who have purchased items within the last few months. Please let us know what you think what we did well and where we need to improve. Send an email to sales@americancarpsociety.com.

Is there a specific type of tackle and/or equipment that you would like to ACS to offer in our E-Store? ACS wants to hear from you. Email us @ sales@americancarpsociety.com; Subject Line: Recommendations for E-Store

DIRECTORS CORNER



David Moore: I was in Austin, TX the first weekend in October. In between conducting carp seminars hosted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Outdoor Expo, I was able to fish at Town Lake. I happened to catch a PB at 37 lbs. 5 oz. I was able to spend time fishing with Al St Cyr, Richard Somerville, Keith Melrose, and new to carp fishing but already dead keen, Jason Hedlund, who also lives in Austin, TX. Jason managed to catch a new PB of just over 30 lbs and about the same time I caught my PB. Congratulations Jason. I'm sure Jason will be getting several new PB's this coming year! At the carp seminars, I taught some carp angling basics to individuals who participated in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Outdoor Expo. There was the usual audience of blank stares but there were individuals who also asked a lot of great questions. No doubt things are changing. Even the Bass Pro Angler who was working with me during the demonstration spoke high praises of carp and what an under appreciated fighter they are. I received some very good responses from several media outlets about the 2006 Texas Carp Challenge. I have also received emails from individuals who say they definitely won't miss the upcoming 10-day Carp Bonanza and a shot at winning some serious cash. See you on the banks. Cheers, David



Sean Manning: Dear fellow carp anglers (though this comment has to be taken with a pinch of salt pertaining to myself at the moment): I hope all is going well for you this season and that you are able to wet a line or two. I have recently relocated to Dallas, TX and am finding the city enjoyable. As luck would have it my new home is a two-minute walk from a canal that seems to be a home for carp. I am hoping to wet a line in the next two to three weeks. It might be time to break out the float gear! Congratulations to those of you who participated in the 2nd Annual ACS Tournament held this past week. "I know that there has been some controversy as of late regarding the money tournaments and Town Lake but I think it should all end as being positive for the promotion of the sport in the long term. I will be attending the CAG ATC event, which I personally love because of the social that happens. High dollar figure competition fishing isn't for everyone and we understand that. I do hope that the ATC will remain the same and hopefully grow along with all other carp angling competitions in the Texas area. Good luck to all over this next month.... I hope you get to wet a line... I

miss just being by the bank and seeing the sunrise!"
Sean Manning



Wayne Boon: As this Carp Angling season draws to a close for many of you in the Northern states, it's again time to take stock of this season's successes and other learning opportunities (blank sessions). Mother Nature is very unpredictable so I wish you as much excellent pre-winter carp fishing as is possible before the ice takes hold. It's not part of my yearly schedule these days since I moved to Southern California but the chilly "closed carp" season always gave me chance to organize, clean/service reels and other equipment while at the same time ordering tackle I was in need of before packing and storing. I loved (and still do) reading over the notes and looking at the photos that I'd taken while fishing various lakes and rivers throughout the year. This gave me an opportunity to digest and learn even more from my experiences of the previous season making the Spring thaw a very special time indeed while putting the new plans and gear into action and banking as many hungry Carp as I possibly could. Of course, I'd get the chance to fish for other species on and off throughout the winter months but my mind was always on the Carp. Occasionally I'd get a chance to travel south and Carp fish, hope you get an opportunity to do so this winter. Good Luck! As I write these comments, I've just returned from the prestigious CAG event, the Chicago Carp Classic, and had a wonderful time in the company of many good friends. Even though not many fish were caught during the actual tournament I thoroughly enjoyed myself and found the journey across country well worth the effort. I'll be back again next year! There is no doubt about it, the icing on the cake during a tournament is to catch and release a huge amount of fish... Hopefully, emerging victorious at the end of the proceedings but for me, that is just part of the fun. Even though I'm a true introvert at times, it's the social aspect of such events that excite me. Having so many like minded folks gathered in one spot, all sharing information and learning from each other about Carp Angling... Yes, that's what it's all about for me! Its amazing how Carp fishing seems to bring the best out of most folks, long may it live, grow and prosper... While we are on the subject of sharing, I'd like to start covering some of the techniques and methods I commonly employ to catch carp. During the next year or so I hope to cover everything from common maintenance, storage, and safe transportation of your tackle to bait presentations and where to cast them for hopefully, the best results. If you would like to share any of your favorite techniques or

tips? Send to info@americancarpsociety.com or to me directly at wayne@americancarpsociety.com. Let's try to get a true 2 way street going here in the coming months... Sincerely, Wayne.

