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We are in the fifteenth 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.

NEW ZEALAND AT IT'S BEST!



For about 15 years, our newsletter has carried stories about what makes a New Zealand visit so special.....it's the people, its the country, it's this, it's that. On top of all the reasons why it is so special, there is the sight stalking of trophy browns and rainbows in its crystalline rivers and streams. Terry and Gary Butts were on their fourth NZ adventure, making their first trip in 2009. On their recent trip, while fishing with one of NZ's top independent guides, Terry had what Gary described as a "classic New Zealand experience." Here is Gary's rendition of the episode which provided about 90 minutes of intense drama:

"The story goes like this: We discovered 4 good size browns feeding in a shallow side channel of the T..... River. The fish would cruise the length of the pool, take something off the surface, spook each other, hide under the bank, leave the pool, return, repeat, repeat. We were hiding in the willows along the bank. Concerned about spooking them, Terry would only cast

when the fish turned away and cruised to the other end of the pool. Our thinking was they would find the fly when they reversed direction. Our guide tried a number of different flies, nymphs as well as dries. He changed the fly at least 15 times. The fish would examine each presentation and turn away. The guide disappeared into the bush and returned with a natural willow grub. He proceeded to try the willow grubs in his box, including one that I thought was the perfect imitation, but the fish refused the presentations. He trimmed the "perfect imitation" and rubbed it in the grass to change the color from yellow to a light green. The fish took the fly on Terry's next cast. It was the smallest fish of the group and, of course, the others spooked, ruining MY turn." Photo above-left is Terry with the fish.



We believe NZ is the finest couples trip that can be accompanied by world class fly fishing. Terry and Gary have developed, with their past experiences to draw from, an approach to a NZ itinerary that combines some touring/relaxing along with enjoying the thrills of stalking trophy trout with the top Kiwi guides. One of our past NZ newsletters referred to this approach as the "Butt's Approach" and it is featured in that newsletter available through this link: [New Zealand Newsletter](#) If you'd like to see samples of different types of NZ itineraries, just hit "reply" and inquire.

PERMIT - 15 RELEASED IN A WEEK



Permit fishing is never easy. Usually, releasing a fish or two in a week of pursuing them can be considered success. However, sometimes you just “hit it right.” Recently, a group of anglers from England spent a week using the Rising Tide in Belize as their “floating lodge.” The focus of their trip was permit fishing and they headed south from Belize City to access what are, arguably, the finest permit flats on the globe. All of them were on their first Rising Tide trip and two had never taken a permit (releasing a permit at left). They ended up releasing 15 permit. According to our records of Belize mothership trips, 15 fish in one trip ties the 5th best permit trip ever taken. The record stands at 23 fish in one trip. As this is written, we’re trying to gather more details on this trip and will include in a future newsletter.

The website for this trip is www.flyfishbelize.com

GOLDEN TROUT COUNTRY – AMAZING



It is amazing that country this spectacular still exists right here in California – rugged, beautiful country that still can only be accessed with a pack on your back or via horseback and pack mules. There are not many full service pack stations remaining, but we maintain a relationship with the family run operation that put together our family trips into the Sierras over 50 years ago.



The California Golden Trout is a coldwater species that thrives in only a few places on the globe. One of those is the high country of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range in eastern California. Brook trout are also found in many of these high mountain waters; in some places, rainbows also. About 55 years ago, my father, brother, and I visited this stunning country using pack mules and horses.

The Golden at left is carrying spawning colors. The Minipi River brookie in spawning mode in the banner photo is thought by many to be the most brilliantly colored of all the freshwater species. The Golden Trout must be considered a rival for that honor.

SALTWATER FLATS FISHING IN NZ

Previous to planning their NZ itinerary, Gary Butts read a magazine article about wading the salt water flats for Kingfish. They decided to give it a try and included time in their itinerary on Golden Bay, fishing the flats off the north end of the South Island. We asked Gary to write us a report on the experience.....tough conditions, but a good report. This link will take you to Gary’s report: [NZ - King Fish On The Flats](#)

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](#)

APRIL MEMORY PHOTO

This month's Memory Photo comes from the Northwest Cape in Australia – the Ningaloo Reef area. That's Maggie Ward with her first ever Pacific Permit. This was Maggie's fourth permit – the other three were the Caribbean variety taken in Belize.

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