

SEPTEMBER NEWS UPDATE

Hi Folks, sorry for the news update being a bit late this month but it's been a busy time here at Catch Carp Spain. We've been eagerly awaiting the arrival of this month as it means the end of the long hot summer and the start of 9 months of the best fishing here in Extremadura. September began with a bang, with on my first short 3 day session on the Orellana managing to bag a fish every day, with the best of these being an absolute cracking 47lb Orellana Common, one of the classic long, hard fighting, fin perfect examples that the Orellana is famous for. Following this I had a couple of mates up from the coast for a social 3 day session on the Orellana. Good time was had by all with plenty of catching up being done, a few drinks had on the bank, and also myself managing to stick another couple of Orellana commons on the bank, the best of these being 34lb. Then it was a pleasure to have back for the second time this year some of the lads from the C.A.C.I club in Ireland. Deco, Gavin and Jordy who were here in March were also joined this trip for his first visit to Extremadura by Lewie. We started the lads on the Orellana as it had been fishing very well, but as luck would have it for the Irish, for the first time in 7 or 8 weeks the wind started to blow constantly from the east, which made fishing extremely difficult. We did give it a good go, but the fish were obviously being pushed out to the deeper water with the wind conditions. Conditions were to change later in the week, with the wind coming back out of the west, but as it was Lewie's first trip here and he had not fished Sierra Brava, it was decided not to risk the weather forecast being wrong and head to Brava instead, where no matter what the wind conditions, I was reasonably confident of putting the lads on to fish. This turned out to be the case but not without it's problems. As is becoming the norm at Sierra Brava, there are a lot of competitions taking place at weekends and where we originally set up on Brava turned out to be right on the edge of where a competition was due to take place the coming weekend. With my knowledge of the water and how the fish behave during these competitions, I decided that the best idea was to move to the opposite bank from where the competition was to take place as I was sure with the extra noise and pressure on the water the fish would make their way over there. As it turned out this worked to our advantage, as straight away we started to get into the fish. Gavin especially was having a really good time of it, with him getting 2 new p.b.'s both a common and a mirror in the space of 10 minutes, then proceeding later on during the trip to better his common p.b. again. Well done Gavin, if anyone deserved it, it was yourself for the lack of luck you had earlier in the year. The unlucky mantle was definitely taken over by Lewie on this trip as he had many runs but was having no luck getting them to the net. He did bank one fish, but lost numerous others including some big ones, through no fault of his own. Deco too was having a bit of a tough time of it, losing fish in the snags, but just as it was getting to him, he landed a lovely Sierra Brava common. Over the 4 full days on Sierra Brava we managed to bank at least 14 plus fish and lost many more. Yet again, I'd like to thank the lads from Ireland as they are an absolute pleasure to spend time on the bank with, and with a special mention for young Jordan who never fails to put a smile on everybody's face with his classic one-liners. I'd also like to take this opportunity, as I'm sure the Irish lads would too, to thank Anne of Catch Carp Spain for her outstanding new range of lakeside food packages. The evening 'heat and eat' meals were the absolute bollocks and not a drop was left every night. As usual folks, we'll keep you in the picture with what's happening here with Catch Carp Spain here in Extremadura via our monthly news updates.