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Having recently got back into carping after a 20 year lay off, I was keen to bring myself up to speed with the latest carp fishing techniques and tackle. I read with interest a series of articles in the Anglers Mail on the subject of fishing in France with Coach Stefan Hanff. I was particularly keen to note that Stefan offered a complete service including the supply of all the latest tackle, rigs and bait!

I was lucky to secure a weeks guiding with Stefan late in August 2007 and was soon standing on an incredibly picturesque lakeside minding the latest set of Fox rods, reels and pod and in front of a superbly laid out bivvy.

Stefan is passionate about angling and is keen to pass on his wealth of experience and water craft skills.



During the week we fished a number of differing venues using various techniques from marking and spodding to bait boats and from simple hair rigs to complex 360 degree rigs. Bait and ground bait was free flowing and of a high quality.

The week saw me break all my PBs. I tallied 29 fish, the vast majority of them over 20lb with the largest Mirror at 32.08, the largest Common at 42.10 and a whacker of a Grass carp at 33.05, which today is still the local venue record. This secured me a picture in, yes you guessed it! Angler's Mail's Johnny Foreigner spot!

Stef not only excelled himself as a coach but also as a fine Chef, cooking one excellent meal after another.

He is now a good friend, has helped me to select and purchase a complete new carp fishing set up and continues to help me with my rapidly improving water craft and fishing techniques.

