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THANK YOU TO 2005 WORLD CARP CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORS

For the first time ever, the World Carp Championship was hosted in the United States of America. Though ACS, in association with the I.C.F.A. (International Carp Fishing Association), co-hosted the event for the first time in history, the 2005 WCC success truly could not have occurred without our world class sponsors. ACS would like to give a heartfelt thanks to our sponsors who believed in and supported the WCC. We hope that as ACS members you will show these world class sponsors continued patronage.



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BIG FISH AWARD UPDATE

– Currently leading the BIG FISH AWARD is the member who has caught the 40lb Mirror for the Fall 2005 season competition. Have you caught a bigger one? We want to hear from you.

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FISHING DATABASE (ANOTHER 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 is in a journal that is personalized for you. See example 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:	Solunar Majors:							
Sunset:	Solunar 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:	Moon Phase:							
Water Clarity:	Clear	Strained	Muddy					
Water Level: (ft):	High	Normal/Low						
Swim Location: (Place Coordinates)								
PK Level: (ft)								
Fish Seen?	YES	NO	How Often?					
Pre-Bait?	YES	NO	What Was Used?					
Groundbaiting:	YES	NO	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 / F / 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: (s.k.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:	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.
Length: (in/ft)								
Girth: (in/ft)								
Picture # (on camera)								
Rig Type #1								
Rig Type #2								
Rig Type #3								
Rig Type #4								
Rig Type #5								

ACS held a successful bedchair raffle in which \$400 was raised to benefit the St. Lawrence International Junior Carp Tournament in Waddington, NY. Tom Felton, the actor who plays Draco Malfoy in the Harry Potter movies, pulled the lucky winner from the Caswell's True Value bucket. ACS would also like to give a heartfelt thanks to Caswell's for being a world class sponsor of the 2005 World Carp Championship



Photo courtesy of: Nancy Oakes

MEMBERSHIP

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

Many ACS memberships are about to EXPIRE. We don't want you to miss out on any exciting news. Look for renewal information in your INBOX. 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.

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MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

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.

- ACS member, Michelle Hajkova, with a new PB of 33 lb caught on her birthday!
- Interviews with Stewart McKenzie, John Tilbrook, Matt Coll, and Louis Cook (found on www.americancarpsociety.com website under the 2005 WCC link under interviews).
- Interview with Pat Kerwin
- Photos of Val Grimley's new PB common!

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Michelle Hajkova,
with a new PB of 33 lb

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS - Sean Manning of ACS Interviews Stewart McKenzie

Well guys, first off a big congratulations on your placing second at the 2005 WCC, excellent angling!

What did you do to prepare for the event prior to the commencement?

Firstly Sean, I'd (we'd) like to congratulate ACS for doing a fine job of being hosts, and for putting the USA firmly on the carp fishing map, and secondly, thanks for the congratulations!! As far as preparation goes, I don't honestly think that you can fully prepare for fishing the St. Lawrence River, other than to take every bit of gear you own with you, and to make sure you do plenty of research on the web for stories from other anglers' experiences. The swims along the river can be so different from each other, that you could be fishing somewhere that resembles a lake - with calm water and shallows, or alternatively you could end up with a mega fast flowing section with drop-offs to over 60 feet deep! You really need to make sure that you have the tackle for all situations, and then make the best of it when you finally know the type of swim you are fishing.

Had you ever fished the St. Lawrence before the 2005WCC and if so what have been your experiences?

I am fortunate enough to have fished in the pegged area before this year's WCC. It was back in 2001 when I, along with friends and fellow Carp Anglers Group members, Dave Moore (now obviously a friend and business partner of yours!), Brian Nordberg, Jim West and Craig Clayton. We spent a week bivvied up on Ogden Island, and although we didn't get into the bigger fish, due to an abnormally warm September (fish were out in the really deep water in the shipping lanes), we still ended up with around 400 carp between us, and had a fantastic time. Probably the best lessons I learnt from that trip was to keep your rod tips high in the air and spool up your reels with a good braid (I use 80lb Power Pro), because the zebra mussels can be a nightmare, and as soon as a fish takes you over the marginal shelf, you can be cut off instantly with mono due to the river being full of the tiny razor sharp mussels.

When you first arrived at your swim what were your initial thoughts?

After the peg draw, (which was a very intense and stressful evening, I can tell you), we took a drive to our peg, which was #76. We did this because we were hugely disappointed after seeing it on the map, because it looked like we were in a small bay with really shallow water

around the entrance to it (2 feet deep on the map!!). On arrival at the area we were to fish, we realized the bay was massive, and if it were in England would have about 50 carpers around it every weekend! We couldn't tell where our peg actually was in the dark, so would have to wait till the morning for a proper look. When we did get down there in the morning, and found our peg marker, we were reasonably happy because we had the entire bay to our left to ourselves, and also access to some deeper water out in front of us, and to the right. It also boosted our confidence when a few fish head and shouldered just to let us know that they were there - Game on!!



In regards to baiting strategies: it's a big river so how did you approach that?

Baiting strategies? well, knowing that we could find ourselves with a huge shoal of hungry carp in front of us, we came well prepared!! We pushed John's minivan to the limits, and it looked more like a low rider than a van designed to carry the kids around in! We had brought with us a huge array of bait, including; 40 odd kilos of boilies, countless buckets of pre-soaked maize, chick peas, peanuts and tiger nuts, 100lb of hemp, 250lb of maize, 350lb of cracked corn, mollasses and other goodies to make enough method mix to sink a ship and to keep us going for the next 5 days!! Our strategy was really to bait up a few promising looking areas in the margins, and in the clear patches between the numerous weed beds. John was going to fish the method with maize as a hookbait, and I was fishing boilies to try and catch the biggun! We didn't want to put a massive amount of bait out there at first, just in case the fish had bugged off by the time our rods went in, but after catching a few, we religiously made sure that we kept working at it, and kept the swim topped up at all times.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

What about tackle used?

