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Fly Fishing Adventures Travel Newsletter, June 2006

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We are in the fifth year of publishing our monthly newsletter with updates on great fly fishing venues, trip reports 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. One of our services is to compare and contrast different lodges/outfitters. 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.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND TRIP HAS FOUR OPENINGS

In 1985, my son, Scott, and I first experienced salt water flats fishing for bonefish and trevally. The destination was Christmas Island. My wife, Marte and I, are returning this February 6 to 13 and have the lodge reserved for our group – four openings remain. Christmas remains one of the world's great bonefish destinations as well as providing one of the top shallow water Giant Trevally opportunities on the planet. Want to know more? If so, just hit "reply" and ask (some general info on Christmas is on our website www.flyfishingadventures.org).

AN "IPPY" AWARD FOR THE HUNT

We're very proud that our new book, Fly Fishing's Greatest Adventures: THE HUNT, was selected the most outstanding book of the year in the category of Sports, Recreation, and Fitness by the 10th annual Independent Book Publishers Awards for 2006, the world's largest annual book awards competition. One of the judges, Jim Barnes, explained THE HUNT'S selection in these words: "This book's sumptuous celebration of fly-fishing impressed even the IPPY Award judges that haven't fished in years. THE HUNT captures the sport so vividly that you experience the fish and the waters they live in." More information on THE HUNT is available at www.ffhunt.com

BLACKWATER FLOAT TRIPS – SUMMER OF '06

The Blackwater River float trip in B.C. is one of the more popular trips of this sort in North America. For many years, Ron Thompson has been the primary outfitter operating this float trip experience and he does an excellent job. Usually, it's a five night float, camping on the river. It's a quality outdoor experience with the primary quarry being large numbers of native rainbows that are dry fly conditioned. He still has some openings in July and early August. If you'd like more details, hit reply.

ANOTHER FANTASY DAY REPORT FROM NEW ZEALAND

Scott Ellison has been globe hopping the last several months. It started with the Amazon and Peacock Bass in December (Scott accompanied us on our exploratory trip to the Amazon). Since then it's been Chile, Africa, and Australia with a short stop in New Zealand. While in New Zealand in March, he only had four days to fish. The first three days he encountered some bad weather, but "nailed some excellent trout after initially stuffing some casts the first time I came face to face with those New Zealand monsters." Then came his last day and the sort of experience that only happens in NZ. A true fantasy fly fishing day – the sort of day fly fishers hope to encounter at least once on a visit to this stunning country. It goes like this: "On my final

day....we headed to the backcountry and my game was dialed in. The result? Nine beauties. All bigger than 4 pounds. All sight casts. All on dries. And that doesn't include the proverbial one that got away.....one that was well north of 10 pounds that broke off right at the landing."

Now Scott is in the same category as most New Zealand travelers – his trout fishing expectancies are screwed up for life.

NEXT "SAN FRANCISCO DAY" – JUNE 27

If you are in San Francisco, we have scheduled June 27 as our next day in the City. To view a list of the slide presentations we have available, go to our website www.flyfishingadventures.org Under the link for "Newsletters/Trip Reports" is the list of slide shows. I am available by appointment to stop by your office or home for discussion and/or slide presentations from our library. Also, am available to get together for a cup of coffee almost anywhere.

OAHU BONEFISHING – WHERE AND HOW?

I've often been asked by fly fishing travelers going to Hawaii on a family or business trip, where to find information on the bonefishing there. I never had an answer....until now. One of our readers, Chatt Wright, a local Honolulu resident, provides this information. There are not great numbers of bonefish available on the flats of Oahu; however, the average size of the fish caught and monitored by Chatt and his fellow local fly fishers has been 5.75# with many ten+ pound fish in the mix. Chatt says that the local fly shop there, Nervous Waters Fly Shop in Honolulu, has good guides available. Would sure like to hear from any readers who know something about this fishery and/or the fly shop referenced and their guides.

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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