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“The Place to Find Yourself is Outdoors . . .”

MY PARENTS STARTED FRONTIERS 40 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH AND WE’VE HAD FUN RECENTLY REMINISCING ABOUT THE GREAT DESTINATIONS OUR STAFF AND CLIENTS HAVE EXPERIENCED OVER THE LAST FOUR DECADES. *We used the above marketing tagline many years ago . . . and in the uncertainty of today’s world, we feel it is more appropriate than ever.*

We would like to thank *Fly Rod & Reel* magazine for featuring Frontiers in their anniversary issue and acknowledging some of the locations we essentially pioneered in the early years. The author of the article, Tom Keer, did a fine job capturing the corporate culture of Frontiers and our passion for fly fishing, shooting and travel. While it’s fun to reflect, rest assured that we are totally committed to our next 40 years and look forward to expanding your horizons as well as those of your children and grandchildren . . . and I’m not talking about experiencing the “outdoors” through a virtual video game!



Susie and Michael celebrate 40 years

Now is the time to find yourself streamside, on a remote saltwater flat or in the field with highly trained pointing dogs. Not only are the financial incentives to do so unprecedented,

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**New for
2009/2010!**

Abaco Lodge

Abaco Lodge on the Marls

Abaco Island, Bahamas

THE LONG-AWAITED AND MUCH-ANTICIPATED OPENING OF THE NEW LODGE ON ABACO ISLAND IN THE BAHAMAS HAS NOW COME AND GONE. *Out of the gate, Abaco Lodge on the Marls is a winner. Top to bottom, it's just plain tough to find fault with anything that's going on with this new lodge.*

Joe Linscott and I just returned from a week spent with some great clients and close friends. Due to extremely difficult weather conditions during our stay, our fishing trip turned into more of a relaxed social event . . . NHL hockey and NBA playoffs on the satellite television, backgammon tournaments, smoking cigars, rigging reels and lines for the pro shop, sorting flies into selection boxes, and even casting lessons in the rain all made enjoyable activities to while away the time during the incessant thunderstorms that minimized our fishing time.

The majority of the fishing we did have was into stiff winds and with lots of cloud cover. All told we had about six hours of sunshine for the entire five days of fishing. But when we did have sun, we got to see firsthand why the Marls are known as one of the best bonefish resources in all of the Bahamas – they are simply loaded with bonefish!

Frontiers' Joe Codd letting one go



The trip actually started out as “fishable” on the first morning, with decent visibility and manageable winds of about 20 mph. We were able to boat 9 tailing bones ranging from 2½ to 3½ pounds prior to breaking for lunch in the lee of a small cay. Conditions worsened as the afternoon winds picked up and cloud cover began thickening into what would become one of the longest lasting low pressure systems I’ve encountered in all my years of fishing the flats. For the next three days, it was a matter of chasing the sun and searching for tails in the lee of any of the taller cays.

All in all we never got skunked, which in and of itself was pretty remarkable. We even managed to catch a few decent fish during the three days when we actually got on the water. It’s always an amazing feeling when the sun breaks through and fish start to magically appear – you can’t help thinking “wow, have you guys been here all this time?” On one hand you feel like you’ve been shortchanged a bit on the fishing, but on the other hand it makes you want to return knowing what it can be like when Mother Nature cooperates. After our departure, the next three days yielded boat totals averaging 28 fish landed per day!

Abaco Lodge is managed by Oliver White, a laid back, capable, and extremely well-traveled young man who knows how to run a high-end sporting property. He has acquired a great fleet of Hells Bay skiffs and hired a more-than-capable crew of guides that are affable and work hard to put you on fish all day. His house staff excels when it comes to friendliness and efficiency.

All 8 rooms have en suite baths, are air conditioned and set up for single occupancy. They feature king size beds, a desk, twin night stands, an end table, ceiling fan, closet, and hooks for hanging various fishing items. There are rod racks and wash spigots outside the entrances to each room and all rooms have a deck overlooking the Marls. In the evening you’ll find an inviting fire pit ringed with comfortable chairs to be the perfect place to tell stories of your fishing

day. Guests will enjoy the open bar at Abaco Lodge that features either a help yourself approach or assistance from one of the many friendly staff. The main lodge also has Wi-Fi for those needing to stay in touch with family or give the appearance of being in the office.

Joe Codd



Two Frontiers’ Joes (Linscott and Codd) fishing the Marls

Upcoming Frontiers Staff Hosted Trips

ONE OF THE PERKS OF WORKING FOR FRONTIERS IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO FISH, SHOOT AND VISIT AMAZING PLACES AROUND THE WORLD. We love to travel and would enjoy having you come along with us. In addition to our staff, Barry and Cathy Beck

(writers, photographers and consummate hosts) lead a number of Frontiers groups each year. Here's a sampling of a few of our upcoming hosted trips – check your schedule and pick one (or two)!



