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### A message from Steve

As you may remember from our Spring issue, life got quite challenging as our trips in Guyana and Colombia ended just as Covid-19 kicked in, but through some great work with our travel partners, we managed to get all our clients home, safe and sound.

Following my return home, and with global travel restrictions in place, it has provided the perfect opportunity to focus on maintaining communications and in particular through our new Amazon-Angler Facebook group which has been created for experienced and novice anglers alike, but also for anyone with an active interest in the Amazon as a region.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/amazonangler/?ref=group\\_header](https://www.facebook.com/groups/amazonangler/?ref=group_header)

Over the last few months, the group has gone from strength to strength and we are now close to 2,000 members. It's a great and informative area, with lots to see, share and participate in, **so please request to join if you haven't already.**

In May I finally had surgery for a 'rotator cuff' rupture in my right shoulder (more importantly my fishing arm). I now have a 'balloon spacer' inside to stop the bone on bone friction, which means I'll float if I fall into the Amazon! Then at the beginning of June I had to have emergency eye surgery for an old war wound which had finally caught up with me.

You could say I'm now the bionic Amazon Angler, all singing and dancing and ready for our annual onslaught to Brazil and Guyana as soon as the crisis stabilises, and we are all allowed to travel again. We have missed out on some great Arapaima trips in Bolivia in June and July and Peacock bass trips in Brazil for August and September, which have been postponed until next season.

So, from me it's a **huge thanks to our clients and friends** for all their support, and please keep safe and well until we can meet up again.

### What we've been up to!

Whilst the current restrictions are limiting travel, the Amazon-Angler team has been working hard in the background, with a focus on two particular areas.

**Tackle** - With over 20 years' experience of angling throughout S. America, we know what works and what doesn't, so we are more than comfortable in aligning ourselves with these key suppliers:

- **Stevie Stinger Jigs** - incredible performance over a wide range of species and angling environments but 110% with Peacock Bass & Payara.
- **Orinoco Flies** - Simply sublime if you are a dedicated 'fluff chucker' - these again are some of the best you can get for those hard-fighting trophy species.
- **K-Lures** - For Peacock Bass, their 'rippers' are second to none. Available in a wide range of patterns and hook set-ups, so don't go to the Amazon without some of these.
- **KJ's Custom Rods** - Some of the best we have seen and absolutely perfect for the wild and unpredictable water of the Amazon. We are currently looking to develop some Amazon-Angler specifics, so watch this space.

Check out their websites or contact us directly for the connection....

**Locations** - We are always looking for 'new & exciting' challenges, in order to satisfy both our existing and, new clients and for the 2021 season we will be looking to offer a new schedule of 'hosted' trips within the waters of Brazil. *Amazon-Angler's all-new Fly-in Headwaters Peacock Bass trips in Brazil's Amazon Rainforest is THE trip for giant 3-Barred Peacock Bass fanatics or newbies alike.* This new trip will run alongside our current favourites such as the Rio Orinoco & Rio Tuparro (Colombia), Arapaima Paradise lodge (Bolivia), Jaguar Camp (Guyana), Cabaçeras and Rio Abacaxi (Brazil) & La Zona (Argentina). Simply incredible trips for the true adventure angler. Watch this space for our latest Trip Updates publication covering the full 2021 season.

### The 2021 Season

The impact of Covid-19 has led to the postponement of a number of trips and the subsequent rescheduling of our 2020 clients into the 2021 season. But in response, we have increased our trip schedule to meet the demand as well as provide additional opportunities, so:

Here's a taster of what we have coming up.

**COLOMBIA** - Rio Orinoco & Rio Tuparro [January - April]. Incredible Payara, Sardinata and Peacock Bass action from some of the most productive waters in the Amazon.

**BOLIVIA** - Arapaima Paradise Lodge [June to November]. If massive Arapaima and huge Catfish are on your radar, then this is the trip for you. Incredible waters and terrific accommodation make this one of our most popular trips.

**GUYANA** - Mixed species [Sept to April]. Without doubt, the best all-round trip for the incredibly diverse range of 'trophy' fish in the region. From Payara and Peacock Bass, to Arapaima and all the Catfish you want [Jau, Piraiba & Redtail], plus the best of Arowana, Bicuda, Pacu, Piranha, Mantrixã, Wolfish and the list goes on....

**BRAZIL** - Rio Abacaxi and Cabaçeras Fly in [Sept to Feb]. Put some of the wildest Peacock Bass action together with first class accommodation and you have a winner. Well that sums up both of these adventures, deep in the Brazilian rainforests.

**ARGENTINA** - October - November and February - May. Hardcore fishing adventure in perfect surroundings for giant Golden Dorado's, Pacu, Pirapitinga and enormous Surubim Catfish, and many more....

