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A photograph of a fisherman in a hat and waders, holding a large fish in a river. The fisherman is wearing a light blue shirt, a brown hat, and a red neckerchief. He is holding a large, dark fish, possibly a trout or salmon, in the water. The river is surrounded by large rocks and greenery.

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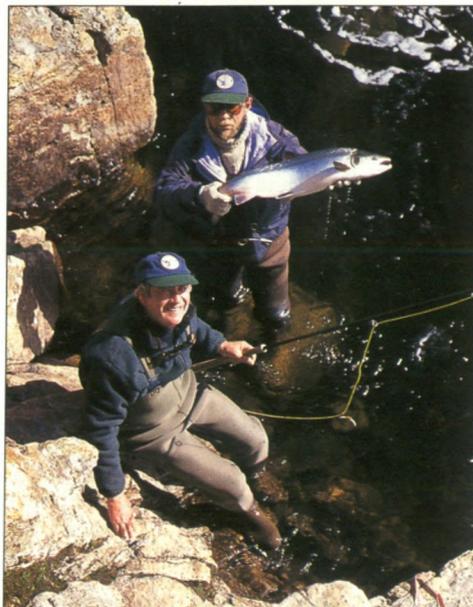
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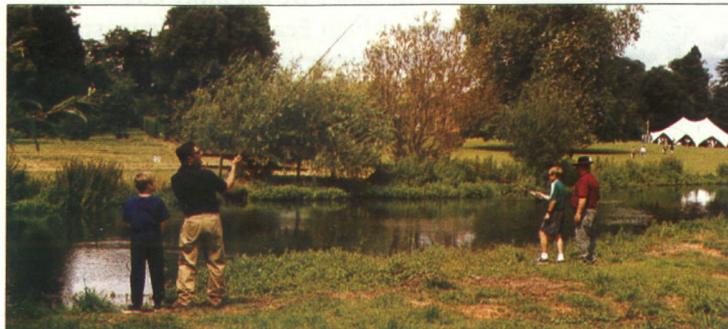
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Youngsters benefit from casting clinic

Spirits were high at this year's CLA Game Fair which was held at Stratfield Saye at the end of July. There was particular enthusiasm for the Junior Casting down on Fisherman's Row where more than 500 youngsters had the chance to try their hand at fly-casting thanks to Farlow's sponsorship. Farlow's hopes to support the initiative at next year's event at Harewood House.

Farlow's opens in the City

Later this year, Farlow's will open the doors of its new City shop. Like Farlow's flagship store in Pall Mall, the City shop will provide a peaceful haven for country folk who are obliged to spend their working day amid the noise and mayhem of the City.

Conveniently situated in Ship Tavern Passage, close to Leadenhall Street and Gracechurch Street, Farlow's City branch will cater for the angler – with a comprehensive range of rods, reels, lines, flies and other equipment. It will also carry a representative range of Farlow's clothing and shooting accessories.

Perhaps most importantly, however, will be the reliable and authoritative advice that will be freely available courtesy of the highly knowledgeable sales staff who will be on hand to answer any query. All Farlow's staff have an angling background and most travel extensively to overseas destinations. So whether your destination is the Tweed or Tierra del Fuego, Farlow's will be able to kit you out with the most appropriate tackle and equipment.

For more details of the precise opening date of the Farlow's City shop, telephone (0171) 839 2423.

House of Hardy takes championship by storm

Although gale force winds cut short the international final, the House of Hardy International Flyfishing Championship was voted a great success. The Championship, which was formerly the Benson and Hedges and is now sponsored by leading international tackle manufacturer, House of Hardy, attracted entries from more than 500 British and European teams. Following a series of regional heats and national finals throughout the spring and summer months, the numbers were gradually reduced to just 17 squads.

The international final was held at Rutland Water and the first days produced an average of four fish per rod, with a mix of stocked and residential trout coming to the scales. The best fish, a magnificent 5lb 4 1/2oz rainbow, fell to

Richard Hearth, while top bag of the day was 12 fish for 29lb 11 1/2oz, taken by Iain Barr. These performances contributed to their team, Ashima Rutland Kingfishers (pictured), holding top position at the end of the day, 15lb ahead of nearest challengers, Osprey's Team Nomad.