Barry and Cathy Beck

Bighorn River, Montana – August 15-22 and August 22-29, 2009. Barry and Cathy Beck hosted trips for big browns and rainbows in a classic tailwater fishery.

Bolivia – September 5-13, 2009. Frontiers' Hank Ingram and Steff Jones will host a trip to Tsimane luxury camps to fly fish for huge dorado. Float and wade crystal-clear rivers in the pristine Bolivian rain forest.

Kulik Lodge, Alaska – September 15-22, 2009. Barry and Cathy Beck hosted trip in a spectacular wilderness setting with great water everywhere.

Three Forks Lodge, American West – October 18-24, 2009. Hunt 50,000 acres of prime elk habitat from this first-rate facility. Join Frontiers' president, Mike Fitzgerald, Jr., for a truly world-class elk hunt.

Agua Boa Amazon Lodge, Brazil – October 31-November 7, 2009. Barry and Cathy Beck are leading this trip for exciting peacock bass.

Tres Valles, Argentina – November 27-December 6, 2009. A Barry and Cathy Beck hosted trip to one of the final frontiers of trout fishing.

New Zealand – February 2-17, 2010. Barry and Cathy Beck will lead a group to three special lodges on the South Island: Motueka River Lodge, Owen River Lodge, and Riverview Lodge – all strategically located near some of the best fishing.

Estancia de Los Rios, Chile – February 20-27, 2010. Join Craig Fellin, the American West's best-known lodge owner/guide, on a 360,000-acre working ranch with over 60 miles of private water.

Zancudo Lodge, Costa Rica's Pacific Coast – February 18-23, 2010. It's prime time for billfish on a fly with Frontiers' president, Mike Fitzgerald, Jr., and Joe Codd.

Poronui Ranch and Glazebrook Station, New Zealand – Spring 2010. Join Frontiers' Joe Codd and Eric McKinnis for prime hunting on both the North and South Island for red stag, fallow deer, sika deer, tahr, chamois and feral goats at two outstanding lodges.

Estancia Tipiluke, Estancia San Huberto and Estancia Quemquemtreu – March 13-30, 2010. Fish some of the most renowned rivers in northern Patagonia with hosts Barry and Cathy Beck.

Inconnu Lodge, Yukon Territory – July 12-17, 2010. Giant native fish in Canada's remote Far North with Frontiers' Stew Armstrong.

Africa – July 22-30, 2010. Enjoy a photographic safari in Botswana with Frontiers' president, Mike Fitzgerald, Jr.

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but so are the "psychic rewards." As my sister, Mollie, eloquently stated: "Travel is not a superfluous luxury; rather it has become ingrained in the fabric of our lives as a necessary means of reconnecting with ourselves, our environment and with each other." You could book a trip online, through another travel company, or by calling direct; however, you should give Frontiers a call first. There is no additional cost and, based on your specific travel objectives, we will find the very best fit at the very best price.

Despite the current economic environment, we continue to expand our offerings and services. Among the new programs we are excited to introduce, some of which are featured in this newsletter, is a brand-new bonefish lodge on Abaco Island in the Bahamas. There are a number of other saltwater destinations we are exploring as well as resources for golden dorado in South America and a few ranches in the American West. Our bird hunting options closer to home are growing; and for the big game enthusiast, we have a couple of unique opportunities to consider.

On the marketing front, we have launched two completely redesigned Web sites – one in the U.S. and another geared to the European market. Our weekly e-mail newsletter features travel specials and all the latest news and views, so if you don't currently receive it, drop an e-mail to info@frontierstravel.com and we'll add you to the list.



Mike Jr. in Norway 2009

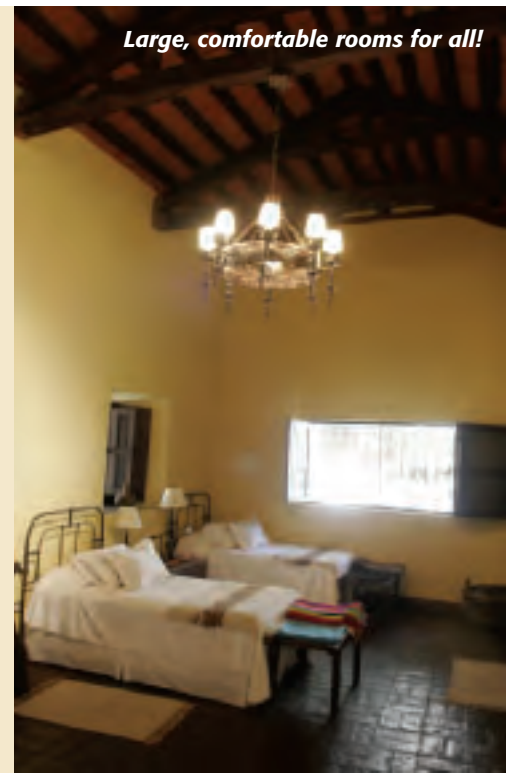
In this issue of Latitudes, we have listed several trips hosted by employees and representatives of Frontiers. We carefully select these departures and generally include some "extras" that you will not find when you travel independently. I'm hosting a few of them and would enjoy having you join me in the field.

