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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

A FAMILY FLY FISHING STORY IN PHOTOS



Terry and Gary Butts fish around the globe. They have been frequent contributors to our newsletter – photos left and right from one of their New Zealand adventures. However, by a wide margin, their greatest fly fishing legacy is in their family. The following photos tell that story. What makes this story happen:

- Caring and supportive attitudes
- Teaching a love of the outdoors
- Patient and simplified



instruction.....generally, easiest fly fishing entry is not always trout fishing.

- Waters friendly to youngsters.....surprisingly, many saltwater spots provide good action for beginners.
- Rule #1 – make it fun! In the early stages, action is most important.....more important than size or numbers – doesn’t matter if the fish are small bluegills or salt water snappers or jacks. Again, in the Butt’s situation, large fish were a part of their family learning experience, but not many have access to private waters like theirs.

This set of treasured photos cover over a dozen years so we can track the growth of the grandkids as fisher-people. Photos below, l to r: meet the grandkids at streamside – Hattie (5), Sophie (3), and Garrett (5); now it begins – Hattie and Garrett (both 6) with a Cuttbow; Mother Emily working on the casting stoke with 10 year old Sophie; waders are a good fit for Garrett, age 6; A CLASSIC - Sophie’s first waders in 2010. Designed and manufactured by GrandMa Butts out of trash bags and duct tape. They leaked like a sieve, which is probably why she was turned off to fishing until last year.



Below, l to r: Sophie with her pretty Alligator waders at age 9; Hattie (12) coaching sis Sophie; At 15, Hattie was a fairly accomplished fly fisher; Father Mike teaching on the water with Hattie.



Below, l to r: by age 12, Garrett had become a “fly fishing monster” – both these big fish were taken on the same day in one 100 yard stretch of river; that’s Grandma Butts with the fish and left to right, son Mike, Emily, Hattie and Sophie.



Below, l to r: Daughter Kim and her husband, Chris with a beautiful Cuttbow; Son Mike had big fish honors in '21



TROPHY BULL TROUT – A NICHE FISHERY

Our January '22 newsletter had a story about the Bull Trout fishery out of Ferne, BC – maybe the best remaining Bull Trout fishery in North America due to the protections provided by BC laws.

Our favorite outfitter in Fernie, who we've worked with for over 15 years, told me this week of a special trophy Bull Trout fishery that they have developed over the last six years. 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 two timeframes open for this fall – Oct 3 – 7 and 15 – 20.



If you'd like more details, hit reply or give us a call.

NEW ZEALAND NOW OPEN – PLANNING FOR 2024



Now that New Zealand is open for travel again, I'm getting back into my Kiwi swing. The banner photo is one of my favorite spring creek stalks in NZ and that pool produced the 7# brown in the photo at left, taken on a size 16 Caddis.

Due to the backlog of traveling fly fishers wanting to get into New Zealand for the last two+ years, our favorite guides and lodges are pretty heavily booked for the last part of 2022 and the first three months of 2023. If you'd like to get an itinerary for this coming season, you'd have to have flexible dates and get lucky.

If New Zealand travel is on your "wish list," best be planning for late 2023 or early 2024. Now is not too early to begin exploring possible itineraries. If you'd like to see examples of different sorts of itineraries, just ask. We specialize in custom itineraries that vary from hard core fly fishing to couples trips that include touring mixed with a world class fly fishing experience.....and also family trips with various activities mixed together.

RISING TIDE, BELIZE – OPEN SUMMER WEEKS

We have an uncharacteristic number of open weeks for this summer and fall for the Rising Tide mothership in Belize – right, at anchor. This is a personal experience for just your party with an excellent cook, quality Belizean guides, and towing your fishing pangas with you.....trips for two to a max of six anglers in three cabins. Two basic itineraries are available - one is the variety trip which accesses the wide variety of species available in Belize: tarpon, permit, bonefish, snook, jacks, 'cuda, etc. The second itinerary is the dedicated permit trip which heads south and fishes some of the globe's finest permit flats. Website is www.flyfishbelize.com



Open weeks this summer:

6/27 – 7/4

7/17 – 24

7/28 – 8/4

8/27 – 9/3

Fall: each month has two open weeks as of now.

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](#)

MAY MEMORY PHOTO



Great permit photo taken by an outstanding angler, Joe Sugura. Joe was on a dedicated Rising Tide permit trip in the central area of Belize.

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