Sadly the northerly wind reached gale force on day two, and the day's match was cancelled on safety grounds. In accordance with the rules, the first day's standings were confirmed as the final result. Commenting on the final, championship manager Chris Ogborne said: "It's a great shame that for the first time in 17 years we have had to foreshorten the international final. However, the first day's results undoubtedly paint a fair picture and take nothing away from the skills of any of the anglers."



House of Hardy managing director, Gerry Metcalfe, said: "We were delighted to be involved with this, the most prestigious event in the flyfishing calendar. Our thanks to the organisers for their hard work and congratulations to all those who took part."

Monster sea-trout record-breaker!

Mark Gates (left) from San Francisco, displays a 35lb sea-trout he caught and released on the Rio Grande in Tierra del Fuego. The fish, which is a potential SGFA record-breaker, took a #8 Yuk Bug fished on a sinking-tip line. Gates was fishing at Kau Tapen lodge.



Promising start for Tweed salmon conservation

The River Tweed Commissioners have announced a successful start to the Spring Salmon Conservation Programme that was introduced on Tweed this year. In the first five months of the season, more than 640 salmon were released. This accounts for more than 50% of the rod-caught fish.

John Lovett, chairman of the River Tweed Commissioners, said: "The initial success of the

catch-and-release measures is most encouraging. As anglers become more familiar with the concept, then I believe the conservation programme will become even more effective. The wide acceptance of the measures by anglers, together with the encouraging feedback we receive from them, shows how positive people feel towards improving our stocks of early running fish."



The wedding on the beach went off without a hitch and soon the newly-weds were back on the flats, hunting out the bonefish.

Best of both worlds

Farlow's customer Neil O'Shea had, for a long time, harboured an unusual ambition – to get married on a beach in bare feet. So a holiday to Green Turtle Cay in the Bahamas to sample the bone-fishing and tie the knot (with England Ladies Flyfishing team member, Karen Rigby) was like a dream come true.

Prior to the trip, Neil had been chatting to Farlow's fishing manager, Brian Fratel, to pick up a few tips on catching the wily bonies. When he heard that Brian would be at Green Turtle Cay at the same time, he immediately asked him to be his best man.

Farlow's support for S&TA

Farlow's is pleased to continue its support for the Salmon & Trout Association in its wide range of activities on behalf of game anglers. The S&TA is currently working in four main areas:

- the Government Review of fisheries legislation – a key part of its campaign to end drift-netting
- the fight to establish regulation of the Scottish salmon farming industry, largely responsible for the decline of west coast sea-trout populations
- the continuing battle against excessive water abstraction from our rivers and watercourses
- running more than 30 one-day courses every year to introduce children into our sport

If you fish for trout, sea-trout or salmon regularly and are not already a member of this worthwhile organisation, then you should be! As an additional incentive, anyone joining through Farlow's will receive a free Wheatley fly box with a retail value of £8.50. A form is enclosed with this magazine, or you can join by telephoning Debbie Creasy on (01622) 682182 (don't forget to mention Farlow's).

Farlow's S&TA evening

Farlow's Pall Mall shop will be opened especially for members and friends of the Salmon & Trout Association on Thursday, December 10 1998 from 6pm. Wine and snacks will be served, as well as 10-year-old single malt from S&TA sponsors Glenmorangie. S&TA staff will be on



Pictured here is Christopher Hind with his 25lb permit caught at Las Jardinas de la Reina. Mr Hind, who travelled to Cuba with Roxton Bailey Robinson, also caught bonefish, tarpon and barracuda. Farlow's fishing manager Brian Fratel will be hosting a trip to this fishing/diving centre next April, while colleague Sean Clarke is arranging a trip for next August. Las Jardinas is an ideal destination for the first-time saltwater fly-fisherman – especially for those keen to catch a wide range of species. (on pages 35/6, Sally Fleming-Jones describes her first trip to Cuba as the non-fishing, long-suffering wife of an avid fly-fisherman).

hand to answer any questions and recruit friends into the Association.

The shop itself will be open if you're still looking for Christmas presents or that extra piece of tackle you've always wanted! If you live in the London area, come along for what always proves to be a most enjoyable evening.