Mike Fitzgerald, Jr.



Exclusive decoyed pigeon hunts

Cordoba



Large, comfortable rooms for all!

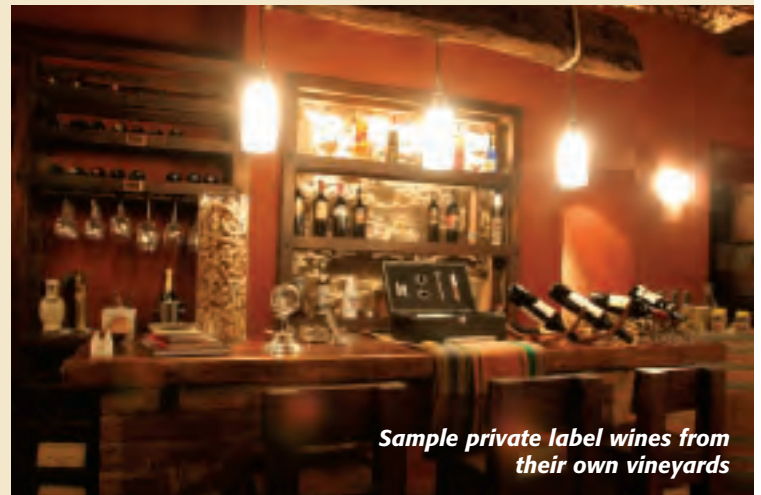
Montaraz Lodge

Cordoba Pigeon

Frontiers is delighted to announce the opening of an outstanding David Denies venue in Argentina's Cordoba Province. This new location is dedicated to those with a passion for Scottish-style decoyed pigeon. Expect the same great shooting, superb service, and fine accommodations you are accustomed to at other estancias operated by this first-class outfitter. Montaraz is the most exclusive pigeon shooting lodge in all of Argentina. Combine it with world-famous dove shooting at Pica Zuro and La Dormida Lodges, a mere 70 miles away, for a spectacular wing shooting combination without rival.

Situated between the Sierra Chicas and Sierra Grandes mountain ranges, Montaraz has exceptional habitat and rich agricultural fields to satisfy several species of ravenous pigeons. The 50-mile radius around the lodge is inhabited by an estimated 5 million pigeons. With over 60 shooting fields available, this well-endowed resource holds potential for hot-barreled yet challenging action during the early April to mid-September season. Each shooter will have a personal blind flanked with traditional decoys as well as mechanized decoy carousels.

Montaraz is a classic estancia and an architectural jewel that was built during the second half of the 17th century. Completely renovated in 2007, this elegant lodge is beautifully decorated in colonial style and surrounded by wide verandas overlooking lush gardens and a lovely lake. It has 8 bedrooms to accommodate 10 shooting guests as well as a comfortable living room, large dining room, fully stocked wine-cellar and complimentary bar. Montaraz radiates the charm and hospitality that has become the trademark of the David Denies shooting brand.



Sample private label wines from their own vineyards

Nonshooting guests will find this location compelling as well. Horseback riding, tennis, golf, lounging by the pool, and touring the private vineyards on the grounds are just a few of the options.

Beginning with the best Argentine beef and quality ingredients, the chef will create an array of delicious traditional specialties and international dishes sure to please the most sophisticated palate. The wine is produced with carefully selected grapes from their own vineyards to complement your culinary experience.

From the moment you arrive in Argentina, service is personalized with close attention paid to every imaginable detail. This high standard is maintained throughout the house staff and guide team, making this one-of-a-kind pigeon shooting program one that you cannot duplicate anywhere.

If you are looking for a new and unique hunting experience, Montaraz Lodge is it!



New Zealand

Brown trout can jump!

Sight casting to trout on the South Island with Owen River Lodge

I'm sure all of you have heard of Zane Grey, the famous American traveling angler. Zane described New Zealand as the "angler's El Dorado" and he was right on the mark, especially when you look at the trout fishery. The rivers that surround Owen River Lodge offer quite possibly the best sight fishing for brown trout in the world.

