

March 1998

BAHAMAS

A DAY AT MORES ISLAND SANDY POINT GREAT ABACO ISLAND

"It was a warm and calm morning; only one cloud was pinned against the far horizon. It was a perfect day for More's Island and when the idea was suggested to Patrick, our guide, he smiled and said, 'let's go.'

After an easy ride to the island, we decided to start fishing at SNAFU point. Patrick shut down the motor and we laughed about past screw-ups at this spot. A school of very large bonefish became discernible when we drifted nearer to the point. Stacked as still as rocks, they were waiting for the tide to begin falling. I was graciously offered the first shot and as I began pulling line off my reel, I discovered a nasty knot in my fly line. I tried to untangle the mess but, muttering under my breath, I eventually had to relinquish the deck, clip off my fly, unstring my rod and disassemble the knot. Patrick just laughed at my fumings and mentioned that this was just a normal situation here. Although this offered me

no solace, I tried to keep my perspective while Craig unsuccessfully casted to the big bones. When it was my turn, the bones refused my offerings too. We all just looked at each other, laughed, and decided to move away from SNAFU point and its bad luck.

Once across the cut, as I, once again, began stacking my line on the deck, Craig stretched the coils out of my line until he reached an unseen nick and snapped my fly line in two. I smiled my best adult smile impersonation, again stepped off the casting deck, wadded up my now useless line, put my reel away and attached my spare reel to my GLX.

I was now sure we had exhausted all the divine mischief scheduled for our boat for the day. With this bad luck behind us, we decided to wade the flats on both sides of a large mangrove bush that had, in the past, provided numerous shots at hefty bones.

Craig immediately hooked a fish and just as quickly lost his fish and fly when his line caught on his reel handle. No problem, it has happened before and it will happen again - unrelenting optimism

is a trait common to all diehard anglers. As we lost sight of each other behind the bush, I spotted a two foot bonefish making his way uptide. I made an adequate cast, the fish ate my fly and then rocketed off the flat.

"OK... that's better." I thought as my reel made that familiar, yet intoxicating, sound as backing melted off my spool... until the free spooling came to an abrupt halt and the fish broke off before I could shout *expletive deleted*. I just stood there baffled and frustrated. I stared at my reel and began pulling on the backing finding it firmly attached to my reel by a very nicely formed overwrapped knot. I fussed with the knot pulling backing off my reel, letting the tide carry the braided dacron away from me until I reached a point where it was not tangled. After 150 yards, the knot finally cleared and I began rewinding the backing that had drifted quite a ways down tide.

Just then, and I am not making this up, a cormorant with a broken wing spooked from the mangrove bush. He hit the water with a resounding splat and began crazily flapping his one good wing (no doubt in an effort to escape my recent ugly example of angling prowess). Now, with legs and a wing, he veered toward me in a long uncontrolled arc and smashed into my leg then ricocheted into my backing. He tangled a good gob of it before wildly making his exit and leaving me utterly and completely dumbstruck. I looked upward, I smiled,

INSIDE:

- | | |
|--|--|
| page 1 Sandy Point, Abaco | page 4 Belize Update |
| page 2 Banyan Beach Bonefish Club | page 5 MedicalLegal Seminars |
| page 2 Bonefish Fly Patterns | page 5 La Paloma Lodge, Chile |
| page 3 A Word On Stealth | page 6 Grey's Point BonefishInn |
| page 3 Tips For Dry Fly Fishermen | page 7 Late BreakingNews |
| page 4 Days of the Full Moon | page 7 Best Bets For Trout |

then I laughed - this was obviously some sort of comedic moment concocted by the fishing gods for their own perverted enjoyment.

I pleaded for some sort of benevolent intervention and didn't notice any immediately forthcoming, so I cut out the medusa of tangled backing and reattached the ends with a carefully constructed blood-knot. I rewound my tortured backing and, with considerable misgivings, continued my seemingly doomed stroll down the flat.

Almost immediately, something caught my eye. I couldn't tell you what, but I somehow spotted a huge bonefish tailing next to shore. Ah... another test... should I just fling my rod at the monster, thus ending this charade, or should I take the bait and cast to him? If I did take a legitimate shot at this double digit dream, would my nail knot fail, or would my rod break; perhaps my dog would die or the stock market would crash. You know, that feeling that overwhelms you sometimes and whispers nastily in your ear "man, this just isn't your day."

