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We are in the seventeenth 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.

RETURN TO THE LAND OF GIANT BROOK TROUT



The handsome bunch at left took over Anne Marie Lodge on the Minipi River watershed in Labrador in pursuit of outsized brook trout. Son Scott and I have been making this pilgrimage almost every other year since 1997. In 22 years, you do learn a few things about a fishery and the good news is this one hasn’t changed much.....in fact, it probably hasn’t changed much in several centuries.....it is “au natural.” The brown and green drakes still come off the water in swarms and the giant brookies are there to sip them off the surface.

Paul Wilms, Jeff Reinke, and Mad Dog Hine have made multiple visits here while Bob Anderson and the Andersen family (with sons Arran and Sterling joining Papa Mark) were on their first trip. Why come to this

true wilderness location the far Northeast corner of Canada? The fact that it is a TRUE WILDERNESS is one good reason, but the big draw is to sight cast dry flies to large brookies of 5 to 8+ pounds.....and release a few of them. On the Minipi, they weigh and record all fish over 3# (called “book fish”). Their records go back decades. The combination of an almost record cold winter and late spring made conditions difficult and our results were not up to past trips. We fished hard and did release 63 “book fish” with 27 of them over six pounds (for comparison, on our last trip, our best DAY was 37 book fish with 23 of them at five pounds or more).

Photos below: The Andersen brothers on the left (Sterling) and right (Arran) show off 6-7# brookies. Left center, we board the float plane in Goose Bay for the flight to the lodge. The aerial photo shows the Black Spruce covered landscape and the flow of the river system.....inlets and outlets with ponds and lakes between them.



Photos below, l to r: Papa Andersen with a trophy brookie; brown drakes cover the water and when they are hatching, they can also cover the boat; wading the outlet; son Scott with a nice fish.



Photos below, l to r: Mad Dog Hine with a brilliantly colored male. M.D. was also our pike expert (had one day of 25+) and took the largest Arctic Char – 8.5#. Bob Anderson casts from a guide paddled canoe, a great way to quietly stalk feeding fish; a healthy 7.5# brookie.



Photos below, l to r: Jeff is no stranger to large brookies; the lodge and a group dinner; Mama moose and calf; Paul has taken his share of trophies over the years.....fat fish!



Timing is a critical factor in hitting the hatches right on the Minipi. Finding space during the best hatch weeks is difficult as they have a loyal following (like us). Even when you have years of experience in selecting the best timing, conditions are never predictable. Proof of that was we didn't see any of the massive caddis hatches that normally occur during our timeframe, and the brown drakes were late, causing us to scramble during the first few days to find rising fish. If you want to see reports from past Minipi River trips, go to the bottom of the Labrador page on our website – www.flyfishingadventures.org

BELIZE PERMIT TRIP REPORT



Billy Taylor's comment on what surprised him the most on his first ever salt water flats trip, which happened to be focused on permit: "to have perfect (or near perfect presentations) rejected so many times." For sure, that was the theme of this particular permit trip. While Billy was on his first flats trip, Art Hinckley is an "old salt" when it comes to permit and Rising Tide trips in Belize. Art has released 128 permit to date and that includes the weighed 24# fish being released at left. That 24 pounder was tailing and hooked within a few hundred yards of the anchored Rising Tide.

Rejection! We kept accurate records, with the guides help, of the numbers of fish seen, tailing fish, shots, etc. We may have set a record, percentage-wise, for the least number of fish released from

seeing over 1,000 fish. Still, there were some real highlights, like hooking five fish that weighed over 20# (only two of those made the net). And, we did get a lot of action on most days, including two days of wade-stalking numerous schools of tailing fish. One of the great benefits of a Rising Tide permit trip was as evident as usual – we saw only one other fisherman in eight days and that was only for a short time. We fished many of the world's finest permit flats and the only practical way to access most of these waters is from living on the water. The Rising Tide provides us with a comfortable, air-conditioned headquarters to launch our daily fishing pursuits.

Photos below, l to r: This was a trip of “firsts” for Billy Taylor. Indeed a very special “first” with his first permit ever – the beautiful 21# fish at left! What’s wrong with this photo? It appears as if a cruise ship is trying to join our poled panga on a permit flat.....The “real” Belize mothership, the Rising Tide. While the focus of our trip was certainly on permit, Billy did find a way to take his first tarpon from a cut in the reef.



Photos below, l to r: Art with his 24# permit before release. This was Art’s third largest permit ever and was most likely his 100th permit caught in Belize! Long fishing hours daily on the Rising Tide are normal – from sunrise to sunset. Captain Dean and the hard-working guides of the Rising Tide join Billy for a photo.



As mentioned previously, accurate records were kept of all permit related activity. Those numbers and the “highlights and lowlights” of this trip are reflected in the report which can be accessed through this link: [AUGUST PERMIT TRIP REPORT](#)

ORVIS HELIOS 3D 10 WEIGHT FLY ROD – DISCOUNTED

This highly rated new Orvis rod retails for \$949. The discounted rod referenced is “close to new” – it has been fished three weeks on the salt water flats. Discounted price is \$500 plus shipping. If interest, hit “reply.”



LOOKING FOR PARTNERS – BOLIVIA GOLDEN DORADO TRIP

John Landis has reservations to return to the wilds of Bolivia July 24-31 of 2021 (primetime for this jungle fishery). His wife, Dana, will be joining him on this trip. We are holding four spots at the Agua Negra Lodge. If you would like more information, just hit “reply.” The following link is to a photo essay report of our last trip to this remote, native environment. [TSIMANE, BOLIVIA PHOTO ESSAY REPORT](#)

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](#)

SEPTEMBER MEMORY PHOTO



Great permit for Tim Bottoms! Tim has been making an annual trip to Casa or Playa Blanca in the Mexican Yucatan. The fishing gods treated him well on this year’s trip with three permit, two tarpon, and several bones.

PHOTO CREDITS: Banner – Art Hinckley; Minipi – the group; Belize – Billy Taylor and Art Hinckley.

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