Let's start here, with a subject and method that is dear to my heart. A technique that is commonly referred to as "fishing the method."

'FISHING THE METHOD'

Indeed a method that has accounted for many fish including quite a few 30's for me during the last few years. How to "**Fish The Method**". Basically, what you're trying to do when "fishing the Method" is to create a very competitive feeding situation for the carp in your swim. You'll often hear the term "pre-occupation" this is just one in the same thing really. The carp are so busy competing with each other for the morsels of food you're presenting that they tend to make mistakes and get themselves hooked... if that is, your end rig is doing its job. So that begs the question, how the heck do we get them into this frenzied state and force them to make an error? Obviously first you have to be fishing in a swim/peg that is likely to contain underwater features that carp favor frequenting and feeding on. There is no use in fishing even the best techniques in an area where the carp don't feed. But that is a whole 'nother can of worms. Next we need a food item that will keep them busy for a while, this is where the method mix comes in... "Fishing The Method" involves molding a paste or pack bait around a purpose built cage on your hook length. Tip: A fairly sturdy rod is needed to cast a fully loaded method cage out, it could weigh around 5 or 6 oz! A 2.75lb test curve rod is recommended as a minimum. Lets talk

about the basic mix that I use: To start with soak a wild birdseed food in Salty water for at least 24 hours, 36 hours is preferred so plan ahead. You can find the birdseed in most large grocery stores in the petfood section. Tip: Try not to use water from your kitchen faucet, as it's more than likely going to be chlorinated and/or have fluoride in it. Use rain or lake water... As it doesn't often rain here in Southern California between April and late October I often cart a few buckets of lake water home to top off my water collection bins if I know a session is on the cards soon.

Tip: Use two tablespoons of salt per 5 gallon bucket of water, some folks I know use even more but I encourage you to experiment yourself to find a level you're comfortable with. Note: Please don't skimp on the time here because you need the seed to be thoroughly soaked and expanded before presenting it to the fish, otherwise you are feeding the fish with seeds that may seriously harm them!!! When dry seeds of any kind are soaked (re-hydrated) they expand in size by somewhere around 20+% of their original dry size. You don't want any fish with a gut full of semi soaked seeds for obvious reasons. If you also use hemp or any of the larger particles in your mix such as maize, garbanzo or any other kind of beans, please make sure they have also been boiled at a vigorous boil for at least 30 minutes in addition to the 24-36 hour soak. If in any doubt do both the soak and boil to make sure of the fish's safety.



Birdseed Food Dry



Birdseed Food after a 36 hour soak

I like to add flavor to the water that I soak the seeds in, two of my favorites are molasses and vanilla extract but use whatever you're already comfortable with... Here are some examples of flavor and attractants that are presently in my bait fridge.

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Some of the Flavors & Attractants in the fridge at the moment

To bind the mix and hold it onto the cage I use bread crumbs, again obtainable from the grocery store or make your own by drying out sliced bread in the sun or in the oven on a low heat and then crunching into crumbs. Place the amount of soaked seed you need into a bowl with a little of the water they were soaking in and then start adding the bread crumb.



Add the Bread Crumbs and mix

At this stage you can add any other ingredients you want to try such as sweetcorn, fishmeal, csl/pakka/hemp pellets, betaine, cold pressed hemp oil etc. and it's a big "etc..." But I advise to keep it simple at first. Keep adding the bread crumb slowly while you're mixing, if you need more water add very carefully a few drops at a time while mixing. You want to end up with a consistency that will mold well around the cage and stay

together during your cast but not take any more than about 15/20 minutes to totally breakdown and fall off your cage once its hit the bottom of the lake. Tip: Keep some of the soaked seed back for use later in the session...



Finished Method Mix

Now we've got the mix together lets look at the business end of the rig and how to present your hook bait.