But, what the hell - I shakily casted my little anemic bundle of feathers and string at the beast. He charged my fly, tailed quickly and then came firm to the end of my strip-strike. Like all really big fish, his exit brought my line onto my reel instantaneously. My backing unwound beautifully once, twice, then three times and, after a few agonizing minutes, a 28" (at the fork) bonefish heeled dutifully at my side. I estimated his weight at 9-10lbs and then quickly released him. No sharks or barracuda followed him, I had all my fingers and the sky didn't fall.

Just then Patrick and Craig waded into view on the other side of the bush. They didn't see any of this - the victory, or thankfully, the defeats. I just stood there awash in embarrassment and joy, the by-product of some celestial practical joke. Maybe it was some idiotic trial by fire (a test of patience and perseverance and sense of humor). I'd like to think I passed, to think otherwise would just make the morning too ridiculous and me too incompetent." SSH Journal Nov. 1997.

If you've never fished Sandy Point give it a try. It's one of the great big fish spots in all the Bahamas with good numbers of smaller school fish in the fall and spring. The guides are some of the best you'll find anywhere and they are equipped with excellent flats boats. Give us a call and we'll give you available dates for the rest of 1998. Don't miss fishing Sandy Point at least once.

Pierce's Wormfly



- Hook:** Mustad 34007 Size 6
- Thread:** Color of body
- Tail:** Long dyed grizzly maribou 2- 2 1/2 x length of body with 3-5 pieces of crystal flash, same color as body
- Body:** Wrapped Crystal Flash
- Eyes:** Painted lead eye

This fly was built by Larry Pierce, M.D. of Augusta, GA and we can personally attest that it took a 12+lb bonefish on Acklins Island in the Bahamas. He ties this fly in many color combinations including: pink, olive, tan, orange, rootbeer and cream.

Foxy Lady



- Hook:** TMC 811S or Mustad 34007 Size 4-6
- Thread:** 6/0 tan or light brown
- Eyes:** Small painted lead eyes
- Tail:** Small bunch of orange maribou
- Body:** Light brown or tan dubbing brush
- Wing:** 4-6 strands of rainbow crystal flash and small bunch of red fox hair

George Guther is an American living in Munich, Germany. We met George on South Andros while fishing with Andy Bair of Bair Bahamas Guest House. A year and a half later, while at Grey's Point Inn on Acklins Island, George had a chance to use this pattern. He reports, "While the old gotcha in sizes 4 & 6 proved to be a reliable standby-by, my new fly proved to be outstanding. The Foxy Lady has proven to be a great fly, not only for us but for two Americans from California who were also at Grey's Point. They had 30-40 fish days using, among other flies, the Foxy Lady. And we caught two nice 8 pounders but, there are bigger ones out there... I saw them! Each fly accounted for 6-8 fish before it self-destructed. I was amazed at the vast, beautiful flats of Acklins Island. It is hard to believe that in this day and age, such areas still exist. I hope to get back in the spring."

BANYAN BEACH BONEFISH CLUB

TREASURE CAY, ABACO
BAHAMAS

Angling Destinations began booking trips to this new club this spring. The club is situated on a 3 mile long, white sand beach that National Geographic magazine calls "one of the world's ten best beaches." The resort, having just completed a \$240,000 renovation, offers excellent poolside accommodations for up to 8 fly fishermen. The club will be the first lodge to offer bonefishing in the northern reaches of the legendary vast flats system known as the "marls."

Much of the over 400 sq. miles of available flats is less than 1 foot deep and demands special boats to access. Seven new Flatsmaster skiffs (with flush, hassel-free decks) that can be poled in less than 3 inches of water are on their way at press time. With new boats, new 50 hp Johnson motors, GPS transmitters and strong Loomis push-poles, the guides will have the most advanced bonefishing boats in the Bahamas. Given the excellent accommodations, the pristine flats, and the new boats, Banyan Beach Bonefish Club at Treasure Cay promises to be among the top lodges in the Bahamas (and a perfect spot for family vacations)! Call now for details.

