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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.

A RAINBOW TROUT PHENOMENA



The photo essay below captures one of the world’s most special Rainbow Trout experiences – when the rainbows of Argentina’s Jurassic Lake move into the lone tributary of the lake, the Barrancoso River. The story behind this rainbow fishery is amazing in itself. (We’ve been to Lago Strobel – aka Jurassic Lake - and experienced it and can send a report on the entire experience if you’d like to know more.)

A few times a year, these giant rainbows can be sight fished in this relatively small river with large dry flies. Watching the noses of these immense fish rise up and suck in your fly can be heart stopping. It is a very special stalking event, one of the most special sight fishing happenings in the realm of fly fishing. This photo essay was shot during the recent early season on the Barrancoso.



An excerpt from our personal report on our trip to Jurassic: “In southwest Argentina, in the high desert country just east of the Andes and the Chilean border, is found the sixty-five square kilometer, crystal clear, biological phenomena known throughout the trout fishing world as Jurassic Lake. From our experience here, everything about this fishery and environment could be described as surreal or extreme. It all begins with the rainbows which average a legitimate 6 to 7 pounds (and that is a very conservative estimation).....”



BEST OF THE NINGALOO REEF – PART TWO

Isolated in the far northwest corner of Australia is one of the world's top variety saltwater fisheries. The Northwest Cape, an approximately 75 mile-long peninsula, is bordered on the east side by the Exmouth Gulf and on the west side by the Ningaloo Reef and the Indian Ocean. These two different bodies of water provide a combination of distinctly different characteristics, but offer similar species of shallow water sportfish.

In a few weeks, we will embark on a trip, for our fifth time, combining a stop in New Zealand with a visit to the Ningaloo. The combination of stalking the trophy trout of New Zealand and the sight fishing-challenges of the Ningaloo fishery, during the same trip, creates some packing challenges. Challenges (and costs) aside, this is a dynamic combo of two entirely different environments, each spectacular in their own right.

Below, l to r: Marine naturalists come from around the world to observe the giant sea turtles nesting and swim with a whaleshark. Also, Humpback Whales, with their cubs, make a stop here. My favorite two species in these two waters are the GT's and permit.



During our 2017 trip to the Ningaloo/Exmouth, we met a young Scot named Keith Talbot. Keith was on his first ever salt water fly fishing trip. For a first timer, Keith was a quick learner – he took his first GT, Golden Trevally, and Queenfish along with other species. He completed his second trip to the Ningaloo in December. Some of the highlights of his second trip are pictured below, including his first Permit (Keith took two Permit on this trip). Amazing results for someone with his limited background fishing the flats with a fly rod!

Below, l to r: Queenfish, Queen in air (great leapers!), Golden Trevally, and his first Permit.



(NOTE: Part One of this series was in the November newsletter – all of our newsletters are available on the website www.flyfishingadventures.org)

EARN YOUR TROUT FISHING DOCTORATE

If there is a better place to earn your doctorate degree in trout fishing in moving water than New Zealand, I am not aware of it. Stalking the trophy trout of NZ challenge all first timers.....even second, third, and fourth timers! The fish and the overall experience are only part of the story.....the real education comes from the finest collection of guides on the globe. These guides are the ultimate professors to teach the art of stream fishing.....they provide a patient and instructive education that can span many, many, years. You begin by graduating from high school – then if you're diligent enough, over the next several years you earn your Bachelors, Masters, and then if you spend enough time, you get your Doctorate!

Josh Luft-Glidden contributed this beautiful brown trout photo from his first New Zealand trip last month. There are certainly larger larger browns available in NZ, but they don't get much prettier than this fish.



LOOKING FOR PARTNERS – BELIZE PERMIT TRIP

There is a three-time Rising Tide permit fly fisher who is looking for a third member to fill out their trip in August or September. He already has a friend recruited to join him. This would be the type of trip where everyone gets their own stateroom and their own guide.....no sharing the shots!

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](#)

FEBRUARY MEMORY PHOTO



A trophy New Zealand brown.....certainly a lasting memory for George Woods. Photo by Zane Mirfin.

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