I'll let John tell you about his tackle, but mine consisted of a pair of Nick Buss-built Century XTC's in 3.25 TC and either my Daiwa Emblem reels or my new Shimano Thunnus 6000F's (depending on the distance I'd need to cast). It turned out that we only really fished within 25 – 75 yards, so I chose to fish with the Thunnus's (or Thunni as we call 'em!). As I learnt from my previous St. Lawrence experience, all my reels were spooled with 80lb Power Pro, and I used 4oz Korda gripper leads and size 4 Fox Series 2XS hooks. Hooklength material was Fox 25lb Delude, and I also had around 2.5 feet of Fox leadcore to keep the business end nicely pinned down.

Bait?

I think I already answered this question, but I would like to add that the boilies we were using were the new ones from Angling Lines Baits. These are the Angling Lines Specials, which are a blend of fish meals, robin red, ground bird food, amino acids and a highly attractive crab flavour. Used by one of the Angling Lines staff for the last 10 years this bait has a proven track record all over France, and was a great choice for the St. Lawrence! I fished boilies on one of my rods, and fished the method, with popped up maize on the other one.

Were you able to get any type of sponsorship for the event?

Trying to get sponsorship for the event was my biggest headache, and ever since I heard about the WCC back in September last year, I have written and e-mailed probably every fishing and outdoor related company in England and the USA. Being an unknown ex-pat carper meant it was very difficult to get anyone to commit to anything, and also for the US companies, the slightest mention of carp, turned people off instantly! How they must be kicking themselves now!!! I did manage to get a few sponsors though, these were; Angling Lines Baits - who gave us a bunch of boilies, pop ups and dips; Hemp Oil Canada – who donated 100lb of hemp and some hemp oil; Petzl – gave us a pair of the new Tactikka headlamps; Power Pro – provided the braid; and the two people who gave us the much needed cash towards the \$2500 entry fee were my good friend PJ who runs a Chiropractic office in the town I live in, 'Blue Ridge Chiropractic', and a printer that the company I work for, BRTRC, uses - 'Colorcraft of Virginia'. Without all of these generous folks, we would have likely not been able to participate, so a HUGE THANK YOU to them!

What was your view on the WCC?

My take on the WCC is this. Yes, there were a few minor problems, but for a massive undertaking such as this, not everything was going to be perfect, and I feel that yourself, together with Dave and Wayne, and also Kathy, did a fantastic job in putting the biggest Carp fishing tournament the world has ever seen together, and making a damn good job of it. The WCC will be back (I hope) and will be better the next time, and hopefully I'll get the chance to bring the trophy back to the USA!! ;-)

What are your thoughts about the future of Carp Angling and the carp as a sport fish here in the USA?

After being a past Director of the Carp Anglers Group, and also putting together their quarterly newsletter, the North American Carp Angler (NACA), I have seen things happen, and can honestly say that in the last 4 years or so, the sport has grown immensely in the US, and it's popularity will continue to grow, when people like yourselves (ACS) and the other American carp tackle and bait providers continue to provide tackle and bait to the American carp angler. There has been a huge amount of publicity around this tournament and it's only a matter of time before people start to realize that America offers some of the best (if not THE best) carp fishing in the world, and that the humble carp is without a doubt the WORLD'S GREATEST SPORTFISH!!

Cheers mates, and keep up the good work!
Stewart McKenzie.

Thanks so much for your time, really appreciate it.
Cheers, Sean Manning



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS - Sean Manning of ACS Interviews John Tilbrook

Well guys, first off a big congratulations on your placing second at the 2005 WCC, excellent angling!

Thanks Sean.

What did you do to prepare for the event prior to the commencement?

Where do I start? Stewart invited me to be his partner back in January 2005 and I guess the preparation started right back then. Initially it centered around doing internet research into the river, swims, fish, going bait etc and trying to attract sponsorship for our team. I'd never fished from the USA side of the river and wanted to find out as much as I could. As time progressed I started thinking more about what sort of bait and tackle was going to be needed that was different to what I'd been using on other rivers/still waters. I invested in a set of Diawa Pro reels in the main because of the added line capacity and the fact that they have aluminum spools reducing the risk of spool collapse under the increased pressure I was expecting them to receive. I also stocked up on heavier leads, Power Pro line, heavy-duty hooks and stronger hook-links than I would normally use because of the big fish, heavy currents and snags I knew existed in the river. Expecting that I would be fishing with rod tips up and not wanting the rods to be pulled in by taking fish I also made some custom rod butt cups which screwed into my rear buzz bar. Then of course came the question of sacks for holding the fish between marshal weigh-in visits. Stewart and I (prompted by the ACS forum) had determined that we needed 20 sacks and between us at the time we had 2!!! We didn't want to spend big \$\$\$ on sacks that we probably wouldn't have a need for after the competition, so I volunteered to make them. I became fairly proficient on the sowing machine in the end and managed to have 20 finished before the start of the competition. We also gave

a fair amount of thought to the baiting question once we knew boats were not an option. I made up two baiting devices, one of which was a tin bucket with an eye bolt at the bottom which could be floated/drifted out to the feeding spot and inverted to drop 2.5 liters of bait in one go (needed flow or wind for that one to work) and the second was a huge catapult designed to shoot balls of method mix out into the swim. As the date drew closer I made up plenty of spare rigs with the intention of cutting one off and tying on another if I became in the least bit concerned about hooks being sharp, hook links being frayed etc. Also started soaking/boiling particles a week out from departure date so that we had 15 gallons of maize/chick peas/hemp/maple peas ready to go when we first arrived. We kept a close eye on the ACS forum page to glean as much information from fellow competitors/organizers as we could. We thought about and spoke regularly about speed fishing techniques that were adapted from match fishing ideas we'd seen/read about whilst in the UK. Packing and preparing food for the week had to be addressed in advance (a big thanks to our wives for helping out with that one). And finally for me at least, I wasn't in the best of physical shape and I was convinced that stamina was going to play a big part. Consequently from February on I worked to get myself in better physical shape so I didn't burn out half way through the week!

