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Quarterly Newsletter



A message from Steve

As I sit here at the end of January it's difficult to square away just how quickly the impact of the pandemic has accelerated over the last 4-6 weeks, and of the resulting travel restrictions which have been implemented across most continents.

So firstly, I want to personally thank all our guests whose bookings have been affected, for their understanding as to why the decision was made to postpone much of the Jan – Mar schedule.

Wherever possible I try to avoid schedule changes, it's just so disrupting to our guests as well as our local partners, but occasionally it does happen. In this recent case, the decision to postpone was risk based, underpinned by concerns for managing the health & welfare of our guests whilst on the trip – It was the right decision...

As you can imagine, there were a lot of disappointed people, me included, and the last few weeks have been spent feverishly talking through alternative dates, arranging new trips, and negotiating with our overseas partners to ensure all those affected, have equal or even better opportunities ahead of them... This has now been completed and has been a fabulous team effort.

We will take another view on the situation towards the end of March.

I must admit to being really encouraged by the growing interest in **Amazon-Angler.com** and there have been countless enquiries for trips, looking ahead to later in the year and for 2022. For this, there will be the usual suspects in the mix, trips which have proven historically productive and immensely popular, Colombia (both Caño Bocón and Orinoco/Tomo/Mesetas), Arapaima Paradise Lodge, Headwaters and of course the amazing mixed species Jaguar Explorer Camp to name but a few. There will also be a return to the jungle Exploratory, a trip for the true adventurer.

So, keep an eye on our social media for trip updates, availability etc and if you need more information, I have a great team around me, just drop us a line through Facebook or the Websites.

In the meantime, my best wishes to all, please be safe and well, and I hope to see you in the jungle very soon...

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Our 2021/2022 Season



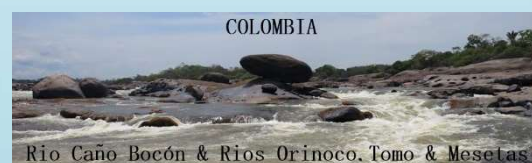
Places available Sept 21 (3 places), Oct 21 (6 places over 2 trips), March 22 (4 places). Possibly further trips / dates available and TBC.



Places available June 21 (4 places)



Places available Oct 21 (4 places), November 21 (3 places), Jan 22 (4 places)



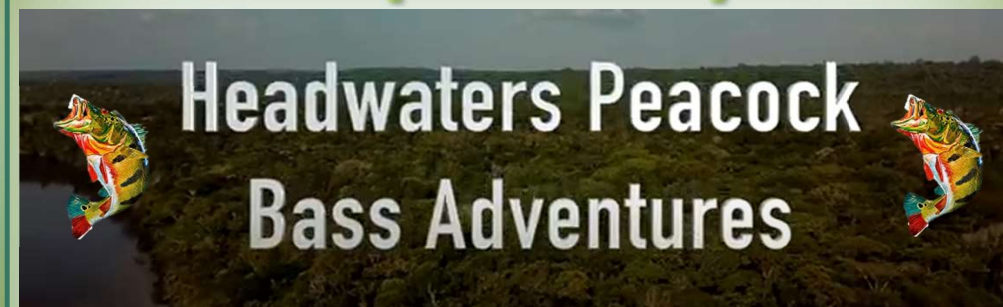
We are now taking bookings for Feb/Mar 2022 for both the: Caño Bocón & Rios Orinoco/Tomo/Mesetas trips. **Early booking recommended!!!**



Limited **places available** for 2021, now taking bookings for 2022, but going fast, **Early booking recommended!!!**

These, plus lots more across Brazil, also in Argentina.
Follow us on social media and our websites to ensure you pick up the latest trip updates (usually monthly).

Trip Summary



Nestled between two fisheries in the heart of the Brazilian rainforest, this is rapidly becoming one of our most popular trips. Running Oct-Feb (Northern Fishery) & Sept/Oct (Southern Fishery) this incredible adventure offers the sport angler premium accommodation and superb fishing opportunities across a wide range of species, but the Peacock Bass action is 'to be believed'...

Our anglers will arrive by floatplane on the headwaters of our chosen tributary and onto the fabulous 5* luxury houseboat which is totally unique to this remote area, and due to its build, is able access areas other fishing boats are unable to reach.



Our three main target species here are the Giant Three Barred/Speckled C.temensis which are the largest at over 30lbs, Butterfly C.orientalis to 14lbs and 'Popoca' C.monoculus to 9lbs. But let's not forget the other species you may encounter: **Arowana, Bicuda, Dogfish, Jacunda, Surubim/Shovelnose Catfish** as well as the much sought after and hard fighting Catfish such as **Piraiba (Lau Lau) and Redtail** which reside in many of the deeper holes, so don't forget to bring some of your heavier gear.



With 7 nights' accommodation on the houseboat, and six full days 'guided' fishing, this trip is without doubt the ultimate for combining incredible sport fishing with absolute comfort.

For more information, full brochure, 2021 /2022 itinerary's and trip costs, contact any of our worldwide team using the details within this newsletter.

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News from the UK



Richard at: [f @amazon-connect.co.uk](https://www.facebook.com/amazon-connect.co.uk) & www.amazon-connect.co.uk

As I said farewell to Steve at the hotel in Bogota, Colombia at the end of the February 2020 trip, I took great sustenance in the knowledge that my return to that incredible location was secure for Feb 2021.