That's some boast, I know – so perhaps I should tell you why and what that means to us fly fishers.

Well, imagine a river so impossibly clear that what looks like twelve inches of water is actually up to your waist. And then imagine spotting a 5- or 6-pound brown trout actively rising and feeding off the surface.

This is what you'll find in the Nelson Lakes/Murchison region of New Zealand's South Island. At Owen River Lodge we regularly drive our clients to fish over twenty rivers. And if that wasn't enough, we can helicopter to another ten.



Frontiers' Stew Armstrong admires a beautiful brown



The region is renowned as a "sighted" brown trout fishery, with the average size fish ranging from 3 to 6 pounds (there's nothing average about that!). This means that for the majority of the rivers, the angler must spot the fish before the fish sees him or her. Hunting or stalking New Zealand brown trout requires the use of dull-colored fly line, long leaders and fine tippet. The majority of the casting will be medium to short distances, with accuracy being much more important than the ability to cast the complete fly line.

The trout in these parts don't get as big as they do because they are easy to fool. They are cunning – cunning to cast to and cunning to land when you hook up with one of these leviathans. They will go straight for a log jam, or leap out of the water and tail walk across the river, or start storming directly downstream. And when they go downstream, you need to follow!



And then, of course, there are the shared stories back at the lodge. Owen River Lodge is a warm and welcoming place – contemporary in its design with wonderful service, fantastic attention to detail, sensational food, and an incredible group of friendly and knowledgeable fishing guides.

It's incredibly rewarding, it's fun, it's exhilarating and it's pure – distilled fly fishing at its very, very best.

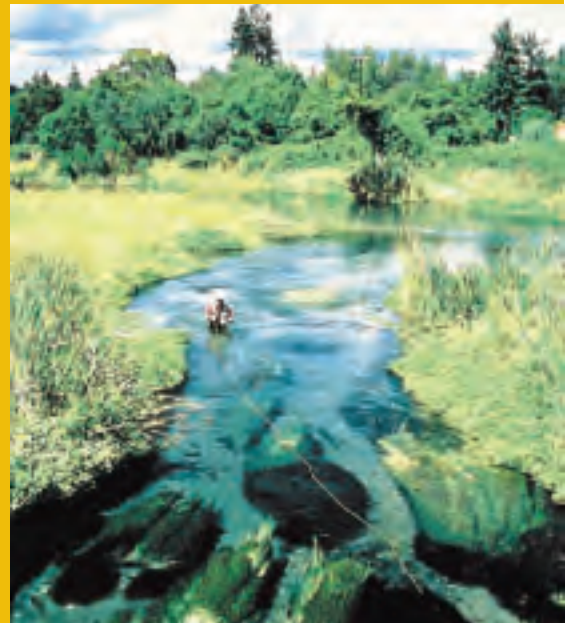
Felix Borenstein
Owner, Owen River Lodge

New Zealand's Tongariro Lodge

Book by August 31 and Receive a Free Night

Located in the heart of the finest fishing New Zealand's North Island has to offer, Tongariro Lodge has extended a fantastic discount to those who choose to book their adventure "Down Under" prior to August 31, 2009. Book four nights during any high- or low-season date at Tongariro Lodge and your fifth night is free!

With the current strength of the U.S. dollar versus New Zealand's, there has never been a better time to travel to this magnificent part of the world. Whether your interests lie in stalking brown and rainbow trout in crystal-clear streams, exploring the fabulous wineries of the North Island, playing golf on some of the finest courses in the Southern Hemisphere, or experiencing the colorful Kiwi culture, you can do it all in fine form from Tongariro Lodge.





Kau Tapen 2010 – Tierra del Fuego, Argentina

A rollback to the past and better than ever!

Long known as the world's premier operation for monster sea-run brown trout, Kau Tapen Lodge on the Rio Grande, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, is a must-do on every angler's list. For the 2010 season Frontiers, in cooperation with Kau Tapen, is pleased to announce that the weekly \$7,895 cost per person will now include an overnight in Buenos Aires, internal flight schedules, and Buenos Aires transfers nec-



essary for the itinerary. In these uncertain world economic times, we here at Frontiers know that you still must fish, and we continue to do our best to facilitate your passion. Please contact Hank Ingram at Frontiers for additional details and available dates.



La Zona

Unparalleled Giant Dorado in Northeastern Argentina

Located on the Uruguay River in Argentina and holding an exclusive permit to fish, La Zona (The Zone) consistently records some of the largest golden dorado ever caught on fly and spin tackle. Why The Zone? Because it continues to prove that there is no comparable destination when it comes to quality and quantity of freshwater dorado.