Contact any of our worldwide team for details, itinerary's, and costs.

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# News from the UK

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Whilst Steve and I were in Colombia [Feb this year], it certainly seems like an age ago, and I am seriously missing the action and all that is the Amazon.

Here in the UK we have been solidifying our presence as the Agent & Promoter for Amazon-Angler which has seen the recent image change and our new LOGO!!

Like Steve, we too have been working hard across our social media platforms during 'lockdown', including a refresh and new look for our website:

[www.amazon-connect.co.uk](http://www.amazon-connect.co.uk)

We have added an incredible amount of media, not just for the angling, but with a more holistic approach to the region in general, along with some really useful links and tweaks for our UK clients.

One area we have been working on is the 'Tackle Hire' business. At Amazon-Angler, we know that the cost of servicing such an incredible angling adventure can be costly – I remember my first trip and spending not far off £1500 in kit and tackle.

For our UK clients, we can now offering a complete 'Hire' service for both primary tackle [Rods & Reels] as well as for bespoke tackle packs, cutting down on the expense for what may be a 'once in a lifetime' experience.

We have used our extensive supply chain outreach to enable the provision of top-quality equipment and tackle from manufacturers such as: Shimano, Daiwa, Savage Gear, Fox, Gamakatsu, Owner, Rapala and the list goes on. All tackle carries provenance as it has been tried out, fully tested and proven effective, so don't let the cost of servicing these trips put you off. We are looking forward to Guyana in October [Covid-19] permitting, and definitely for Bolivia in Sept next year, when both myself, Steve and Mark, meet up with some great clients from 'Oz' to take on the Arapaima and Cats in what is known as the 'Land of many waters'.

# News from the US & Canada

Mark at:  @amazon river monsters (ARM)



Totally agree with Steve and Rich, these are some strange old times, which have really impacted on our plans for getting into 'the mix' in the Amazon. This hit me quite hard, as I had to go into 14 days quarantine after getting back from Guyana in March. Thankfully, all good and time to move on, but with the continuing restrictions, I too am missing the Amazon and the bounties that it holds. But it hasn't held me back and there has been some great progress here in Canada. One thing's for certain, I've found a

new passion, 'lure making' and working closely with my good friend Kermet Adams at K-Lures, have been developing a new line, which I will be looking to promote through my Facebook group **Amazon River Monsters (ARM)** and our website which is currently under development. Check these out [see pic].



Got to say this has been great fun, and I'm sure these will get plenty of action over the coming months / years.

Other developments have been a little closer to home, as I have now started an 'outfitting' business in Canada [Mudskipper Outfitters] for which I will be taking clients out on my local waters for the incredible 'Lakers' action. Keep trying to get Richard to come over, but the Amazon seems too much of a draw for him...

Totally looking forward to the 2021 season and getting back to Guyana and also for a bit of a 'catch up' with the AA team in Bolivia.

# The Environment Some Incredible facts



Without doubt, most people will have heard about the Amazon, it's rainforests and rivers, but will have little perception of just 'how big' and just how 'important' this part of our planet is. From the simply awe inspiring 'Pantanal' to the wonders of the 'Guinea Shield, this part of our 'being' is one in which we need to be in tune with. The **Amazon** rainforest, also known in English as Amazonia

is a moist broadleaf tropical rainforest in the Amazon biome that covers most of the Amazon basin of South America. This basin encompasses **c.2,300,000 sq m** [25 times larger than the UK] of which 2,100,000 sq m are covered by the rainforest. This region includes territory belonging to **nine** nations.

The majority of the forest is contained within Brazil, with 60% of the rainforest, followed by Peru with 13%, Colombia with 10%, and with minor amounts in Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana. Four nations have "Amazonas" as the name of one of their first-level administrative regions, and France uses the name "Guiana Amazonian Park" for its rainforest protected area. The Amazon represents over half of the planet's remaining rainforests and comprises the largest and most biodiverse tract of tropical rainforest in the world, with an estimated 390 billion individual trees divided into 16,000 species.

**Fact:** The Amazon basin contains the largest number of freshwater fish species in the world -- more than **c.5,000 species**. The Amazon has some **1,100** tributaries, **17** of which are over 1000 miles long.

Interestingly, of all the species of fish 40% are sp. Catfish.

**BUT** the Amazon continues to be under threat, illegal gold mining, deforestation, species loss, habitat compromise, social impacts, the water cycle, climate, the list goes on. At Amazon-Angler, we are committed to supporting the countless initiatives in place to support the preservation of this unique and irreplaceable resource – please consider these challenges and help through supporting us.



Some of the most memorable catches from: Guyana, Colombia, Bolivia, Brazil & Argentina