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## christmas salutations

From all the staff at **White Acres**, we wish you all a *Merry Christmas* and a happy and healthy *New Year*. - Don't forget if you book before the end of January you can save **£40 per week**, to book please call **0871 641 0325**. See you all next year at **White Acres!**



## ex-masters Darren Cox and Steve Ringer provide toptips!

Each year some of England's top class anglers fish at White Acres, mainly in our festivals but sometimes for pleasure . We have asked two anglers both with multiple festival wins under their belt a question each on the methods they use which should be of help and interest to you for future visits.

*Here are the responses we got from Darren Cox & Steve Ringer*

**Darren**, when banding a pellet on the wagglers it has been noticed that you leave a long hair attached to it, can you explain why you do this?

**Darren Cox:** The reason that I use a long hair between the bait and the hook is because I believe that you get a much better hook hold on the fish. With a long hair as the fish sucks in the bait it tilts the hook on an angle therefore increasing the chance of the fish being hooked as it takes the bait in.

I think it is important to hook the fish as it ejects the bait or as I strike as a response to the bite. I feel that the long hair helps me to achieve this.

I tend to judge how long a hair to use by leaving the same size gap from the bend of the hook to the top of the pellet as the size of the pellet I am attaching to the hair. Another key point is also be aware of the size of fish you are targeting, for smaller carp and especially F1's I do use a shorter hair.



Darren Cox



Steve Ringer

**Steve**, your ability to catch on the meat feeder is phenomenal and tends to be one of your most favoured methods. We wondered how long do you leave it before re-casting and why?

**Steve Ringer:** The meat feeder in my opinion is a very positive way of fishing and how long I like to leave the feeder out reflects this. At the start of the match I like to leave the feeder out around 90seconds. This might not seem like a very long time, but when you think about how many fish are in a lot of the lakes at White Acres it's all about putting a bed of bait down to try and hold the fish in the swim.

If I only cast say once every five minutes I quite simply wouldn't be putting enough bait out to keep the fish in front of me. Feeder wise I normally start on a medium sized cage feeder and stick with this for the first hour. Then it is a case of chopping and changing feeder size to regulate how much bait is going in and keep the bits coming.