Had you ever fished the St. Lawrence before the 2005WCC and if so what have been your experiences?

I have fished the St Lawrence on three previous occasions in 2002, 2003 and 2004 but only from the Canadian side. Time on these trips was very limited due to the fact that I was really there on a family holiday so I only fished a few hours early morning before the family got up and a few hours in the evening back at camp. The first year I was really ill prepared for the style of fishing and only managed a few fish to upper teens for the few hours I had available. The second year I knew what to expect and did much better catching perhaps 70 or so fish up to low 20's. The problem was the time of year I fished was always during the spawn and consequently I was really only catching the smaller male fish. Third year I really wanted to try for a bigger fish so focused on the deeper areas but still only managed fish to upper teens again. Even so I fell in love with the place and learned a great deal in those sessions that prepared me well for the WCC.

When you first arrived at your swim what were your initial thoughts?

When we drew the peg Saturday night and checked out the details on the map and realized we were pegged on



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

the entrance to a shallow bay we knew our chances at the state record were slim. We felt that we had a shot at the championship if the fish were there in sufficient numbers prior to the spawn. I did predict (correctly) that we'd probably have a lower average sized fish to those pegged on the main river but felt we were well equipped for dealing with the sort of swim we'd drawn. We did actually go and take a quick look at the bay in which we were pegged on Saturday night after the draw just to get a scale of the place and because both of us felt we couldn't sleep without having an idea of where we were going to spending the next week. When we actually arrived Sunday morning we both felt good about the swim. We had a great deal of scope in terms of depth and features plus we saw a fish head and shoulder shortly after we arrived which is always a huge confidence boost! The other thing that we liked was the fact that we felt we could fish very effectively at night since we had little or no flow to contend with so we knew our rigs would remain effective even if they were out for prolonged periods..

In regards to baiting strategies: it's a big river so how did you approach that?

Because we were on the entrance to a bay our baiting strategy didn't have to contemplate heavy currents and shifting bait. Even so we did have to apply our watercraft to establish where it would be best to intercept passing fish. Prior to the 1 pm commencement of baiting we spent considerable time leading and plumbing to get an idea of bottom contours, make up and water depth. Stewart initially opted to fish to holes in the weed and I fished the edge of the weed line and the bottom of the marginal shelf. Consequently all three of these areas were fairly heavily baited with the afore mentioned particles as well as Angling Lines specials and balls of method mix. We knew from previous experience that it was difficult to overfeed the St Lawrence carp but even so we wanted to build the swim rather than filling it in from the off as we were not sure how many fish were in the bay and whether they were resident or transitory. As the week progressed and the fish started to build in numbers and/or confidence we increased the bait, introducing several spoons of particles & boilies and several balls of method mix after each fish.

What about tackle used?

Stewart I'm sure will give you a breakdown of his gear. As for me I took virtually everything I owned since I wasn't sure what sort of peg we would draw. Upon arriving at the peg I initially set up with two 12' Greys Prodi-

gy 2.75lb TC rods with Diawa Emblem Pros loaded with 14 lb Berkley XT, three feet of Fox lead core, 2oz Fox method feeder and 10 -12" of 20lb Fox Delude hook-link tied to size 4 Fox series 2 XS hooks. I also used line aligners and Kryston drop 'em on the hook links to ensure maximum hooking efficiency and optimum concealment of terminal tackle. I know it was probably unnecessary with the St Larry carp but I totally believe in confidence and this was a World Championship after all and I didn't want to cut corners. As my 'spare' rod I set up a 2.25lb TC float rod with Shimano Baitrunner, 12lb soft steel, 3AAA waggler and size 6 hook. I'm a big fan of float fishing and I felt I might be able to fish the near shelf more effectively with a float. In truth I had too many line bites with the float so abandoned it in favour of the lead core set up as it kept the terminal gear pinned down out of the way until I got a positive take. The only changes I made to my gear during the week were onto 50lb Power Pro line after a cut off early Tuesday morning and a move to popped up hook baits. Initially I did this to make sure my hook bait stood out amongst the saucer sized rocks I was fishing into in one marginal swim but it proved so successful that I adopted it on both rods for the last two days of the tournament.



Bait?

Loose feed particles as detailed above. Bait on the hair varied between corn, giant maize, chick peas, Angling Lines special boilies and tigers. By far the most successful baits were the A.L. specials and the giant maize. All my fish were taken using method tactics where the main ingredient of the mix was boiled cracked corn but this was mixed with a blend of additives designed to stiffen the mix, give off a strong oily scent as well as put micro

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

particles of varying buoyancy into the swim intended to attract fish down that might be cruising above the bottom.

Were you able to get any type of sponsorship for the event?

Stewart did!! Angling Lines, Canada Hemp Oil, Power Pro, Petzl, Colorcraft of Virginia and ???Chiropractic (check Stewart's response) all generously contributed towards our efforts. A also think a big thank you has to go to our wives Kristen (Stewart's wife) and my wife Liz for their support and encouragement – particularly since they were both left at home to take care of our kids for a week by themselves! Although I didn't do too well with the sponsorship I did manage to get my local paper interested enough to do a half page piece prior to the competition, daily updates during the week and a two-column follow up the Sunday after the competition concluded. All good publicity for ACS and carp fishing in the USA. We're hoping our result gets enough interest that we can attract sponsorship for Stewart and I to go to next years WCC in South Africa.

What was your view on the WCC?

Loved it! I've never fished a big tournament before, as I generally prefer to pit my wits against the fish and not other anglers but without doubt it was extremely exciting and a fantastic opportunity to meet some talented and dedicated anglers. Also thought the whole event organization was fantastic, from the web site right through to the award ceremony – kudos to you guys at the ACS. Also

couldn't let the opportunity go by to thank the volunteers that gave so generously of their time before, during and after the event.