Method Rig Components

Tip: Method cages come in various designs and sizes from 1oz up to 3oz are common, the one shown above is the ACS version and is fairly typical in design. Personally, I like the heaviest version available because I like the feeder cage to act as a bolt rig lead where the weight of the feeder actually sets the hook as the carp it "bolts off" after picking up the bait. Choose your hook (size 6's & 4's work for me) and tie the hook length material you've chosen using the knotless knot with a hair. Alternatively, if you're not a "hair fan," no problem, just tie the hook with your usual knot and side hook the bait making sure the point of the hook is showing. Tie the other end of the hook length to a size 8 swivel.



Tied Hook length

Tip: As shown below, thread an 18 to 24" length of rig tubing onto the end of your mainline to stop the line getting behind the carp's scales and pulling them off during the fight. This also gives the line a lot of added abrasion resistance when fishing rocky or snaggy areas. Next, take the method cage and thread it onto your

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mainline as shown pushing the rig tubing into the rubber tail at the top of the method cage, dab with a spot of super glue to secure and then attach the mainline to your hook length via the swivel.



Tubing & Cage on Mainline



Attach Hooklength #1



Attach Hooklength #2

Now gently push the swivel home into the soft rubber grommet at the base of the cage. All Fox, Korda and ACS method cages have the soft rubber grommets in their base for this purpose. Tip: Regardless of how you rig up the method cage make sure that it is semi-fixed

to your mainline, that is, if you break off and the fish is swimming around with the hook in it's mouth and method cage trailing behind it make sure that the cage can pull free of the broken line when it gets snagged. This will ensure that the fish doesn't get tethered to the snag and dies a slow hungry death. Pack the mix quite tightly around your method cage as shown below and bait the hair with the bait of your choice and cast out to your chosen feature.

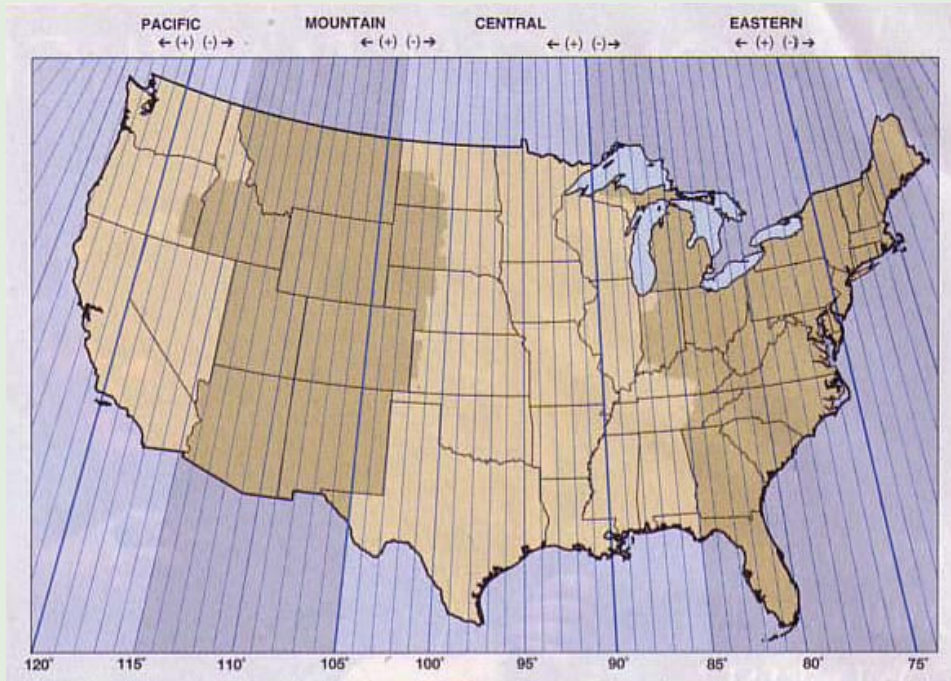


Method Ball



Baited and Ready to go #1

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SOLUNAR PHASES (map above reprinted from In-Fisherman magazine)

SOLUNAR TABLES for NOVEMBER 2005

PRINTED IN STANDARD TIME - ADD 1 HR. FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. Solunar Periods begin approximately at the times shown in the SOLUNAR TABLES and continue for about an hour to two hours thereafter.
PLEASE NOTE: You will need to adjust your times depending on your location in the United States.