A WORD ON STEALTH

HOW TO BE UNSEEN AND NOT HEARD

All gamefish, with few exceptions, are both predator and prey. While one eye is constantly peeled for their next meal, the other is always scanning for lurking danger. Their appetite pushes them greedily forward while their wariness urges retreat. This constant push/pull creates a rather nervous personality whether it be a 24" brown trout sipping mayflies off a swirling eddyline, or a 28" bonefish rooting deep in the marl for a mantis shrimp. Even salmon, hellbent to move upstream struggling to fill a primordial appetite of a different sort, are subject to the same wariness of character. The brown trout fears the eagle and osprey, the bonefish fears the shark and barracuda, the salmon fears the grizzly bear and they all fear you.

All good anglers know that the selectivity and wariness of wild fish are both innate and yet increased by fishing pressure. They also know that the single most effective technique that they can employ to increase their success is stealth. In any type of fishing, and most especially

with sight fishing, you must avoid alerting your prey to your presence. This single rule is more important than fly color, or size, or pattern, or tippet diameter. We all spend huge amounts of time and effort conceiving ways to fool fish with terminal tackle refinements. But, it is often at the complete other end of the system where the problem occurs. The noisy, quick or jerky motioned, often gaudily dressed angler - whether it be in the salt, or in freshwater lakes and streams - often sabotages his own chances of success.

Think about this, a fish's vision is extremely acute. If a trout can tell the difference between a #24 midge pattern and a natural and if a bonefish can see a small shrimp scooting away in muddy water, he can most certainly see and hear you - unless you can avoid alerting him. Fish can focus simultaneously on a whole range of objects on any given plane. This means fish can see in almost every direction at once. To catch a fish therefore, your wariness must match his wariness.

Here are a few suggestions to in-

crease your "stealth factor":

1. Wade quietly, move slowly, watch constantly - look before you change your position. Good anglers are like herons, they watch and wait **then move** - often the fish come to them.

2. Wear clothes that camouflage your presence. Select colors that blend into the background shades of your fishing environment. Try to disappear into the fish's surroundings. Stand in shadows, on patches of turtlegrass, behind trees, rocks, or mangroves.

3. Practice your casting before your go on your trip. Learn to cast with a minimum of false casts and never false cast over a fish. Never load your rod by "popping" your fly off the surface. Not only learn to cast longer, but learn to drop your fly more quietly.

Stealth is as much an attitude as a particular technique. When you assume the attitude of a hunter and all that entails, you are on your way to becoming invisible to the fish - and that will increase your fishing productivity more than any other single learned technique or purchased technology.

SOME TIPS FOR DRY FLY FISHERMEN

1. Put fly floatant on your fly and leader. This way your fly will float longer because your leader won't sink and pull your fly under.
2. Keep your fly line clean. Picking your fly line off the water becomes easier and quieter.
3. Don't crowd rising fish. Fish will take an artificial dry much more readily if you keep your distance and don't "creep" up.
4. Be quiet - stand in shadows if possible - wade slowly - wear muted colors. Dry fly fishing is as much hunting as fishing.
5. Pre-straighten your leader by pulling them through your fingers and not a rubber leader

straightener. These straighteners generate friction and the heat can weaken fragile tippets.

6. Clip off any cracked or damaged portions of the end of your fly line. These damaged areas can cause your line to sink and thus pull under your leader and fly.

7. If your presentation isn't right, let the fly drift to below the feeding fish before lifting the fly line off the water to cast again.

8. Never false cast over feeding fish.
9. Cast to the lowest or outside fish of a pod. This allows you to catch a fish (and come back for another) without spooking the entire pod.
10. Practice your presentation so that your fly settles gently on the water and doesn't slap the water.
11. Have fun - this isn't brain surgery - this is your vacation.



BELIZE UPDATE

BELIZE RIVER LODGE

The fishing out of Belize River Lodge has been fantastic so far this spring, both out of the lodge and aboard the three live-aboards. People are so pleased with their trips that many are already re-booking for spring 1999. Our advice to you is plan ahead and book early if you intend to visit Belize River Lodge next year.

