

# Cover Stories



LATE season tench are a challenge, but our Where To Fish London and South guru Bill Rushmer, gives you tips to outwit them in All The Answers in page 26. And in the same section there's a great run down on some of the best hooker pellets on the market. The methods, the bait, go catch some tench!



**FREE!**  
**Matt Hayes**  
**Camo hat**

– just pay P&P see page 18.



**BAG UP**  
**ON CANAL**  
**BREAM**

– Action Replay shows you how. See page 36.



**UNDER**  
**COVER CARP**

There's no hiding place if you follow Davo's advice in page 50.

# Luxury Thai resort is the cat's whiskers!

**O**UR man Gary Newman is out in Thailand chasing big fish – and he's been enjoying it so much that he cheekily phoned the office to tell us he was extending his stay by another week, at Gillham's Fishing Resorts at Krabi in the South of the country.

Gaz was targeting monster arapaima in the resort's beautiful nine acre lake, but he soon found that other species were on the prowl and more than willing to snap up his massive baits.

There are 30 different species in the venue, all to specimen size, and this 45 lb red tailed catfish is a fine example of the diversity on offer.

'The colouration of these fish is stunning,' raved Gaz, who gives a great account of his first week at the resort in page 54.

## NEWS



**MAIL** staffer Gary Newman used the Gillham's Fishing Resort's provided gear in the shape of a Free Spirit Cat Tamer rod, 35 lb Pro Tuf Line, Kryston Ton-Up hook length and a size 4/0 hook to land this 45 lb red tailed catfish which snapped up a sea fish deadbait.

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## EDITOR'S Welcome

**“Angling programs need a lot more than just a big name.”**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Drennan Team England on their stunning performance in the World Championships in Italy, coming home with the team gold medal plus individual gold for Will Raison and bronze for his good mate Steve Gardener.

I well remember the first World Championship that I covered for *Angler's Mail*, it was in Zagreb, Croatia, and Will Raison was in the squad for the first time. Flying out with photo journalist Brian Gay, we speculated on the likelihood of Will forcing his way into the team. Maybe he'll get a run out on the second day, we surmised. But when we arrived we were soon tipped the wink that Will would be in the starting line up.

'He's been devastating, you just couldn't leave

him out,' purred Mark Downes.

Alan Scotthorne scored his third consecutive individual World win, and Drennan Team England cruised to victory, with Will Raison performing as if to the manner born. 'It's not a question of if he will win it individually, it's a question of when,' forecast Mark Downes – he was right.

**EXTREME FISHING** has certainly got anglers talking, and more have been critical of the TV series than have voiced opinions of support. It goes to show that angling programs need a lot more than just a big name fronting them if they are to satisfy our market.

The real downside is that program makers might be reluctant to dip into angling, and the TV channels might be unwilling to air the results. Good angling programs have inspired people

to take up the sport for the first time, and lapsed anglers to get back into it. Extreme Fishing could get anglers back onto the banks – simply because they don't want to stay in and watch it!

**FLOODS** are back in the news – good news for some – bad news for others. I know that a lot of barbel anglers have been looking forward to them, and judging by recent captures they haven't been disappointed by the results. If you do fancy a trip to your local river tread carefully. Slippery banks, some of them dangerously undercut, and high water can be a fatal combination. Take care, and enjoy your fishing.

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