Taking only 4 anglers per week, La Zona reservations are coveted by any angler seeking these ultra-aggressive species. Frontiers has secured four prime weeks in January, February and March 2010. Please contact Hank Ingram for dates and details.

Chile

Martin Pescador 2008-09: A Season to Remember



IF ANYONE EVER TOLD ME THAT I WOULD HAVE TO LEARN ABOUT BLOCK-AND-ASH FLOWS, CALDERAS, AND HB-TYPE EARTHQUAKES TO DO MY JOB, I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THEY WERE CRAZY. But long before the Chilean fishing season started, Mother Nature decided that I needed a refresher course on geology and what happens when Earth decides that it has a bit of indigestion. In May 2008, a volcano near the Chilean coastal town of Chaiten decided that things were a bit too quiet for the last 9,700 years and got the attention of the world rather quickly.

The subsequent eruption and resultant ash flows diverted rivers from their banks, flooding a large portion of Chaiten and causing its evacuation. The destruction of the town and its airport was a devastating blow, but at least no one was hurt.

Several tense months of volcano monitoring followed and I wondered about Frans and Anna Jansen, owners of Martin Pescador Lodge, as one of their operations is located 45-minutes from the eruption site. It was Anna who made a quick trip to the area and afterward notified me that conditions were fine and that they were going to open their lodge for the upcoming season. After adjusting their travel logistics to accommodate a new commuter flight locale, the lodge opened in December to begin serving their dedicated clients.

Naturally I, like others, wondered about the trout. But Frans, who fished it for several days before the season, emphatically told me that the trout were fine and that the calamity did not cause any damage to this wonderful fishery. In fact, Frans felt that the Yelcho was fishing better than it did a decade earlier when he first fished it. He could not have been more right.

I am happy to say that the fishing exceeded the expectations of everyone involved. I was regaled with stories of trout in the 20-inch range caught by anglers every week on the Yelcho. Many of 24-26 inches were caught and some 28 inch and one 29.5 inch were also

landed. The river consistently offered up amazing trout and some of the largest caught in Chile by any lodge that Frontiers represents.

Another highlight of the season was the response to the opening of the new Lago Verde Lodge that Frans and Anna built during the previous winter months. The astounding lodge and its incredible views of Lago Verde made quite an impression on guests who opted to stay a few extra days at Martin Pescador. The comfortable walled-tent accommodations and the new rivers Frans opened up in the area made it another exciting option for guests to experience.

March guests also experienced productive fishing and Frans' late-season "trophy" program produced some impressive results. Notably, one guest caught 78 fish on his 78th birthday – all in the 5- to 10-pound range.

Although nature can provide hurdles to jump over during the best of times, with a little planning and perseverance even the bitterest lemons can be made into lemonade.

If the 2008-09 season is any indication of the future, then I and the Martin Pescador faithful cannot wait to see what the 2010 season has in store.

Ben Hoffman



Estancia de los Rios

Get Away from it All

FOR FLY FISHERMEN THE REASON “WHY WE FISH” IS AS INDIVIDUAL AS THE FISHERMAN. *But it is safe to say that most who fish do so to get away from something. Whether we are looking to get away from the stress of work or other burdens of life, or to simply get away from our home waters where the trout are now laughing at our size #14 Adams, getting away has an allure to some and a fanatical need for others.*

One can argue that you cannot really be “away” when you are eighteenth boat in line at the launch on the Madison. However, I am sure that anyone with enough practice can put themselves in a Zen-like state and tune out the other fishermen, their guides and their barking boat dogs, but I digress.

What I have found is that to get away from it all, you first have to make the effort to get away. Put the BlackBerry down, grab the rods, reels and waders, and hop on a plane to somewhere. That place for me is Chile.

About an hour-and-a-half plane ride south of Santiago is where some excellent trout fishing begins and just a little farther south you will find Chile’s XI Region. This is one of the least populated regions in the country but yet is full of trout water. Did you get that? I said low population density and lots of rivers and lakes filled with fish.

One destination that I find myself longing to return to is the Estancia de los Rios. This estancia or “ranch” is perhaps the largest privately owned tract of land in Chile. This massive 360,000-acre parcel is not only prime ranching real estate but it has nearly 60 miles of the upper Rio Cisnes flowing within its confines. In addition, the numerous spring creek feeders and private lakes on the property make the fishing program even more impressive and diverse. And for the die-hard, off-the-beaten-path types,

there are waters at the far reaches of the ranch that have rarely, if ever, been fished.

The Cisnes is a pleasure to fish. It’s not terribly wide and the riverbed is filled with small stones, making the wading relatively easy. It has all the hatches that you expect from a clear freestone river as well as a strong ant hatch in the summer months that drive the trout crazy. Like any western river in the United States, the hatches are dictated by the weather conditions and the bug sizes decrease as the season goes along.