Many of the people who visited Belize River Lodge asked us to find a place where non-fishing companions could scuba dive, beachcomb, snorkel, or just relax in a beautiful, tropical setting. We feel that the Turneffe Atoll provides not only the best bonefishing available in Belize and a legitimate shot at a Grand Slam, but also world-class diving, lovely white sand beaches, and very little tourist pressure.

Angling Destinations recommends two first-class operations that have great fishing for bonefish, snook, stupendous coral reefs.

TURNEFFE FLATS LODGE

Turneffe Flats Lodge is a small lodge with Mexican-tile floors, newly renovated air-conditioned rooms and excellent food. State-of-the-art Dolphin super-skiffs, manned by friendly and professional guides, explore easily accessible flats and reefs. The

lodge also has access to over 70 world-class dive sites that they reach comfortably aboard three custom-built 31' Ocean Masters. For family members looking for something other than diving and fishing, Turneffe Flats Lodge offers an "Explorer's Package" that provides daily guided outings including snorkeling, birding and even a tour to the mainland to see a Mayan ruin.

TURNEFFE ISLAND LODGE

Turneffe Island Lodge, located on a private, 12 acre island complete with white sand beaches and swaying palms, has taken full advantage of the five-year-old ban on the netting of bonefish. Turneffe Island Lodge offers unrivaled fishing opportunities in these remote waters that receive so little fishing pressure. Permit are abundant. Extensive, wadeable flats close to the lodge, provide superb bonefishing. Tarpon are also available, but summer to early fall is the peak season.

Turneffe Island Lodge also has a full-service dive program and easy access to world-class diving. The comfortable rooms are all air-conditioned, the delicious meals are served family-style and available activities such as sea kayaking and windsurfing complete the perfect vacation picture.

Please call for complete information on these three exceptional lodges.

MEXICO'S YUCATAN

ASCENSION BAY

For groups, the **SeaClusion Villa** offers the perfect way to explore the Yucatan Peninsula and the waters of Mexico's Ascension Bay. This lovely villa, gracefully perched on a hill overlooking the Caribbean, offers light-tackle anglers the opportunity to fish for snook, tarpon, permit and bonefish almost immediately out their back door. Knowledgeable and experienced guides use spacious and well-maintained boats to ply the prolific waters of this remote bay. Wonderful meals taken in this beautiful Mexican hacienda make this a perfect getaway for discriminating anglers and their non-angling companions. Costs begin at \$9,000 for parties of 4 or less and run from Saturday to Saturday for 7 nights and 6 days of fishing all inclusive. Maximum of 6 guests per week at \$2,000 per guest over 4. Price includes transfers to and from Cancun via an air-conditioned suburban. Local beer and wine also included in the price. The SeaClusion Villa is for the exclusive use of one group and there is no mixing of parties.

For groups this is a wonderful opportunity to have your own private home in the middle of some of the best fishing grounds in the Caribbean. Call today for a complete brochure.

Days of the Full Moon, 1998/1999

April 11, 1998

August 8

December 3

May 30

May 11

September 6

January 2 & 31, 1999

June 28

June 10

October 5

March 2 & 31

July 28

July 9

November 4

April 30

August 26

LA PALOMA LODGE

CHILE

Like Alaska and New Zealand, Chile is one of those superb trout fishing destinations that every dedicated angler should visit at least once. Angling Destinations, working in conjunction with Jay Burgin of Montana's Five Rivers Lodge (see AD newsletter August '97) is now booking trips to a small capacity, strategically located lodge on the Paloma River. La Paloma Lodge is situated in a remote valley a little over one hour driving time from Coyhaique. Mountains lie both west towards the Pacific and east towards the Andes. There are no other fishing lodges in this area and only anglers from La Paloma Lodge explore its numerous clear tributaries, narrow canyons and friendly riffles. La Paloma Lodge lies within 500 yards of the river which winds for more than 20 miles through this magnificent valley. La Paloma and its tributaries are populated by browns and rainbows in fantastic numbers in the 13-18 inch range. Anglers should regularly take fish over 20 inches with the largest being around 24 inches. These waters provide excellent dry fly fishing with terrestrials and of course, nymphs and streamers. The guests at La Paloma Lodge will also have access to six lakes: two linked series of three lakes each. The lakes are connected by 2-3 mile long streams that provide excellent dry fly fishing for trout in the 15-20 inch range. The lakes themselves are fished either from shore, small boats, or float tubes and yield trout up to 30" with the majority 19-20 inches.