Whilst the pandemic was very much in its infancy at that time, it would have been almost impossible to image the impact it would have throughout the year and now into 2021, and for us here in the UK, travel to South America is pretty much on hold, certainly in the short term.

Whilst hugely disappointing, the trip has now been rescheduled to Feb 2022, so fingers crossed.

I also need to consider June 2021, and a new one for me, the Amazon Roosevelt Lodge in Brazil. Again, joining Steve and some old friends from Guyana for what looks to be an incredible mixed species location. Guess when we review 'where we all are' at the end of March, there may be a little more clarity around this.

What I am really looking forward to though is getting back to Guyana, where, thanks to Steve I cut my teeth in the Amazon, and in October, I will be hosting a group of 8-10 for this amazing mixed species adventure, running from two camps on the upper Essequibo – can't wait!!

For the UK, here at www.amazon-connect.co.uk we continue to build our presence, supporting Steve wherever possible. The tackle hire side of the business is ever growing with a comprehensive range of equipment to assist our UK adventurers, and a full set of promotional literature, aligned to the **Amazon-Angler.com** brand has now been developed, so even in these 'slow times', we continue to work at pace. In the short term, to all our existing and new guests, take care, be safe and if you need any info, and are UK based, drop us a line...



News from the US & Canada



Mark at: [f @amazon river monsters \(ARM\)](https://www.facebook.com/amazon-river-monsters)

Like the UK, we too have seen an escalation of restrictions here in Canada with equal disruption to our schedule. Having managed to fit in the Headwaters trip back in November, which I must say was spectacular and a great opportunity to catch up with both old friends and new. The Peacock Bass action was incredible with many at the 15lb – 18lb and a few over 20lb. I even achieved my personal best with a superb specimen pretty much 'bang on' 20lb.

Next for me would have been Guyana, and our Jaguar Explorer Camp, where I was due to host two back-to-back trips in March. Both have now been moved to later in the year following close collaboration with our guests and local partners. These trips will now be at the back end of the rainy season, so water levels will be a little higher than those in March, but we have fished these months before, and with great success.



With all this 'down time' I must admit to having been drawn into the fascinating world of lure making and have now configured my tackle room to provide space for the necessary tools and equipment. Having started slowly, and under the guidance from Kermet at www.klures.com I've become quite proficient, and have now started pouring my own moulds, allowing me to diversify far more (see pics). Many of these have now been

shipped to our guests, and the reports coming back are very encouraging. Looks as though this may turn into a little more than just the 'hobby' I thought it would be.

Back at **@Amazon River Monsters (ARM)**, we continue to support Steve from here in Canada & the US and are slowly but surely building on the **Amazon-Angler** brand. Hope to see more of you in the jungle over the coming seasons, and in the meantime, keep safe, keep well, and remain positive...



Guest Profile

Scott (Scotto) Mitchell. Hervey Bay, Australia



It was certainly a great pleasure to have Scott (Scotto) Mitchell and three of his angling compadres from 'down under' with us on our Feb 2020 trip to the Orinoco and Tuparro.

Many will already know Scott, as one of the founders of 'The Alpine Angler'. A specialist fresh-water and fly-fishing tackle store in Cooma, New South Wales Australia which he ran from 1991 – 2006. Over the years he has also been a prolific writer, contributing to many magazines and media outlets, including his most recent article in the 'Fishing World' Jan21, in which he captures his incredible adventure with us in Colombia (See RHS Pic).

Scott now resides in Hervey Bay, Queensland where he and his wife run a successful realty business, although this change in direction has certainly not dampened his taste for adventure and passion for the sport.



As a fly-fishing veteran, Scott was the consummate professional and used his extensive experience against the raging waters of the Rio Orinoco to take multiple high weight catches of Payara and Sardinata, and then smoothly switched tactics and tackle for equal success with the huge Peacock Bass from the Rio Tuparro.



As Scott quoted "I have been privileged to have fished throughout Australia as well as some of our world's greatest fisheries – but I still have a long list of species and locations to tick off". Well, one of those is the Arapaima, and we are so looking forward to him joining **Amazon-Angler.com** in Bolivia 2022, where hopefully he can tick that particular box...

Our Trusted Partners

Handmade Peacock Rippers from www.klures.com & [f @k lures](https://www.facebook.com/k.lures) handmade wooden lures



For anyone who enjoys the insanity of Peacock Bass fishing and the explosion you get when they strike at the surface, you need to try these 'Peacock Rippers' from K Lures. Handmade using premium grade Eastern Red Cedar, they are painted individually with the colour coat being lacquered, prior to finishing with a tough clearcoat. The SS hardware is 'super tough' with 6X VMC trebles and extra strong 2X split rings. The lures come pre-tuned for maximum turbulence so can be fished right out of the box. On a personal level, most of my big 'Peas' were taken on these (4 1/2" twin props in 'Amazon' uniform).

Other News

Another **Amazon-Angler.com** guest with a new publication. Duncan Hall joined our trip to Colombia in Feb 2020, and part of that adventure features in his book 'Fly Fishing the World on a Shoestring'. Duncan is a semi-retired GP who contributes regularly to several mainstream fishing magazines and has now topped that with this enjoyable and highly informative book.



FLY FISHING THE WORLD ON A SHOESTRING

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