Late December through late March are the best times to fish the river with the unofficial “peak” dry fly fishing running from mid-January through mid-February – although there can be good terrestrial running through the end of February. The Patagonia wind is always present, but I have found that with the guide’s expert positioning, I was able to use the wind to my advantage when casting.

Marcelo Dufflocq is a charming host and his guides and staff work hard to make your trip special. The rustic split-log lodge is very comfortable and the cuisine is expertly prepared. If I weren’t so fish-crazy, I would spend more time in the cozy lodge but, naturally, the river calls to me when I am there.

Ben Hoffman



Scenic valley accommodations for 12 anglers





Where in the World is Jorge Trucco?

Patagonia Outfitters Wingshooting and Fly Fishing

WHEN MASSIVE DROUGHT HIT THE PAMPAS OF NORTHERN ARGENTINA LAST YEAR, MANY THOUGHT THAT THE 2009 DUCK SEASON WOULD BE A BUST. In fact, a number of outfitters in the area elected to close and hope for more precipitation and a better 2010. One group decided to stick it out and remain open despite the dry conditions – Jorge Trucco and Patagonia Outfitters has shown remarkable perseverance and commitment to their shooting guests.

With less than one month until the opening day of ducks, and finally accepting the fact that rain would not come in March and April, Jorge and his staff began contacting their network of friends and combing Argentina for a suitable, if not remarkable, destination to replace Estancia San Martin and Estancia La Leocadia for the season. After extensive scouting, Jorge was able to secure a series of family-owned estancias near the town of San Cayetano in Southern Buenos Aires province where the water and ducks were plentiful. However the task only began there.

While the estancias were lovely, they were in need of renovation and the addition of creature comforts that Frontiers' and Patagonia Outfitters' guests have come to expect. Meanwhile, the Patagonia Outfitters guides had to disassemble over 150 dry blinds and reinstall them in newly scouted waters in the south. Add to this the acquisition of new land leases, relocation of the lodge staff, and transfer of over 30 tons of feed corn, numerous vehicles, guns and ammunition, food stocks, furniture, etc., – overall, a monumental task.

The first guests arrived at Estancia San Luis just as the last coat of paint was drying and final logistics were put into place. Would Jorge and his crew's effort lead to success? We believe this discriminating repeat client summed it up best: *"Just when I thought it couldn't get any better, it did. My 3rd trip to Blind Ambitions surpassed all of my expectations. World class duck hunting over decoys, exquisite gourmet meals, five-star accommodations and a professional friendly guide staff that made the trip the best ever."* M.U., Hermantown, MN

From all of us here at Frontiers and based on an overwhelming response from our 2009 guests, congratulations Patagonia Outfitters for a job well done and a successful season.

The drought in Northern Argentina persists and it looks as though Jorge will be shooting in the south at Estancia San Luis and Estancia La Masía again in 2010. We look forward to shooting with him and are certain you will too.



Estancia Huechahue

Just because the fly rods and waders have been put away for the winter does not mean Jorge Trucco has stopped thinking about fishing. Recently, Jorge signed an exclusive lease with Estancia Huechahue (pronounced waycha-way) to operate a fishing program from the ranch. Already known by equestrians for excellent riding programs and by big game hunters for its herds of red stag, Estancia Huechahue happens to be conveniently located near several of the best rivers found in northern Patagonia. The program will allow fly fishers to float the Rio Collon Cura, Rio Alumine, and the upper Rio Chimehuin. For those who like to wade fish, the lower Rio Malleo is also offered. Jorge will add his personal touch to the lodge in much the same manner as he did to his acclaimed duck and dove lodges, and bookings are now being taken for the 2009-10 fishing season.





Argentina

David Denies Wingshooting – Cordoba, Argentina

Millions of Doves Can't be Wrong

Cordoba Province offers vast tracts of soy and feed crops, undulating terrain, a year-round temperate climate, easy access, and tens of millions of doves darkening the skies. Where else can one shoot a shotgun at so many darting targets until the barrel is red hot, and then, within sight of the blind, settle into a traditional Argentine asado (barbecue) with the finest beef and regional wines? In Cordoba, opulence is a way of daily life and no one knows that better than Frontiers and David Denies Wingshooting, the first to ever shoot the region.

Offering two premier destinations, Pica Zuro Lodge and La Dormida, and boasting over 27 years of wing shooting in Cordoba, David Denies Wingshooting provides professionally orchestrated hunts, certified head shooting guides, and a seasoned bird staff as well as unmatched accommodations, excellent logistical coordination, and top-shelf cuisine.