What are your thoughts about the future of Carp Angling and the carp as a sport fish here in the USA?

I think the future looks brighter but there are a lot of long held prejudices that still need to be overcome. As long as carp are extensively bow fished they will always be regarded as second-class, which is a shame because as a sport species there is little to rival them in the USA. I know that the Euro style of carp angling always attracts a lot of attention because it looks so vastly different to what most Americans are used to and those inquisitive enough to question and observe become sufficiently interested to want to know more. I think the CAG and ACS along with the publicity the WCC attracted can only be a good thing for the sport. I truly believe carp fishing is on the increase in the USA and in the coming years we will see greater numbers of Americans broadening their horizons beyond the much smaller species traditionally pursued. I think it's very encouraging that a number of USA based teams finished in the top 10 at the WCC, it's just a shame the US outdoor and angling publications don't appear to have seized on this more to get such a patriotic nation behind the success. If America won a national title in almost any other sport I'm sure it would be front-page news!

Thanks so much for your time, really appreciate it.

Cheers, Sean Manning

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS - Sean Manning of ACS Interviews Matt Coll

Well guys, first off a big congratulations on your placing third at the 2005 WCC, excellent angling!

What did you do to prepare for the event prior to the commencement?

The majority of our preparations were just accumulating all the supplies and getting mentally ready for the event. We purchased massive reserves of tackle we have faith in - Gamakatsu G-Carp specialist hooks, ACS safety clips, Power Pro, and a huge amount of custom made leads. The mailman was actually angry when he delivered my leads because the box was so heavy and he could barely lift it!

Next, we had been perfecting a particle mixture for some time and we continued to test it on the local rivers with

great results, so we made sure to have nearly 1000lbs of a blend of particles, pellets, maize and other additives. Getting that in containers and in the van was a challenge in itself.

Other than acquiring copious amounts of tackle and making sure we had all the essentials to be comfortable for 5 days in potentially harsh conditions, it was a matter of getting ready mentally. Louis and I have known each other for 20 years, so we knew our strong friendship and all our previous experiences together would allow us to work well as a team. But it was really a matter of preparing yourself for the best or worst of situations and being ready to cope with whatever happened. We knew it was going to be a challenging endurance test and emotional rollercoaster ride, but we were up to the challenge.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Had you ever fished the St. Lawrence before the 2005WCC and if so what have been your experiences?

I had never fished the St. Lawrence, so I was relying on Louis' experience and the experience of many of my friends who fished the river. Certainly, advice from other Carp Anglers Group members was helpful. No doubt, I'll be back frequently since it is only about 7 hours from Philadelphia.

When you first arrived at your swim what were your initial thoughts?

My first thoughts were: why are there cows surrounding us?!?!?! Seriously, we are from the city and did not expect to be surrounded by cows, but they were very peaceful animals. After they moved along, I thought to myself, "This looks like a stunning place to fish for 5 days". Aesthetically, the plush grass field, crystal clear water, crisp blue skies and most importantly, the leaping carp all formed one stunning scene. Knowing what the contour maps showed and from the read-outs from my Hummingbird Smartcast, I knew we had some great structure in front of us. A shallow point upstream created some current obstruction. The downstream side of the point dropped sharply to 30ft and this drop off curved in towards the shore. From the bank in front of us, it dropped to almost 20ft. 20yards from the shore. At 30yards, it sharply dropped from 20 to 30ft. We almost instantly knew the base of this drop-off would be the natural patrol route of carp. From the beginning, we knew we had a great peg.

In regards to baiting strategies: it's a big river so how did you approach that?

Our main approach to the actual bait we would use was to have a variety of particles covering a wide spectrum of sizes, shapes and colors. Maize, a variety of seeds, pellets, whole and crushed boilies, and most importantly, binding ingredients such as calf milk replacer (similar to powdered milk, but much higher in protein and crude fat) and crumbled chicken food. The binding ingredients were important not only because they allowed us to make balls of groundbait that will make it to the bottom whole and will be less likely to get swept away in the current, but these ingredients also create a clouding effect.

This variety of particles and boilies provides a diverse foraging base for the fish and it also makes hookbaits less suspicious to wary carp because they do not stick out. Over the course of the 5 days, we used about 500-600lbs

of bait and we even returned home with about 300+lbs of bait!

From day 1-2 we heavily baited a variety of locations and depths, but the bulk of our bait was placed along the drop-off point that was the prime feature. By the middle of day 2, we almost exclusively baited along the drop-off point in 25-30ft of water. The stringy moss that grew heavily along this rocky drop off point was full of natural food. When we would reel-in clumps of the stuff we found tiny worms and snails. Knowing this was natural patrol and feeding route, we introduced copious amounts of our bait in a long line at the topside and base of the drop-off. We baited a straight line of boilies and baseball sized balls of our particle blend from the inside edge of the upstream point all the way downstream 75yards or so. Using a throwing stick, we deposited a line of boilies over top the balls of feed. Every cast was followed by about 5-10 particles balls shot on top using a catapult or CarprUs baitsling. The particle balls also contained whole and crushed boilies. We wanted boilies to be associated with the balls of particles, because we fished a matching particle method and boilies.



What about tackle used?

2.75tc Daiwa Powermesh Rods; Okuma Epixor Reels; 30lb Power Pro line (we were prepared to step up to 65lb Power Pro, but we did not experience any cut offs); Gamkatsu G-Carp Specialist Hooks (size 1); ACS safety clips and swivels; ACS 25lb sinking braid hook length (usually a 12" hooklength). We used 6oz. flat, circular leads. I used a tri-pod of Fox storm poles to get the tips up high and Fox MMX alarms.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Bait?

