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We are in the twenty-first year of publishing our monthly newsletter with updates on the great fly fishing venues, trip reports and insights for our traveling fly fishers. We’ve been to most locations and pride ourselves on our ability to research new destinations. Whatever unbiased information on timing and locations we can provide comes at the same cost to you as booking direct – i.e., NO EXTRA COST.

**RE-OPENING OF WORLD CLASS FISHERIES – FRESHWATER DESTINATIONS REPORT**

Many of the globes Bucket List destinations have been off the market due to Covid and are now back. This is a report on some of the world’s most unique freshwater fisheries that are now available again.....our upcoming August newsletter will have a similar report on the saltwater flats fisheries. Many of these experiences require planning far in advance, sometimes more than a year-out is necessary to get the best options. Note: some countries are still requiring you are Covid vaccinated for entry.

**NEW ZEALAND:** We have spent 2 – 3 weeks a year in NZ for the past 22 years, excepting the years they were closed in '20, '21, and so far in '22. They will once again be welcoming USA travelers beginning this fall. The options for approaching planning a NZ itinerary are varied and include:



- Couples trip combining world class fishing and touring, seeing the country.
- Hard core fishing approach or mixing in some touring along the way.
- Family itineraries finding activities for all family members/ages and including the top waters and guides.

This is definitely a “guide driven” fishery and the top guides get you on the right waters at the best times. There is no where on the globe that offers more options for combining world class sight fishing and touring with a quality “couples experience.” This link takes you to one of our NZ newsletters that explains the options of planning an itinerary: [NEW ZEALAND PLANNING OPTIONS](#)

For late in 2022 and 2023, you would need to have a lot of flexibility in your travel dates to get an itinerary with the best options and guides included.....and even then, it will be a challenge. The reason is, with NZ being closed for over two years, there is a backlog of regular NZ travelers who are returning. For 2024, it is not too early now to begin the process of exploring the options and possibilities.

**MINIPI RIVER, LABRADOR:** How do you define “hitting it right” for giant brook trout on the Minipi in the remote wilderness of Labrador? You must use numbers to define it – this excerpt is from one of our Minipi River trip reports – “...our group of 6 anglers took 37 weighed fish over 3 pounds for the day, almost all of them over 5#, including several at 7+ pounds and two over 8 – most of them taken on dry flies! Steve Simco and Jeff Reinke (at right), fishing partners for the week, led the way with an incredible total of



over 90 pounds of brookies released for the day.”

Son Scott and I have made a semi-annual pilgrimage to the Minipi every year for over 20 years. In that time, we have developed an understanding of the timing of the intense hatches that bring these large fish to the surface to feed on dry flies. These hatches (and the size of the brookies) are what makes this one of the world’s unique dry fly fisheries. Timing is critical and getting space during the prime hatch times requires advance planning. This link is to a newsletter with a “trip report” from our most recent trip in 2019, prior to Canada closing for Covid: [MINIPI TRIP REPORT - NEWSLETTER](#)

**ALASKA:** The traditional Alaska fly out lodge is still a great adventure, although has become very pricy over the years. The Alaska fishing experience has many elements to it - throughout the summer, there are different runs of several species following a fairly predictable annual timetable. The two following links will give you a good idea of the summer flow of fishing events in Alaska and information on both a non-flyout lodge as well as a top fly out option.



- Goodnews River Lodge (non – fly out). The need to fly out for great fishing here is not necessary due to the spectacular runs of fish in this river system – virtually all species! Hundreds of miles of productive river and stream are accessed via high-speed jet boats. Most famous of all are the August silver salmon runs when silvers are taken on the surface.....these weeks are among the most difficult to book of any waters anywhere – at right, Josh Luft-Glidden with silver. 2022 has been sold out for months and this link will take you to a description of their 2023 program. We also have many Goodnews client trip reports that we can send if you’d like more info. [GOODNEWS RIVER LODGE](#)



- The Fly Out Lodges. There are many outstanding fly out lodges with long standing traditions. This is a trip report on one of them and captures the essence of the appeal of this experience – more trip reports are available. The top lodges run full all summer and booking prime times requires advance planning: [FLY OUT LODGE PHOTO ESSAY REPORT](#)

**SOUTH AMERICAN COLLECTION:** From the steamy jungle fisheries of the northern part of the continent to the pristine waters of the Andes and Patagonia, there is a great variety of fisheries available in South America. South America provides an excellent opportunity for dual experiences, combining two or three totally different fishing environments and species into one trip, plus can also mix in some touring. Here are three of the unique fisheries:

- Golden Dorado: Northern Argentina and Bolivia are the home of the finest Golden Dorado fisheries. That’s Gary Martin at right with a 30+ pounder. The prime time and environment for these two areas is distinctly different. Bolivia provides a remote jungle experience and fishes best from July through September. The fisheries in Northern Argentina fish best in October and from January through May. One note about Northern Argentina – one of the truly outstanding Golden Dorado guides fishes the massive Parana River system. Ask if you’d like to see a report on northern Argentina – this link is to a photo essay on the Bolivia fishery: [BOLIVIA PHOTO ESSAY REPORT](#)



- Patagonia – Jurassic Lake: There are some great traditional trout fisheries in Patagonia, especially tucked into the Andes in Chile (can send photo essay reports on Chile - Argentina). However, the most unique and, in many ways, surreal trout fishing experience here is what has become known as Jurassic Lake. This may be the finest trophy rainbow trout (at right) fishing on the globe. If you have the interest to look further, this link is to a photo essay report: [JURASSIC LAKE PHOTO ESSAY REPORT](#)



- The Amazon – Peacock Bass: A trip to the Amazon is so much more than a fishing trip – it is a world class adventure. However, from a fishing perspective, this is one of the fishiest places on earth. There is one fly fishing only river system and lodge and this photo essay report details why it is so special: [AMAZON PHOTO ESSAY REPORT](#)

**ICELAND:** A spectacular country teeming with rivers and lakes and outstanding scenery and areas of isolated wilderness! Best of all for the fly fisher, a collection of outstanding species available from giant native browns to trophy Atlantic Salmon to Arctic Char and some of the finest sea-run brown trout fishing on the planet. We work with two outfitters in Iceland, one of which we've been associated with for over a dozen years. They have exclusive contracts with many landowners for some of the best waters in the country so you can experience diverse fishing for many different species. Many of their waters were in the hands of local fishing clubs for decades and had been closed to all others. Itineraries are customized to put you on the best waters at the prime times. Warning: Iceland itineraries carry a heavy price tag.

Below, from Iceland, on left, hefty brown trout and, on the right, Atlantic Salmon.



### **BULL TROUT – FERNIE, BC:**

If I had to pick one reason why Bull Trout are an exciting fly rod pursuit, it would be that you can fish for 28” to 32” inch fish that are easy to see in pools and streams where they make their annual spawning runs. The Bull Trout fishery in the Fernie area of British Columbia has been well protected over the years with limited, permitted, fishing pressure and closing areas during prime spawning times.

Our favorite outfitter in Fernie BC, who we've worked with for over 15 years, has developed a special fall trophy Bull Trout fishery. After the bulls spawn in small creeks and streams in September, they return to the larger rivers. In October, the White Fish congregate for their spawning. They have refined the areas where this happens and it attracts the giant bulls who go on a “post spawn” feeding frenzy munching on White Fish. Fish of 10 to 20+ pounds are the norm. As of today, they only have one, four-day timeframe open for this October.



### **KIDS – USING SALT WATER AS THE WAY TO TEACH FLY FISHING – JULY MEMORY PHOTO**

Over the years, we have learned that it is effective to use saltwater fishing to get youngsters excited about fishing in general, and when appropriate, specifically fly fishing. Guides who are good with kids play a critical role. We have had our grandchildren on several Rising Tide trips in Belize and those times together have played a key role in developing their interest in fishing. Plentiful snappers and jacks can help get things started with the youngest and things progress from there.

Erin and Glenn Prichett took their family on a Rising Tide trip earlier this year. They had taken a Belize mothership trip years ago, before they had a family, and so were familiar with it. This trip included their 4 children – ages 7,9,11,13. All of them enjoyed fishing, with varying levels of interest. Their oldest, Cole, was a budding fly fisher. Recently, Glenn sent us the photo at right and this note: “Our Rising Tide trip was amazing and is still paying dividends as all the kids are really transitioning from spinning to fly. My son Cole caught his first striper on a fly yesterday. Of course, I would suggest that the guides on the Rising Tide are to thank for assisting their transition from spinning to fly fishing and we're amazingly patient, thoughtful and great teachers. They are a special group.”



## **WHAT WE DO AT FLY FISHING ADVENTURES**

This is a link with a description of who we are and what we do.....also, listing the destinations around the world that we can provide reliable information regarding the experience and how to prepare for your visit:

[Fly Fishing Adventures - About What We Do](#)

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