Date	Day	AM Minor	PM Major	AM Minor	PM Major	Date	Day	AM Minor	PM Major	AM Minor	PM Major
1	Tue	3:45	9:50	4:00	10:10	17	Thur	5:15	11:35	5:45	----
2	Wed	4:25	10:30	4:40	10:55	18	Fri	6:15	12:05	6:50	12:35
3	Thur	5:10	11:30	5:40	----	19	Sat	7:10	1:05	7:55	1:35
4	Fri	6:15	12:00	6:45	12:30	20	Sun	8:15	2:05	8:45	2:30
5	Sat	7:15	1:05	7:50	1:35	21	Mon	9:10	3:00	9:40	3:25
6	Sun	8:20	2:10	8:55	2:40	22	Tue	10:00	3:50	10:30	4:15
7	Mon	9:25	3:15	10:00	3:45	23	Wed	10:50	4:40	11:15	5:00
8	Tue	10:30	4:20	11:00	4:45	24	Thur	11:30	5:20	11:55	5:40
9	Wed	11:30	5:20	----	5:45	25	Fri	----	5:55	12:05	6:15
10	Thur	12:00	6:05	12:20	6:30	26	Sat	12:30	6:30	12:45	6:50
11	Fri	12:45	6:50	1:05	7:15	27	Sun	1:05	7:05	1:20	7:30
12	Sat	1:25	7:35	1:50	8:00	28	Mon	1:45	7:45	2:00	8:10
13	Sun	2:15	8:15	2:30	8:40	29	Tue	2:25	8:30	2:40	8:55
14	Mon	2:55	9:00	3:15	9:25	30	Wed	3:10	9:15	3:25	9:45
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Moon in Apogee Nov. 23

Moon in Perigee Nov. 10

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6-12 hours. It will still be nice and warm after a day. When mashed by hand it becomes a perfect medium for adding freebie hook baits. If it's still a bit sloppy a few breadcrumbs or ground pellet will fix it. Bind it rock hard if need be.

Sean: What are your thoughts on hooklengths when using the method and are there any situations when you'd use a long hooklength when using this presentation?

Phil: My typical hooklength is around 6". The only time I would consider using a longer one is when fishing over weed, but I prefer to find / create a clear patch or let the method just sit on the weed for the fish to find naturally.

Sean: Now I know you live in the DC area but have also traveled throughout the USA in search of the great fish. Where is favorite venue in the United States?

Phil: Simple answer would be the Tidal Basin , its been kind to me, but you have got to love tourists... ;-)) Alternative venues are the quiet out of the way spots where you can really unwind and enjoy the session even if the fishing is slow. Those places are staying under wraps at least for the moment. The great thing about fishing over here is that there is just so much untapped potential, just driving a few hundred miles will mean you have driven past loads of possibly great spots and fish..

Sean: What about back in the UK....do you ever get back over there to fish at all and if so where?

Phil: Not any more, trips back are to see family and fishing takes a back seat.. Now my children are getting old enough to fly over here on their own there seems little point in going back to the crowded island.



A local river common

Sean: Braid or mono and why?

Phil: Currently braid, summer fishing on the St Lawrence it's essential to deal with the weed, and being as I'm lazy it will normally last through the winter. Now I'm totally used to braid and it seems strange to fish with mono.



The 'Lake Orange' mirror

Sean: What's the most memorable session that you can remember Phil and for what reason?

Phil: That's a hard one. There have been some great ones over here, the first time I fished the river with Pat Kerwin. I obtained three PB's to 29.5; this included 14 fish with 8 of them being over 20lbs. Pat's birthday session a few years ago on the tidal Basin, pouring rain,

a 35 and 30 along with several other fish was another memorable session. But the one that really stands out was the trip to a lake in Virginia with Stewart McKenzie and Big Dave (David Moore), where we fished for several days catching quite a few fish then within a couple of hours, Dave had a 30, Stewart a new lake record of a 35, I then had a 36 and then Stewart netted a 33.5 within minutes of mine... it made for some great photos.

Sean: What about favorite fish capture story?

Phil: There are a few here too... A mirror that swims in

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS *(continued)*

the Potomac I caught the day before Valentine's Day one year and two days before Valentine's Day the following year, I'd like to see her again sometime.. The mirror from Orange, my current PB common, which was a repeat capture.. But my first 30 will remain a strong contender for a while, the 37 lb fish from the tidal basin during the CAG DC fishin caught on a bait I had put out to show the MD DNR folks how it was done... 15 minutes later I hook the most impressive fish I had ever seen.. Stewart McKenzie landed it for me; little did I know at the time that it was twice as big as anything he had seen.... It was a great looking fish and the pictures with the basin etc in the background came out real nice.