So let's sum all this up: a cozy, small lodge tucked away in a picturesque valley surrounded by lakes and streams teeming with large healthy trout. A lodge co-owned by an American with a proven track record. Experienced guides and a friendly staff, neat and comfortable accommodations, superb meals, a Montana-like climate where you can trout fish when everyone else is shoveling snow- this all sounds too good to turn down. So good, in fact, that we're hosting a group the third week in January 1999. Join us if you can! For those who can't, the best season is December through early April. The cost is \$2,850 per angler, which includes all meals, lodging, guides plus transfers from Coyhaique. This is a great bargain!

A recent visitor sent us this fax: *"It's great!! Ken caught so many big trout, now he wants to go sightseeing. The guides are tops and the chefsmanship surpasses Paris' best. On the first day we caught 25- 30 from 15-24 inches!"*

ATTENTION DOCTORS, LAWYERS, & DENTISTS.

Due to the overwhelming success of our Bighorn River Flyfishing trip last May, Angling Destinations, in conjunction with Classic Sports International, will be hosting three exceptional hunting and fishing opportunities for 1998. Each seminar will offer CME Cat.1 approved 1998 Medical - Legal update sponsored by the American Educational Institute, Inc. The seminar has extensive CLE and CDE accreditation and meets IRS requirements for tax deductibility. See below....



May 16-21, 1998

4 days guided fishing, lots of big browns & rainbows. 5 nights luxury accommodations at the Bighorn River Resort, all meals including gourmet lunches & refreshments.
Cost: \$1,695

June 6-11, 1998

Since our May trip to the Bighorn is filled we're fortunate to be able to add this quality lodge, within a few minutes of the prime fishing waters. Fine accommodations, superb cuisine, top guides. Arrive Sat. June 6, all day fishing Sun. through Wed., depart June 11.
Cost: \$1,595

October 16-21, 1998

A real Montana Cast and Blast... do what you enjoy the most during your 4 days -- 4 days fishing, 4 days wingshooting, 2 and 2 or 3 and 1. Best food and lodging on the Bighorn River, best fishing and hunting anywhere.
Cost: \$2,450

This is really a very special place. Pristine, private and a visual paradise- plus BIG hungry trout!" With a capacity of only 8 anglers, prime dates will fill quickly so call us today for details and a free brochure.

A PLEA TO PLAN AHEAD

Belize River Lodge, Bair Bahamas Guesthouse, North Riding Point Club, Pelican Bay and Sandy Point were all sold out for spring by early January. This news disappointed many of our clients and frustrated us too. The only advise we can give is to plan ahead as far as possible. We are already taking bookings for the spring of 1999 and we've even booked trips for the year 2000! The best lodges, those with solid, well-earned reputations are filling quickly, while some of the old standbys are doing just that. So if you want to experience the best - plan ahead and give us a call as soon as you start to feel that itch.

FLY TIERS TAKE NOTE

A great new material for gotcha's, charlie's, etc.: Fur Marabou from Angler's Sport Group, 6619 Oak Orchard Road, Elba, NY 14058. Translucent and very lively - give it a try!

GREY'S POINT BONEFISH INN

ACKLINS ISLAND, BAHAMAS

Brad Wolfe visited this destination in January. Instead of giving you the company propaganda, we thought we would let you hear his first-hand account.

"I had made casts like this many times before. No problem - 40 feet, I tried to tell myself as I began my false casting. This, however, was no ordinary cast. In my sights was the largest bonefish I had ever been this close to in my ten years of chasing this magical fish. I measured a couple of false casts and tried to gently land the size 2 gotcha in front of the big fellow. The fly came down with just the right amount of splash about two feet in front of the fish. Amazingly, before the fly hit the bottom, the bonefish was on it. He lit up, completely believing that a shrimp from heaven just materialized out of nothing. He sucked it into his big mouth and began to move away. I strip struck putting the point of the hook in his mouth and then absolutely freaked.

