

FEBRUARY NEWS UPDATE

Hi folks, sorry for the delay in this news update, things have been so busy here with Catch Carp Spain throughout February and March, that there has just been no time to sit down and write the news. Seems a long time ago now that we had Chaz, Karl and Paul here on a week's holiday at the beginning of February. Unfortunately for the boys this turned out to be one of the worst weeks for fishing that we've had here in Extremadura. The weather was absolutely atrocious, with freezing gale force winds coming from all directions the whole time they were here. Add to that Arctic conditions for here in Extremadura, lots of rain, a rush of new cold water filling the lakes and even a couple of hailstone showers thrown in for good measure. This all made for an extremely trying time on the bank. We started the lads on the Orellana lake but after a couple of days, it became apparent with metre high waves coming down the lake, it would be better to try our luck on Sierra Brava. Conditions were not much better on Brava, with us seeing not a single fish, but we persevered and finally on the last day of their trip the lads managed to get a couple of runs with Karl landing the only fish at 15lbs. Although the lads never had much poundage in carp, they all went home a good few pounds heavier, as they were on a full board package, and Anne's food hit the mark as usual. Just like to give Chaz a special thanks for his little prezzie in the post and his kind words in his letter. Look forward to having you here with us again.

In the middle of February we had Lee and Marisa here on a 4 day holiday. The weather couldn't have been more different from the start of the month with not a cloud in the sky and rapidly climbing temperatures. Although it was great conditions on the bank for getting a suntan, fishing was still very slow. We were on Sierra Brava for the duration of their holiday with us, but as we had so much rain in the previous weeks, the cold water was still pouring into the lake meaning that the water temperature was still very low and the fish were not feeding. This resulted in only one fish on the bank, a 17lb Sierra Brava common. It was a pleasure having them both here and hope to see them again.

At the end of the month it was our pleasure to welcome Tom and Nobby of Advance Technology Tackle here for a 5 day holiday with us. The lads started their trip on Orellana as they were very keen to net one of it's wild monster carp. Although the weather had been improving since the middle of the month, there was still a lot of new water entering Orellana and water levels rising by about 2 inches a day. Though we were seeing the occasional fish, they were still not feeding as the water temperature was still pretty low. After 2 days with no runs, I decided it would be a good idea to take a run up to Sierra Brava and check things out. Once I'd spoken to some of the anglers on the lake, although there weren't many fish being caught, after checking the water temperature which was well up on Orellana, I decided to move the lads to Sierra Brava the next day, as with the right tactics and in the right area we would have a good chance of getting onto the fish. As it turned out this was the right move, as over the next 2 days between them they caught over 20 fish. Both these lads have fished many different venues throughout the world and have been regular visitors to France over the years, so it was a great pleasure to hear them both say how the Extremadura carp were the hardest fighting and best conditioned fish they'd caught. Although the boys never got into any of the really big monsters in Sierra Brava, they did manage five 30's, with them both having 39lb fish, with Nobby's being a new p.b. common. Have to say that Catch Carp Spain had a great time on the bank with the lads from ATT and with them already planning a return trip before they left, it's safe to say they had a great time too.

I'd also like to take the time to talk about the absolutely top class alarms and receivers that Advance Technology Tackle have on the market at the moment. Both Tom and Nobby were using their new ATTs alarms with the ATTx V2 receivers. These alarms and receivers never put a foot wrong the whole trip, although sometimes we were fishing in strong winds and often a good hundred metres apart, even whilst standing behind the Land Rover having a coffee while getting out of the wind, the receivers never missed a run. One of the things I've had a lot of problems with here while fishing on lakes this size is when the wind gets up you get a lot of false indications on your alarms, which as you know can drive you nuts. Not once throughout the whole trip did we have this problem with the ATTs alarms. This is due to the unique roller system that these alarms have. For this reason alone I would buy a set, but add to this the stylish look, total reliability and price, it's an absolute no-brainer for the serious carp angler. If you've not had a look at these alarms already, it's time you did. For more information on Advance Technology Tackle products go to the link on our links page. Glad to say Tom is back here fishing in April and the set that I've ordered are coming with him. Can't wait.

Keep a lookout for the March News Update as it's going to be a cracker.