Sean: What about the competitions Phil. Are you a competition angler or do you tend to prefer the approach the 'one on one' situation with the fish?

Phil: Not really my scene, although I'll have a go, CAGI, CCC, type are more a draw from the social perspective. To me competitions are always down to the luck of the draw, when large sums of money are required for an entry fee I'm always torn with using the same amount for a pleasure session where I get to pick the swim and hopefully haul, I'm not into hassling folk for sponsorship



A nice Potomac River mirror

but if anyone wants to donate to a good cause I might consider it. ;-)).

Sean: Have any Carp anglers influenced you at all? If so, who and why?

Phil: Early days, the 70's, I guess fishing with Bill Lovett and Jeff Kemp got me out and about from the closed circles of Essex ponds / lakes, exposed me to

the names at the time, Fred Wilton, Derek Stritton, Jim Gibbinson etc. The forming of the CAA was interesting but then things in the UK went very secretive... I turned to the sea for a level playing field. A few years before I migrated west to the US I had joined Thurrock AC, an Essex club, with some nice waters and good fish, so I managed to rekindle the carp bug. Over here there has only been one influence on me really, Pat Kerwin. Meeting him was a revelation as far as carp fishing went. Until I met him I hadn't really come to grips with the "scale issues" as there is some serious big water around here...5 gallon buckets of bait or multiples there of became the order of the day and I haven't looked back since. It seemed as though Pat knew everyone who had anything to do with carp fishing in the US. I had told my wife that I would not be fishing from November – March because it was too cold. Pat dragged me to the warm water discharges, the worse the weather got the better the fishing was.... ;-). He introduced me to CAG and from then on I have gotten to meet and fish with a wide variety of good folks in states all over the country. So I guess a big THANK YOU is in order.

Sean: Do you have any items of tackle that you simply cannot do without?

Phil: Nice sharp hooks and some 3 oz leads... ;-). I've been fishing from before most of the current gear was available so I guess in a pinch I could manage with very little.



Another nice Potomac River mirror

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS *(continued)*

Sean: In closing, what are your thoughts on the growing carp scene here in the USA and any words of advice for new anglers just getting into the sport?

Phil: It's nice to be in a country where there is more than enough to go round, heavy pressure on a water is when 4 of us fish for the weekend.. ;-). I'm glad to see the sport progress and for the carp to shed the image it has over here, just seeing how Waddington, NY has become transformed with it being host to the junior tournament is amazing. To the newcomers -my advice would be to take things nice and easy, don't rush to catch huge fish as you might get disappointed if you don't. Enjoy the experience, leave only footprints while taking only photographs, that way there will always be some great sport for the younger generation.

Sean: Thank you "Mr. Goldenballs". We appreciate you taking time to do speak with us and we'll see you on the bank.



Phil's PB common at 59 lb 8 oz!

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Baited and Ready to go #2

Tip: Load one side of the cage up heavier than the other and pin the hook in the mix on the lighter side, this ensures two things. Firstly that your rig doesn't tangle during the cast and secondly that the hookbait always ends up on top of the cage facing the surface of the water and the fish when it lands on the bottom of the lake. I'll typically catapult or spoon up to 10 balls of the method mix out to my feature to get things started and recast my hook bait with a reloaded method cage every 10/20 minutes for the first hour or until I have the fish in front of me.

After I start getting bites and fish in the net and feel the carp are feeding and "elbowing" each other out of the way to get at my bait I reduce the method mix going in and occasionally spod/spoon/catapult some of the birdseed



Mix-Balls & Catapult.

only I kept back earlier out into the swim to keep the carp busy routing around in my swim for the small particles and seed. The trick at this stage is to just put enough food in to keep 'em competitively looking for food and in front of you but not to fill them up. Until you get used to fishing this way I suggest literally sitting on your hands while waiting for a "screaming run" because you tend to get a lot of knock, nudges and beeps when the fish are bumping the method mix off the cage. Wait for the scream of the alarm before you are tempted to lift your rod in to the fish, although technically the weight of the method cage acts as a bolt rig and hooks the fish for you as the fish "bolts" in a panick... Hope this is of some use to you and your friends, good luck and tight lines! Send the photos of your fish in for all to see, we're looking forward to hearing from you. Cheers, Wayne.

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