Primary bait was 20mm Mainline Essential Opals fished snowman style with either 15mm Mainline Essential opal pop-ups or milky toffee pop-ups. We fished the method using massive method balls that weighed upwards of 10oz. The massive method ball would completely cover any moss or grass growing along the edge of the drop-off point, thus ensuring a perfectly presented hookbait in a massive pile of food. We started using the massive method ball after a couple experiences with the hook covered in the moss and PVA bags weren't suitable for the job.

Were you able to get any type of sponsorship for the event?

The closest thing we had to a sponsor was www.dugancom.com allowed us to borrow the company van to haul all our stuff (www.dugancom.com is owned by my brother-in-law). Otherwise, no sponsorship whatsoever! We were turned down by numerous companies we approached. Certainly, we hope to gain some sponsorship now for upcoming national and international competitions.

What was your view on the WCC?

I thought the whole event was absolutely amazing start to finish. ACS, all the sponsors, the volunteers and everyone

involved did an amazing job with this event. I would do it again in a heartbeat. Competing against some of the best carp anglers the world over was unbelievable. Besides the fishing, the social atmosphere was fantastic, everyone I met was super-friendly.

What are your thoughts about the future of Carp Angling and the carp as a sport fish here in the USA?

Carp is already a well-known and respected sportfish by those "in-the-know" here in the US, but it just hasn't received the full respect and major coverage that other species get. Until Now! I think the WCC has brought a great deal of favorable press to carp on a national and international level. Besides the changing attitudes of anglers here in the US, where more people are recognizing carp as a challenging and worthy quarry, I just think the US has SO much untapped potential. Pennsylvania alone has millions of acres of unexplored potential in the lakes and rivers. There are tons of "big fish" waters just waiting to be discovered and I plan on finding some of them! Locally in Philadelphia, Louis and I have already converted a bunch of people into full fledge carp addicts through our website www.fishguys.org. Once people experience the joys of carp fishing, there's no turning back!

Thanks so much for your time, really appreciate it.

Cheers, Sean Manning

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS - Sean Manning of ACS Interviews Louis Cook

Well guys, first off a big congratulations on your placing third at the 2005 WCC, excellent angling!



What did you do to prepare for the event prior to the commencement?

In short, a lot. Matt and I spent months discussing what we would need in worst case scenarios. We brought pounds and pounds of leads up to 8 ounces, and a roll of wire to bind them together if need be. We each had hundreds of hooks and safety clips, and we brought 3000 yards of extra line in 30 lb and 65 lb strengths. We took the maximum allowed number of rods. We loaded our van up with nearly 1000 lbs of mixed baits, a turkey fryer with several propane tanks, coolers of food, gallons and gallons of water, two tents, tarps, and enough spare batteries to last a lifetime.

Had you ever fished the St. Lawrence before the 2005WCC and if so what have been your experiences?

I have. Last summer, I went to Coles Creek state park to see what the mighty St. Lawrence was really all about. I took my girlfriend, Rebecca. We had a leisurely four days

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where we barely had our rods in the water. Altogether after 30 hours of actual fishing 3 rods, we landed around 70 fish at about 1150 lbs total.

(read more about it if you want here: <http://www.website-toolbox.com/tool/post/pfishguys/vpost?id=159805>)

I knew I'd be back. And once our dream of competing in the WCC started to materialize, I figured the sheer numbers of fish and endurance necessary to win this contest would be an advantage for me and Matt over the competitors who were used to European waters. I hope to return later in the summer.

When you first arrived at your swim what were your initial thoughts?

Mooooooooooooo! Our swim was in a cow pasture. It was really funny. The cows were curious and wandered over to us pretty often. Once we stopped laughing and chasing the cows around, we used a hummingbird smartcast depth finder and realized we were within casting distance of deep water, a shelf and a weed bed. We were very satisfied. All that was left was to wait and see if the fish interacted with these structures as we were predicting.

In regards to baiting strategies...it's a big river so how did you approach that?

Balls of method were used for our groundbait. We have spent a long time crafting a method mix that could be slightly altered to be effective in a variety of circumstances. Obviously we have our flavors and attractants, but more important in this case was the overall structure. There were particles of varying sizes from maize to Niger seed to millet, and boilies up to 20 mm. Because we ended up in fast water, we made the mix a bit stiffer so that it would break slowly. Larger heavy balls hold bottom better than individual particles. As the method breaks down particles of varying buoyancy drift to varying distances creating a trail for fish to follow right to our swim. We could tell when a school was coming, because they would start crashing 50 yards downstream.

What about tackle used?

Pretty standard Euro-style carp gear. I have 12' fox tourist rods and okuma epixor reels. My preferred mainline is 30 lb powerpro, although I was prepared with spools of 65 if the Zebra mussels were a problem. I used mostly Gamakatsu G-carp hooks, ACS safety clips and a six ounce flat river lead. We used pretty simple rigs tied with ACS

sinking braid since these fish are most likely "first timers" on the bank.

Bait?

Mostly mainline essential opal. We brought many, many kilos of them, as well as a few kilos of royal corn micro boilies. Our method recipe is flavored with our own concoction which we jokingly call Skuke-ex. It's named for the Schuylkill River here in Philadelphia.



Were you able to get any type of sponsorship for the event?

Sort of. Matt's brother in law lent us his company van. That's it. We tried to approach some tackle companies with a proposal and a small portfolio, we were nobodies to them. I came in second with our runner, Donald Hoffer at the ATC, and sure, we had pictures of a lot of big fish, but it really didn't matter much to any of the companies we spoke with. Looking back on it, we probably should have approached more European companies. Hopefully next year we will be taken more seriously. I still can't believe we even pulled it off. Matt and I have both been finishing graduate school, and working part time jobs for the last few years. It really took every last dime we had to make this happen.

What was your view on the WCC?