He bolted off the flat leaving my reel screaming. For over a minute he blazed off the flat towards the deep channel, not once slowing down. I began calling to my partner for help. I was sure I was going to need a hand landing this critter. The fish finally stopped running at about 230 yards and I began to work him back in. I glanced down at my reel and noticed the black patina of the anodizing shining through with maybe 25-30 yards of backing left on the reel. I felt pretty lucky that he stopped when he did.

I fought him back and forth for about 10-15 more minutes before he finally came to hand. I had my buddy shoot a few photos and we taped a couple of measurements. I slowly

revived the great fish and sent him swimming on his way. I was surprised later that day when the measurements we had taken (32 x 18.5) yielded 13.69 pounds! The really incredible thing was that this was the afternoon of our arrival day and we had just walked out in front of the lodge - not 500 yards from our room! So began our trip at Grey's Point Inn on Acklins Island in the southern Bahamas.

The remainder of our trip turned out to be just about as good as the beginning. We had great weather and the guides were able to put us on fish at almost every location we went to visit. The flats are vast and unfished. The bonefish are generally large (average size about 4 lbs) and unsophisticated. A properly placed cast almost always yielded a fish.

Part of the charm of the place is that almost all of the fishing is done while wading, just you and the fish. The flats are sandy and usually hard with lots of rich prey species visible. My traveling companion, Cape Cod Orvis-endorsed guide, Gilbert Berke was very successful with a variety of shrimp patterns and gotchas. I suspect that almost any buggy-looking fly would work with these untrained fish.

The lodge was very clean and comfortable. You must remember, however, that this island is remote and this is not a four star-type resort. They have a phone and electrical power, as well as, an efficient cistern water system. All the meals are home-cooked and fresh from the sea. In fact, one day we caught some tasty fish in one of the channels and had the cook, Lavonda, make a dinner of them.

Grey's Point Inn is a remarkable spot. We tallied well over a hundred fish and landed fish 13.6 lbs, 10.4 lbs and several in the 6-8 lb range. We also caught large cuda, one of which was 48 inches long and weighed in at 25 lbs! If you're thinking of a bonefishing trip and want to get off the beaten path, consider trying Grey's Point Inn. Don't miss the opportunity to contribute to the education of these needy bonefish!

Brad Wolfe is the owner and operator of Wellesley Outdoors, a full line Orvis fly shop in the Boston suburb of Wellesley. Feel free to call him for information anytime (617) 237-5554.

As of February, a new member is joining the Grey's Point team. The Bahamas contingent will remain the same with Newton and Garron Williamson heading it up. The Williamson's are long time Acklins Island residents who began hosting bone fishermen in 1997. Collin Schadrech is from Frontier Farwest, Inc. of Telkwa British Columbia and is the newest member of the Acklins Island team. His wealth of fishing lodge operational experience and team building skills will greatly enhance the guest's experience while fishing and staying at this lodge. Frontier Farwest, Inc. is known worldwide for its superb guide and lodge staff and for an incredible summer steelhead fishery.

A new modern lodge will be completed later this year and the new flats boats will greatly expand fishing opportunities. The Acklins Island flats, most of which can be waded with bare feet, are incredible both for their size and for numbers of very large bonefish. Come and meet the great

team at Acklins Island, and experience one of the Bahamas finest "off the beaten path" bonefish opportunities.

LATE-BREAKING NEWS RAGGED ISLAND

We're very excited at the possibility of a new bonefishing operation coming to Ragged Island. It looks as if the Ragged Island Bonefish Club will be open for business by fall 1998 or early winter 1999. In order to understand what incredible opportunities this event offers dedicated flats fishermen, you first must understand the remote and unspoiled nature of these islands...

Stretching southwest in a great semi-circle from the west point of Long Island lies a chain of beautiful and deserted cays. These Jumento Cays arc south some ninety miles, until they terminate at the Ragged Island. Ragged Island has only one town, a remote settlement of 75-100 people who meagerly live on what bounty the sea provides. There are no scheduled flights, only a few roads with fewer cars and the big event every week is when the mail boat arrives. The ocean provides a simple life for a handfull of inhabitants and is a paradise for the light tackle sports fishermen. With only an occasional sailboat ever reaching these cays, the extensive flats sit waiting, untouched and absolutely pristine.

This spring and summer air-conditioned rooms with satellite TV's, new boats and trained guides are all being put in place. We are not yet ready to accept bookings, but we want to notify our clients of this promising development.

