

*Pink dolphins and peacock bass star in...*

# Mike's 'carry on' up the Amazon

**D**ETERMINED to fish every exotic corner of the world before going to that great keepnet in the sky, town's Mike Green is fresh back from the Brazilian Amazon.

He and three mates shared more than 800 fish in a week – mostly 'butterfly' peacocks with a smattering of larger peacock bass up to 15lb.

Anything over 8lb is considered to be specimen size for the latter, and all the fish were caught on fly tackle.

Some 4,000 miles long and passing through seven countries, the Amazon holds more than 3,000 fish species (and they're still counting!) plus crocs and giant anaconda snakes...

"Best of all, for once, I didn't get bitten by anything on this trip," said Mike, who took it into his head to swim in the river every day... proving there are some things even piranhas won't eat!

Regularly doing his 'Old Man of the Sea' act – sitting back musing on the veranda of their floating lodge each evening – he reckons a highlight of the trip was watching the pink freshwater dolphins at play.

Pink dolphins? Whatever it was those lads were drinking...I want some!

● There are no known crocodiles in Meadowlands, but there are carp – and Jason Shirley (Baileys) had 22 for 141-6 in the venue's teams-of-three round. Neil Carless (Swans Gold) caught 98-4 and Ray Durrant (Tussies) 45-4.

With three rounds to go Lowdowns lead and town's Team Ringer, way down the list, must be hoping they can repeat last year's performance and stage a 'back from the dead' last minute win.

● Reporting through Gilders' Kettering branch Hayden Hull had a 22-7 English 'croc' (pike) and a 19 from K&TDA's Wickstead Park lake.

● At Stanwick John Green had commons to 20lb from Mallard while Andy Bazley netted eight to 16lb from Swan.

● With parts of the canal – brim-full of Tove floodwater – flowing like a fair-paced river, Gary Britton trotted stickfloat river-style for a double-figure bream net from the Castlethorpe Navvi.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Spring Pool: Alan Barnes 55-8, Tom Griffiths 47lb, Terry Adams 40lb.



■ CARRY-ON up the Amazon! Mike Green with 15lb peacock bass

● MAKINS, individual league third round: Gary Morgan 41lb, Dave Chapman 37lb, Chris Horsley 26lb.

● CASTLE Ashby: midweek, Brickyard, Dick Rogers 21-12, Frank Pizmenti 19-2, Jeff Rice 15-8; Saturday, Grendon, Mick Hewlett 54-8, Dick Rogers 43lb, Peter Gibson 35-12;

Sunday, Grendon, Chris Garrett 130-6, Pete Lovell 77-12, Dave Martin 63-4; Sunday, Scotland, Keith Bishop 19-12, Gary West 9-14, Nick Antonacci 8-14.

● WELLINGBOROUGH, Cranford lake: Ivor Stokes 19-13, Ian Halliwell 6-3, Malcolm Hobbs 5-4.

● TOWCESTER, Astwell Mill: Mick Goodridge 9-12 (and lost two tench), Tosh Saunders 4-14, John 'the vicar' Broughton 3-10.

● FINEDON, canal, Elkington: Paul Brand 4-3, Steve Amos 1-10, Roger Brown 0-14-8.

● NENE, canal, Heyford marina: Brian Beard 3-5, Chris Howard 2-15, Andy Webster 2-5.

● FIXTURES: Feb 16, Olney open 01234 240061 ■

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