Pica Zuro Lodge – David Denies *Cordoba, Argentina*

Pica Zuro Lodge is located north of Cordoba City among hundreds of thousands of acres of agricultural fields interlaced with glades and the rolling, wooded hills of the Sierra Chicos. This area offers limitless shooting opportunities year round as it plays host to untold millions of eared doves.

Without question, this is a shooter's Mecca. The lodge is a beautifully restored 19th-century Spanish Revival estancia boasting nine bedrooms with en suite bathrooms, a swimming pool, a professional masseuse for shot-weary shoulders, an exceptional shooting staff, and quite possibly the finest field asado ever presented. At Pica Zuro, we are certain that your experience will be extraordinary.



La Dormida Lodge – David Denies *Cordoba, Argentina*

Located northeast of Cordoba in the heart of the shooting grounds, La Dormida has taken the dove shooting world by storm.

Benefiting from the experience of David Denies Wingshooting and operating with the same standard of excellence and shooting itinerary as Pica Zuro Lodge, La Dormida has evolved with two clear goals: world-class volume dove shoots coupled with a facility built solely with the complete comfort of the guest in mind. Offering seven private bedrooms with en suite bathrooms, this elegant traditional-style Argentine lodge caters to smaller groups and intact parties, complementing her sister lodge Pica Zuro.

With a year-round consistent shooting season, La Dormida and Pica Zuro set up the classic scenarios for a successful cast-and-blast from November through April or a combination hunt with one of our other fine lodges for ducks, pigeons or perdiz from May through August. Shooters should also communicate with Frontiers regularly for shooting promotions and large-group offers at both destinations.



Christmas Island

THE YEAR 1981 WAS A REMARKABLE ONE – WALTER CRONKITE RETIRED, DIANA MARRIED CHARLES, RONALD REAGAN BECAME THE 40TH U.S. PRESIDENT, DOLLY PARTON’S “9 TO 5” WAS A SMASH HIT, AND FRONTIERS CELEBRATED ITS 12TH YEAR. But perhaps one of the more significant milestones in ‘81 was our pioneering visit to Christmas Island. It quickly became a flats fishing Mecca with its amazing bonefish and trevally fishery and it remains a favorite to this day. Many early Christmas clients are still making their annual trek to this Central Pacific atoll with us – and a few are preparing for their 25th anniversary trip!

“There were more bonefish on the flats than I have seen for a long time, and for the most part, they were hungry. The weather . . . was the best I can remember in 24 consecutive years of fishing Christmas Island. Tinia (manager of the Captain Cook Hotel) runs a very tight ship. Everything happened on time. Food was good, showers hot, everything was neat and clean. Christmas Island is simply a great place to fish and to visit.”

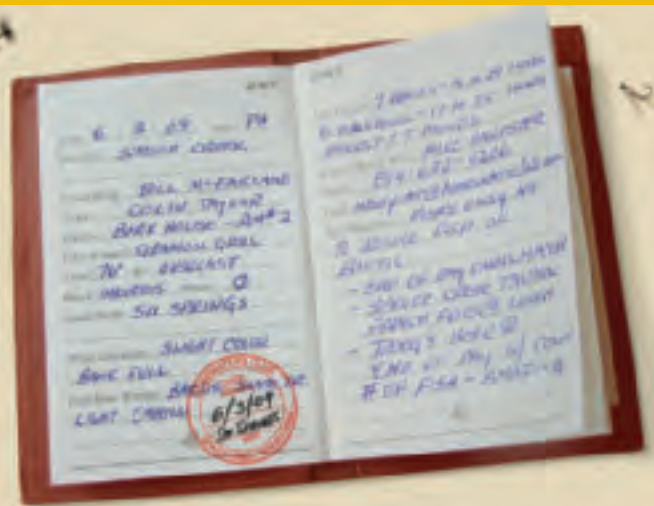
G.M., Anchorage, AK (has left more footprints on the fabled Christmas flats than anyone)

“Christmas Island is as fresh to me now as it was fifteen years ago when I first started going there. In fact I anticipate each year’s trip even more now than I used to. I’ve tried a number of the ‘new hotspots’ yet I always return to Christmas. The fishing, while maybe not quite what it used to be, is still far superior to almost anywhere else on the planet. The Captain Cook Hotel, under the management of Tinia, has been spruced up while still retaining its charm, and it’s still one of the great values in bonefish destinations. Mainly, I look forward to seeing the warm and welcoming islanders, many of whom have become very dear friends through the years. In this hectic world we live in, there’s something truly special about stepping off of the plane, slipping into island time, and enjoying a fishing trip that always meets, or exceeds, your expectations.”