We plan to use a charter service either from Nassau or Florida since there are no commercially available flights. The planned cost per week will be \$1,995 with a limit of 8 anglers. We will have full details and brochure available soon. If you've ever dreamed of unexplored, unfished and untouched flats, this is your chance. Angling Destinations will be hosting an exploratory group in October. There are many anglers who have dreamed of this opportunity so call now to reserve your spot and get all the details.

NICARAGUA

For years rumors have circulated about the fantastic bonefishing among the many cays off the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua. At press time, a group is working out the details of providing a live-aboard ship which will access this promising area. If this works out, what was once an area impossible to reach will now be available to the adventuresome angler, probably by early 1999. We will keep you updated on developments concerning this trip.

SOUTH ANDROS

Near Mars Bay, on South Andros, a home is being renovated with a capacity for 6 anglers. The owners are planning to make this a cross between a rental property and a lodge. You can rent the home, explore on your own and cook your own meals, or hire guides and have meals prepared. This offers a very economical opportunity for self-guided anglers or families. Again, we will keep you informed as to the progress being made on this property.

BEST BETS FOR TROUT FISHERMEN WYOMING/MONTANA

If you still haven't made plans for this summer, we'd like to suggest three opportunities.

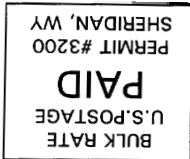
First of all, we will remind you, once again (see August 1997 newsletter), of the fantastic angling opportunities offered by Five Rivers Lodge. Fish the Beaverhead, The Big Hole, The Jefferson, The Ruby and a simply incredible Spring Creek.

If you are interested in fishing the most prolific river in the lower 48, then the Bighorn River with an average of 7,000 rainbows and browns per mile demands your attention. The Bighorn River Resort lodges its guests in hand-crafted log cabins, serves gourmet meals and employs Orvis-endorsed guides. To stay at the Bighorn River Resort is to relax in the rustic luxury of Montana's finest hospitality.

If small streams on private ranches are more your style, don't forget our private waters program right here in our own backyard. Fish Goose Creek, Powder River and Piney Creek, all on private land. You and your friends will be the only anglers on these stretches of water for the days you've booked. Beautiful streams, lots of trout and no one else - what could be better?

Call now for complete details and brochures on any of the above trips. If you are a birdhunter, we also have access to 4 huge private ranches and their large populations of pheasant, chukar, sharptails and Hungarian partridges. Again, call for details.





Bahamas

Sandy Point, Grey's Point
Bonefish Inn, Treasure Cay
Grand Bahama, Bair Bahamas
Guest House
Ragged Island Bonefish Club

Belize, Honduras, Mexico

Belize River Lodge
Turneffe Flats Lodge
Turneffe Island Lodge
Casa Blanca
Bayman Bay

Wyoming, Montana

Big Horn River, Private Ranches
Mountain Streams
Mountain Horsepack Trips
Five Rivers Lodge
Forrester's Frontier Travel

Alaska, Canada

Lodges, Float Trips
Tent Camps
Bristol Bay, British Columbia
Northwest Territories
Bristol Bay Lodge

ANGLING DESTINATIONS IS COMMITTED TO PRESERVING BOTH THE FISHERIES WE DISCOVER AND THE FRIENDSHIPS THAT WE MAKE. THE MAJORITY OF OUR BUSINESS IS FROM REPEAT CLIENTS. WE TRY AND KEEP AN OPEN EAR TO CUSTOMER FEEDBACK AND TAILOR OUR FUTURE DIRECTION

IN A WAY TO SATISFY SUCH CRITIQUES.

WHETHER YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR BONEFISH AND PERMIT IN SALT, PIKE AND WALLEYE IN CANADA, SALMON IN ALASKA OR TROUT IN THE ROCKIES, WE CAN DRAW ON OUR COMBINED YEARS OF

FISHING THE WORLD TO MEET YOUR NEEDS. OUR DESTINATIONS ARE UNIQUE. MANY ARE EXCLUSIVE TO US ... AND WE DON'T MIND SHARING.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS. THEY REPRESENT SOME OF THE ADVENTURES WE HAVE TO OFFER.