I will never forget it. This was one of the greatest things I have ever been lucky enough to be a part of. I told Matt before fishing even began that it was already more than worth it. We met Tim Paisley and Steve Briggs as soon as we arrived at the hotel. We met anglers from Poland, Ukraine, Canada and a number of other countries right away. We all got along and had fun together, and that alone was worth everything we went through to get there.

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Once fishing started we had neighbors from Romania that were fun to chat with. They came to have fun just like we did. We all celebrated together when a nice fish was caught despite which team caught it. I caught my biggest fish, a 37_04 on an SBS frankfurter-Sausage boilie that Soren, our Romanian friend gave me. I was impressed with the level of camaraderie and good sportsmanship I witnessed and I hope more than anything that Matt and I have another chance to see it.

What are your thoughts about the future of Carp Angling and the carp as a sport fish here in the USA?

It is certainly on the come-up. Matt and I have spent a great deal of time on "carp awareness" in Philadelphia with our web site, www.fishguys.org. There are lots of people doing just that, like ACS and the Carp Anglers Group. I say carp awareness very deliberately, because

once someone realizes what it's like to track, fight and land a carp, carp angling sells itself. It's fun. That's all there is to it. It's just a matter of time until it really takes off; it's already started.

Thanks so much for your time, really appreciate it.

I appreciate the opportunity you provided us Sean. We'd have never made it out of the states for something like this, now we may have a chance to do it again in the future. If you want to read more about our trip I wrote a little story here: <http://www.temple.edu/tylerstudentlife/fishes/places/2005/wcc/index.html>

If you would like any of the pictures on there just let me know - there are some really good ones.

Thanks again! Louis A. Cook

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS - Sean Manning of ACS Interviews Pat Kerwin

Pat Kerwin is one of the foremost Carp Anglers today in the United States. A quiet and unassuming guy, he was kind enough to take some time and answer a few questions for us...

Hi Pat and thanks for agreeing to the interview ! Can you tell us what got you involved in the quest for Carp initially? I know that you've been a dedicated Angler for many years...can you tell us how and when you got started?

Hi Sean, thanks for the interview. I've always been into fishing, I'm originally from New York and grew up fishing saltwater, there's actually a tremendous saltwater fishery in the Northeast of the United States. I really learned how to fish on the beaches of southern Long Is-

land, throwing bait and lures at Striped Bass and Bluefish. Growing up I had family who lived in England and we'd go over there every summer; this would have been the late 70's/early 80's. I'd get hold of the Angler's Mail and stuff like that, learned a bit about carp that way. As I got old enough to venture out on my own I started doing a little freshwater fishing, mostly little stuff, Bass/perch, one time I came across these Polish guys fishing for carp at a local reservoir, I saw them land a couple and that's what really sparked me. So I dabbled in carp a bit in high school but saltwater was my first love. I moved to Washington DC to go to college, and after a few years of the college thing I got back into fishing and went straight back into carp fishing. I haven't look back since.

I know that you fish the Potomac quite a bit which runs through the center of DC. Having just returned I think it's a great looking river! Got to have some big fish in there? Can you tell us a little about the river, the fish you've caught and your thoughts of the potential for really large fish there?

I should set the scene a bit, you've really only seen a small part of the river, the Potomac starts in the mountains and eventually dumps into the Chesapeake Bay, about 413 miles long (11 miles wide at the mouth) about 100 miles are tidal water.

The upstream portions are shallow and rocky and absolutely stuffed with carp. Not the best place for a real big fish, a 20 is a good fish from there, a 30 would be the fish of the year. The tidal portions are a little more difficult



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but seem to turn up the bigger fish.

There's a documented 57lb from the Tidal Basin in Washington DC. Think it was caught back in 1983. I caught the tail end of that big fish cycle, started fishing the Tidal Basin in the late 80's, there were a lot of old timers that fished it back then, doughball fishing, they had pictures of massive fish, 40's, 50's. When I first started down there 20's were real easy to come by and you didn't have to work too hard for a 30.

Ironically as the water quality began to improve the quality of the carp fishing began to decline. Aquatic vegetation began to take root everywhere, after several successful spawns the river got a little over run with small carp, there were still some big ones to be had but it was tough getting thru the little ones. So throughout much of the 90's a good 20 was a decent possibility on a session, but 30's got a bit thin in the ground. I think the river is an up-cycle now, there was a massive fish-kill several years ago and now there seems to be quite a few big fish around. We've had some real nice 30's from the main river the last couple of years. Every other year or so you get a semi-confirmed report of a 40, I'm sure they're in there, but as you know there's not many of us fishing the river for carp. It's only a matter of time before one of us catches a real lump. I'm sure there's a few 50's somewhere in there. I've seen a few massive ones during the spawn.



spawn, I've actually caught some nice carp while jiggging for Striped Bass. I've got a theory about food and carp size, all over the river, you can fish with sweetcorn or a couple grains of maize and catch these small, knothead (for lack of a better word) commons. These fish look old and in very poor health. I think they are keyed in on small food items. The fish I'm usually looking to catch are these shoal fish that roam the river. These are young healthy looking commons, upper 20's/ low to mid-30's. They show up in the swim and eat everything in their path, really hard to hold in a swim. I think these fish feed on crays and shellfish, they've got no problem taking boilies without prebaiting. I suppose the real giants are the big loners that don't move around much.

And what about the tidal basin? That was a little different fishing for carp 'on the tide' ;-) How do you think the tide flow effects the feeding of the fish?

It definitely has an effect. Everyone around here has their favorite stage of the tide. It really depends on the spot. As a general rule of thumb I'd say that the carp don't like to go shallow on an outgoing tide, so as soon as it turns they'll run off the flats. They can sense the incoming though, they'll swim on a flat with their backs out of the water on the incoming. So my rule of thumb is to fish a little deeper on the outgoing and a little shallower on the incoming (pretty clever!).



What about the natural food source?

