

## NEWSLETTER #20 - JANUARY 2004

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### Leland Fly Fishing Travel Newsletter – January, '04

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This is the twentieth edition of our monthly newsletter with updates on great fly fishing venues and insights for our traveling fly fishers. We want to help you match the right location with your fly fishing goals and objectives and properly prepare you to fully enjoy the experience. We've been to most locations and pride ourselves on our ability to research new sites. 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.

#### **BUSH STREET SHOP DAY JAN 8 – VAL ATKINSON AND ASCENSION BAY FEATURED**

Things will be happening in the Bush Street shop this Thursday. Valentine Atkinson, the world's premier globe-hopping fly fishing photographer, will be in the shop from 11:00am til 6:00pm. Val will be signing his fly fishing books and displaying slides of many of his famous photographs. I'll also be in the shop during the same times. We have scheduled slide presentations featuring the salt water flats of Ascension Bay and the Boca Paila Lagoons at 12:30 and 5:00. Also, I'll be available to schedule time to discuss and view slides of any of our fly fishing destinations. Let me know if you'd like me to come prepared with slides of any particular destination including our “discovery trip” to Crocodile Bay last month.

#### **IF YOU'RE CONSIDERING NEW ZEALAND**

New Zealand has become one of the fly fishing world's most popular destinations and for good reason. It's the people, the country, the outdoor activities, and most of all, the finest rainbow and brown trout fishing. The growing interest in NZ travel has created a few challenges. If you want to go “prime time,” getting space at the best lodges and time with the best guides book up very early – often a year or more in advance. I learned from arranging itineraries for over 25 people this year that places like Poronui Ranch, Lake Rotoroa Lodge, and Blanket Bay are often full for prime weeks 12 months ahead. Also, if you want to use frequent flyer miles for your air travel, you need to be making reservations within the first few days that free travel is available to get the dates of your choice. New Zealand is a great destination for both hard-core fly fishing trips or couples experiences with some fly fishing. We specialize in both – but plan early if you want to go “prime time.” All of our New Zealand itineraries are personalized to meet the objectives of our individual clients. New Zealand visits offer a multitude of options and different approaches. Now is not too early to begin the process of exploring the options if you plan to go in '05.

#### **LELAND SALT WATER FLATS FLY FISHING SCHOOL – ON THE WATER**

We're considering instituting a new program for those interested in expanding their fly fishing skills to include salt water flats (bonefish, tarpon, permit, and snook). The purpose of this paragraph is to gauge the amount of interest. The program would include two preparatory sessions held in the Bay Area. Those sessions would focus on casting skills (“ready position” to 60 feet with no more than two false casts), equipment and other preparation to enjoy the excitement of fishing the flats. The main part of the program would be a fully guided 5 night trip to Belize. I would personally be conducting the entire program and hosting the Belize trip. The maximum number involved would be five anglers. We're thinking about starting the program in 2005 with an outside chance that we may still be able to put one together for '04. If this would be of any interest to you, please hit “reply” and let me know.

#### **FLY FISHING QUIPS AND QUOTES**

“Calling fly fishing a hobby is like calling brain surgery a job.” Steven Meyers

#### **'04 LELAND HOSTED TRIPS – OPENINGS REMAINING**

For 2004, Leland Fly Fishing Adventures has three hosted trips with some space remaining:

Christmas Island, bonefish, trevally: March 8 – 15, four openings  
Minipi River, Labrador, Giant Brookies: July 30 – Aug 6, two openings  
Belize Mothership, tarpon, bonefish, permit and snook: Aug 27 – Sept 3, three openings

### **TRINITY STEELHEAD EXCITEMENT – REPORTS**

Two exciting reports about Trinity River steelhead. From Wayne Henry, Tom Flood, Jim Taylor, and friends – the group had a successful steelhead trip to the Trinity in '02 and returned mid-November of '03. Best day saw Tom and Wayne with 30 hook-ups not counting shakers. They released 22 of them, three brown trout and the rest steelies from 20 to 27 inches. Biggest fish for the group was a 31 incher. Kim Laur had a great day in mid-December with his brother – hooked 10 fish and released 8 with the three largest between 26 & 28 inches. Both reports were the result of guided trips; Wayne and Tom in the Lewiston area and Kim in the vicinity of Junction City.

### **LELAND-FRONTIERS AGENT AGREEMENT**

In addition to the many great destinations that we represent, Leland Fly Fishing Adventures also has an agreement with Frontiers to represent all their properties (many of which we already represent independently). If you are considering any of the destinations that Frontiers offers, please give us a call as it's virtually the same process as booking through Frontiers, and we need the "bonus points." And, we may have some personal experiences that can add to your knowledge and preparations.

Either phone or drop us an e-mail if you have questions or would like more information about any of our destinations.

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