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OUR GUIDE TO THE HOTTEST ANGLING SPOTS ON THE PLANET!

# GLOBAL GATHERING!

Three reasons our pals from across the pond are so upbeat. And just look how much you get for breaking their record...

## USA THE FACTS...

- The USA boasts a carp fishing governing body named The American Carp Society. For more info visit: [www.americancarpsociety.com](http://www.americancarpsociety.com)
- The largest lake is Lake Ontario. It's 193 miles by 53 miles!
- Without doubt, the most famous venue is the St. Lawrence River system in up-state New York. Literally thousands of European carpers visit the north of America each year.



Crowy with a fine USA common of 28lb.

## BIGGEST FISH

Many huge fish are bowed (bow and arrow) and many are also misidentified as king carp when they are in fact Buffalo Carp (*Ictiobus cyprinellus*), a barbless mud sucker that flourishes in the Mississippi region of the country. As a result, there's no official record from the States, although plenty of 50's do regularly get caught, but there's plenty of potential out there as this pic shows. It's an 84lb mirror from Minnesota, which was bowed by a hunter.



## MOST FAMOUS ANGLER

Scott Osmond from Massachusetts is one of the most successful anglers in the States having landed more than 19,000 carp from nearly 200 different waters across the country. However, Dave Moore, the ACS Director is perhaps the most well known carper, having been very instrumental in the development of the sport in recent times. He's a regular face at European shows.



## MOST VALUABLE CARP

In March 2006 the most valuable carp ever, earned US carper Al St Cyr a cool \$250,000 for breaking the state record for a carp during the Texas Carp Challenge. Al landed a 43lb 4oz common from Town Lake, Austin, beating the previous record of 41lb 8oz. During the same event Scott Osmond earned \$25,000 as a bonus prize for landing the four largest fish combined.