The tidal portion is loaded with food. You name it, it's there, crays, snail, clams, loads of small stuff. You get massive insect hatches at certain times of the year. The weed beds are just chocked with food. Every spring you get millions of perch, shad, and herring, that come up to

What approach do you take when fishing a large water such as the Potomac? There's lot of water...what about locating the fish and your approach tackle wise?

A lot of it just depends on access, there's loads of private property on the river, military bases, stuff like that. Most of the big rivers around here that I fish I've got a few

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spots and alternate between them depending on various factors (water flow, time of the year, etc.). Just as an example, its July 5th, about 90 degrees, and it rained a couple of inches yesterday. So if I was going to go out today (which I might if I finish this up) I'd fish this swim I have that's right next to a major bridge. You can cast to two of the abutments and when the river is rising and colored like it is today the fish will often stack up in the eddies behind these abutments.

Tackle wise it depends on the venue but typically I've got the rod tips up in the air, a really simple rig, 4 or 5 oz lead to hold bottom, I've converted to 50lb powerpro in the last year or so. Saying that I've caught loads of fish on the floatfishing with 8lb mono so it just depends on the area.



What about some other venues in DC that you could tell us about Pat? Do you have any favorites?

There's no shortage of carp fishing opportunities around here. I could spend a lifetime fishing the Tidal Potomac and only scratch the surface. We have some decent stillwaters around here, Lake Orange in Virginia springs to mind, but it's the tidal rivers that really get me excited, there's loads of them around here, most of them you need a boat to fish properly, the Bush River and the Gunpowder River on the upper Chesapeake spring to mind, the whole Rocky Point area near Baltimore, the Patuxent on the Western shore, a lot of nice fish have come from there. I'm just starting to fish some of the tidal areas in Virginia but there's some great water down there the Rappahannock and the Mattaponi are two that spring to mind.

Lately I've been fishing these tributaries on the lower

Potomac, way, way down, very salty water, I get Jellyfish fouling the lines on the incoming tide! Barnacles, crabs, all the stuff you associate with saltwater but a lot of them are stuffed with carp. Each tributary is its own unique fishery, some are stuffed with small ones, some are loaded with 20's, and I may have found one that's got some real big ones in it! That's really what I'm into, fishing these waters where you just don't know what your going to catch.

Do you take any different approaches when fishing for Carp in different States Pat? Have you noticed any differences at all and if so how does that affect your Angling approach?

Think it just depends on the water. For example, at Town Lake in Texas I do a lot of floatfishing in the margins, I get a few fish that way, usually pretty small, up to about mid-20's. I don't think anyone else really fishes for them like that. I just try and do something a little different than what everyone else is doing. The approach just depends on a load of factors. I do a lot of looking at what other people are doing and adapt from that. That's one thing that's so great about carp fishing, one day your fishing a 2 feet of the bank on a three acre pond and the next you can be rowing your baits out on an inland sea.

What about hook-baits? What are your thoughts and experiences with particles and boilies out here in the States?

Bait depends on the water and what I'm trying to achieve. I do a lot of checking out new spots, just with a float and sweetcorn when I can get away with it, gives an idea of what's in a particular water. Saying that, if I'm going for the big one I'll sit behind three rods with big boilies waiting for a run. I don't think big carp are particularly smart in the states, just greedy. If you are the first one to try it on a new water massive prebaiting with particles such as maize can be a real killer. If that's been done the boilie approach can really get them going.

What about your most memorable session Pat? I know that you had a great session this year in Texas and caught a monster Buffalo too?

That's a really hard one! This spring in Texas is hard to beat, my first 40+ common and a Buffalo just a hair under 50. I think the session that I remember best I actually blanked on. It was our first session that we caught on the Patuxent, I was fishing a couple 100 yards upstream from my two buddies and could tell they caught something,

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I ran down there and they'd landed this big long male fish, well over 40 inches, at 35lbs. First fish out! I was over the moon. That kind of pioneering stuff is what it's all about to me. First run from a new water just gets the blood going.

What about untapped waters in the USA ...what are your thoughts?

The USA is just one big untapped water! I've been fishing the 10 mile stretch of the Potomac in Washington DC for well over a decade and I feel I've only scratched the surface. The potential is just mind blowing. The waters here make the waters on the continent look like puddles. I'm just overwhelmed by it sometimes.

Are there any Anglers that have influenced you in any way over the years?

Everyone I've ever fished with. Paul Ockenden from the UK, he's been coming over to fish with me for over a decade and I always learn something from him, a great angler. Phil Saunders, a displaced Brit in Virginia. Nigel Griffin, who was a huge influence on my fishing in the early days. I don't read as much about carp fishing as I used to but I'd say of the people I've read a lot Rod Hutchison has influenced me a lot and Tony Davies-Patrick has been a big influence. I'm leaving out like a thousand people.



I know that you have been a dedicated member of the CAG for many years. There's been guys fishing for Carp for decades in the States hasn't there? What are your thoughts on the US Carp scene and how, if at all, it is changing?

I think the attitude toward carp is slowly changing. It's easy to get frustrated with the pace but the depth of negative feeling toward carp in the states is really hard to overcome. But every year there's more people into it, more positive articles, more Web sites, etc... I certainly notice a big change from the time I started, just in the

average passerby, it used to be all negative, but its slowly changing. Still a long way to go though!

From a carp fisherman's perspective its gotten WAY better, more and more venues are being discovered every year. People are catching 30's (and the odd 40) all over the country now. Ten years ago it wasn't like that.

That's great Pat thanks so much for taking the time mate, appreciated!

Your welcome, been a pleasure.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS - Val Grimley's new PB!!

“Congratulations on a job well done to ACS member Val Grimley for reeling in a 40lb+ common carp in NY”



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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.