J.V., Beach Haven, NJ (Christmas Island veteran with 21 weeks wading the flats there)

Whether it’s your first or 25th visit to this remote, friendly and fishy coral atoll, give us a call to schedule your trip. We’ve been traveling there for 28 years, can’t wait to go again, and would enjoy sharing it with you.





CHAIRMAN'S PASSPORT at HOMEWATERS® CLUB

*Enjoy all the benefits
of our world-class fishing...
before you commit to join.*

BENEFITS

- You get private access to 75 miles of the best trout and steelhead waters in the Lower 48
- Enjoy exclusive access to well-stocked streams of water for you and your fishing partner
- Catch trophy trout and steelhead without the hassles of wilderness travel
- Explore HomeWaters® Club before you commit to join
- Government locations in nearby east and west Colorado ski resorts
- Fish in a family-friendly environment—a great place for kids and spouses to learn
- Whether a novice or advanced angler, our staff of 40+ guides and instructors will help make your days fun and productive
- Unrivaled fishing experience on spring creeks and tailwaters
- From green deltas to rivers, you can fish the most famous hatchery in North America
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Russia

Ponoi River Update

OUR 18TH SEASON ON THE PONOI RIVER BEGAN ON MAY 30TH AND, AT THE TIME OF WRITING IN MID-JULY, OVER 4,250 ATLANTIC SALMON HAVE BEEN CAUGHT (AND RELEASED) BY OUR GUESTS AT THE RYABAGA CAMP. Dr. Sergei Prussov, PINRO scientist and longtime former guide, predicted this would be a good year, and thus far, he's right on track!

June got off to a great start with normal spring weather patterns and the river now fishing in optimal summer condition. The hovercraft had a major mechanical overhaul in the off season and is operating beautifully, delivering guests in warmth and comfort to the lower- and uppermost beats. Anglers are fishing primarily dry lines and skated flies – very effective and always great fun. One of the special pleasures of being at Ponoi in the summer is the opportunity to extend your fishing day – with 24 hours of daylight, there is nothing more magical than visiting Home Pool after dinner or before breakfast. One of our guests released six fish in a single evening last week, all on the skated fly!

Chef Denis from St. Petersburg (who has cooked for Queen Elizabeth II) has delighted everyone in camp with his fabulous soups, array of

sushi hors d'oeuvres, and lavish entrees including Australian baby lamb chops, succulent pork chops, filet of reindeer that melts in your mouth, and the best hot-smoked salmon on the planet.

We have some key members of the team at Ryabaga to introduce this year. Matt Breuer is the new manager – although hardly new to the business. He has over a decade of experience in Alaska at Bristol Bay Lodge and Bus Bergman's float trip operation (two longtime Frontiers favorites) and, more recently, he was fishing manager at Argentina's premier sea-run brown trout lodge, Kau Tapen. A keen fisherman and experienced pilot, Matt brings much enthusiasm to his new role and all guests have confirmed he's an affable, caring host.

Annie Binning, a lovely young woman who grew up hiking in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains, is the new manageress and an excellent addition. A cum laude graduate of Elon University, Annie has superb organizational skills, is a world traveler and a gracious hostess to boot!

Both have been mentored by Ponoi veteran and Frontiers' UK Managing Director, Tarquin Millington-Drake, who spent four weeks in the camp training them and will have ongoing involvement in his role as Senior Advisor. Tarquin advises from camp that "they're up and running and will be first-class managers." Frontiers' Mollie Fitzgerald spent opening week in the camp assisting in behind-the-scenes training and is confident Matt and Annie will bring a new level to the hospitality standards set at Ponoi.

In Murmansk Airport, Ponoi guests have exclusive use of a new and improved VIP room with drinks and light snacks available before the helicopter flight to the camp. It also has private toilets and its own

New managers, Annie Binning and Matt Breuer





Frontiers' Mollie Fitzgerald with bright 12-lb fish

entrance from which the bus takes guests to the helicopter. And in the main airport, we are happy to report that the men's bathroom has been completely modernized – a drastic and much-needed improvement. We can only hope that the ladies' facilities will be addressed soon – but in the meantime ladies, we encourage you to try out the gents'!

Many of Frontiers' clients will experience their 20th straight trip to Ponoï this year (or more for some of you), and let us assure you that the magic of this special destination continues to captivate anglers from around the world. This week, for example, we have guests in camp from four continents. Many friendships have been forged at Ryabaga and single weeks of fishing are etched in memories that would comprise an entire season on most other rivers. If you've never been to Ponoï or if it's been a while since your last visit, you owe yourself a treat. As one guest recently told us, "Getting back to Ponoï was on my Bucket List!"

A welcoming team of 30 staff await you and it's not too early to think about 2010.

Mollie Fitzgerald



JoJo Doria (left) with 18-lb salmon



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