MORE MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Congratulations to ACS Junior Carp Member Melody York as she won two awards at the St. Lawrence International Junior Carp Tournament held in Waddington, NY this past weekend. Melody placed 3rd in her age division (11-14 years) with 32 lbs. She also won an award for catching the last fish of the tournament (5:58 PM).
- Charlotte Saunders, daughter of ACS member Phil Saunders, took 1st place (\$2,000) in the girls 15-18 division with 68 pounds, 3 oz.
- ACS member Al Kowaleski served as Honorary

Grand Marshal for the event. He's been volunteering his time as a teacher and marshal since the junior carp tournament began in 2003.

- The day before the Junior Carp Tournament, a Youth Carp School was hosted. Many ACS members served as instructors. One of Mike Dragone's students, Dillan Putney (grandson of the Waddington Chamber of Commerce President, Nancy Putney) caught a 20 lb mirror. Congratulations! Maybe you can convince Mike to share his secrets.

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. Refer to the Solunar Phases page in this e-newsletter for why solunar times are important.

ANGLER of the YEAR AWARD

Send in your nominations for ACS Angler of the Year Award. Three nominees will be voted on by ACS members.

- Deadline for nominations: October 1st, 2005
- Send nominations to info@americancarpsociety.com; subject line: Angler of the Year. Send in your nominations TODAY!!

SOLUNAR PHASES (information reprinted from http://www.flfish.com/how_to/Solunar_Phases.htm)

How should they affect your fishing? By Buck Davidson

The existence of “solunar periods” - those times when the Earth, Moon and Sun form particular alignments in relation to each other - is a scientifically accepted fact. How the so-called major and minor periods affect the behavior of Earth’s life forms, though, is the subject of much speculation. Generally speaking, there are four solunar periods each day - 2 major periods and 2 minor periods. Why worry about all this? For the answer to that we consult the voice of experience - Captain Robert McCue: “There is no question that fish, especially harder to catch species like tarpon and snook, will feed more freely and strike a bait more readily during a major solunar period.”, he states. “I’ve also noticed that baitfish become more active and respond better to chumming during these times. When the water is cooler, baitfish often don’t chum up well. If I know a major period is coming up soon, I’ll net enough bait to start fishing with, then return to the spot just after the major begins. I can usually catch plenty of bait immediately, and we still have time to fish the major period.” McCue goes on to explain that, while the theory is not 100 percent accurate, very often the hottest action of the day occurs during a major period. Another time of fine fishing is during the minor period, with the moon hugging the horizon. While the fish are not “on the feed” like they are during the major, McCue reports better than normal results during the minor period. There are days, of course, when the fish simply refuse to bite - or they bite all day. It’s the in-between days when the solunar periods come into play most heavily. Some fishing trips, of course, have both a major and minor period in them - usually signaling an excellent chance for greater-than normal fishing success. Watch those solunar periods and moon phases, and start keeping track of when you’re catching fish. The truly great guides can tell you an awful lot about the conditions they caught each of their fish under. Why? They take the time to notice, and they take the time to learn.

SOLUNAR TABLES for SEPTEMBER 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.

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

Moon in Apogee Sep. 1 & 28 Moon in Perigee Sep. 16

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Anglers are invited to participate in the
2nd Annual ACS National Tournament
October 26th – 29th, 2005, Hominy, OK

* Maximum Entry of 20 Teams

Entry Fee:

- 2 anglers/team
- ACS members: \$500/team (@least 1 angler must be an ACS member)
- Non-ACS members \$550/team

Everyone Entered in Tournament will WIN Something...Tackle is already valued at thousands of \$\$\$

SPRO Tackle 3 alarm sets with sounder boxes; 100 litre ruck sacks, carry alls, plus MORE
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Cash Awards will be determined by the number of entries and announced at a later date Check ACS | National link on www.americancarpsociety.com for rules and updates.

***** 2006 WCC Host (South Africa) has announced that U.S.A. will be granted 6 teams.
This tournament will in part determine qualifying teams for the 2006 WCC. *****

- Team deposits are now being accepted (\$250). The remaining entry fee is due by October 15, 2005. Deposits will be forfeited if entry fee is not paid in full by October 15, 2005.
- Please make checks payable to: American Carp Society and mail to: ACS, PO Box 1502, Bartlesville, OK 74005-1502.
- Credit card and paypal information can be processed by sending an email to events@americancarpsociety.com; subject line: National Tournament.
- If you have any questions about the event, please email events@americancarpsociety.com.

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

A website or documentary you've found particularly informative?

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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

WEB COMPETITION... WHAT IS IT?

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!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ACS SALES REPRESENTATIVE?

ACS is expanding into the wholesale 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!

...AUGUST WEB COMPETITION ANSWERS...

We didn't have a winner for the August Web Competition, but here's the answers anyway!

1. Name the contestants and the countries represented of the teams that placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd at the 2005 World Carp Championship on the St. Lawrence River in New York?

Answer: 1st Place (England) – Tim Paisley and Steve Briggs
2nd Place (USA) – John Tilbrook and Stewart McKenzie
3rd Place (USA) – Louis Cook and Matt Coll

2. Which 2005 World Carp Championship contestant has previously held the UK record with the capture of a 61lb 11oz carp? Please also name the fish and the month and year it was captured on this particular occasion.

Answer: Lee Jackson – Two tone, Conningbrook (August 29, 2002)

3. In what year was the Malloch reel invented?

Answer: 1880

4. What year was carbon fibre (graphite) introduced into the rod building process?

Answer: 1978

5. Which well known English rod builder designs all of ACS's custom made rods?

Answer: Nick Buss

...SEPTEMBER WEB COMPETITION QUESTIONS...

The prize will be 5 Packs of ACS K9 Size 4 Hooks. Deadline to enter: September 19, 2005.

1. What is the name of the first purpose built carp rod here in the USA?
2. What is the common name for manufactured boiled baits?
3. What is the group that the following baits belong to...maize, hemp, garbonzo beans, chick peas, peanuts?
4. What are the three most common types of cyprinus Carpio strains?

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