Bound for Russia

Farlow's Brian Fratel, who has just notched up 30 years with the company, is heading off on an exploratory trip to Russia this autumn. He will be fishing the Lower Varzuga, Kitza, Strelina, Chapoma and Chavanga Rivers. The trip has been organised by Rory Pilkington of Roxton Bailey Robinson.

Crossword winner

The winner of the Farlow's crossword featured in our Spring/Summer 1998 edition, is A.R. Aylmer of Stoke Fleming in South Devon, who wins a pair of Hunter wellingtons and two bottles of Hunters wine. The winning word was Hunter.

Farlow's Country Quiz

The lucky winner of the Country Quiz, published in our Spring/Summer 1998 edition, is Major Davison of Banwell in Somerset. Major Davison wins a three-day break for two at the Tor-na-Coille hotel in Aberdeen. The six runners-up, who each receive a bottle of Laphroaig malt whisky, are: David Spark of Bramhope, Leeds; T.C. Bowie of South Weston, Oxon; P.B. Cowell of Wick, Caithness; Mrs A. Humphreys of Faringdon, Oxon; A.J. Gough of Ledbury, Herefordshire and T. Haines of Hungerford, Berks. The questions were:

1. Which native British fish builds a hoop-like "nest" into which the female lays her eggs?
 2. Skipper, Comma and Swallowtail are all varieties of what?
 3. What insect is found in 2, 3, 5 and 7 spot versions?
 4. Which non-indigenous mammal was the subject of a 20-year, successful eradication scheme centred mainly on the Norfolk Broads?
 5. What is Britain's largest native beetle?
- Answers: 1. Stickleback; 2. Butterfly; 3. Ladybird; 4. Coypu; 5. Stag beetle

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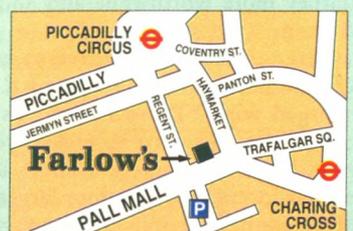
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Sport Abroad

Russia – a new perspective

Hamish Garrett takes a look at the lesser known rivers of northern Russia which, while they cannot offer the quantities found on the Varzuga or the Ponoï, do provide excellent and challenging sport



So often the focus of Russian salmon fishing is on the vast quantity of fish that can be caught there. The Varzuga is famous for its volume of fish that are taken very early in the season often, incredibly, in extremely cold conditions. The Ponoï, renowned for its vast runs also, is recognised for the exacting high standards at which it is operated, which has always put it at the top of the list for combined quality of operation and consistent fishing. Given the state of salmon fishing around the world there is little wrong with such admiration; these rivers have given many of us a chance to experience something that we believed we would never see.

Recently, however, two British companies have decided to run the gauntlet of operating in Russia on two very distinct systems. These offer an alternative or an opportunity to fish two or more rivers, combining a prolific river in the south with a northern river – making the journey more worthwhile and adding variety to a trip.

After their recent turbulent history, the Kharlovka, Eastern Litza and Rynda have emerged with “Three Rivers” as their new leaseholders. The rivers, which were as infamous for their operating troubles as they were famous for their potential for larger fish, today enjoy sound, responsible management. All three are short but differ greatly and have

therefore wisely been combined to offer a varied week. The opportunities to return to a particular pool or beat are unlikely in that same week, which is frustrating for some but gives plenty to dream about through the winter and, to my way of thinking, is how it should be.

The Kharlovka offers the best chance of a 30+lb fish and its lower pools are classic shallow run Spey-type pools. Next up is the Home Pool which often holds large fish and, at certain heights, is the “perfect” pool in terms of good even water speed, offering the best possible presentation. Below the Home lies a major set of rapids which have played host to many scenes of large or even not-so-large fish leaving the pool never to be stopped. Above Home Pool, beyond the Amphitheatre and the Golden Pool, lies Guy’s Pool which goes hand in hand with the Canyon Pool below the falls which act as a major, but not impregnable, obstacle. These pools have also seen famous battles with exciting fish.

Memorable sight

The Litza is much prettier. Except for the bottom two, each pool on this short river offers water with such character it is very obvious where the fish will be if they are there. They are very reminiscent of our west coast spate rivers or Icelandic rivers on a grand scale, often only fishable from one side due to a cliff

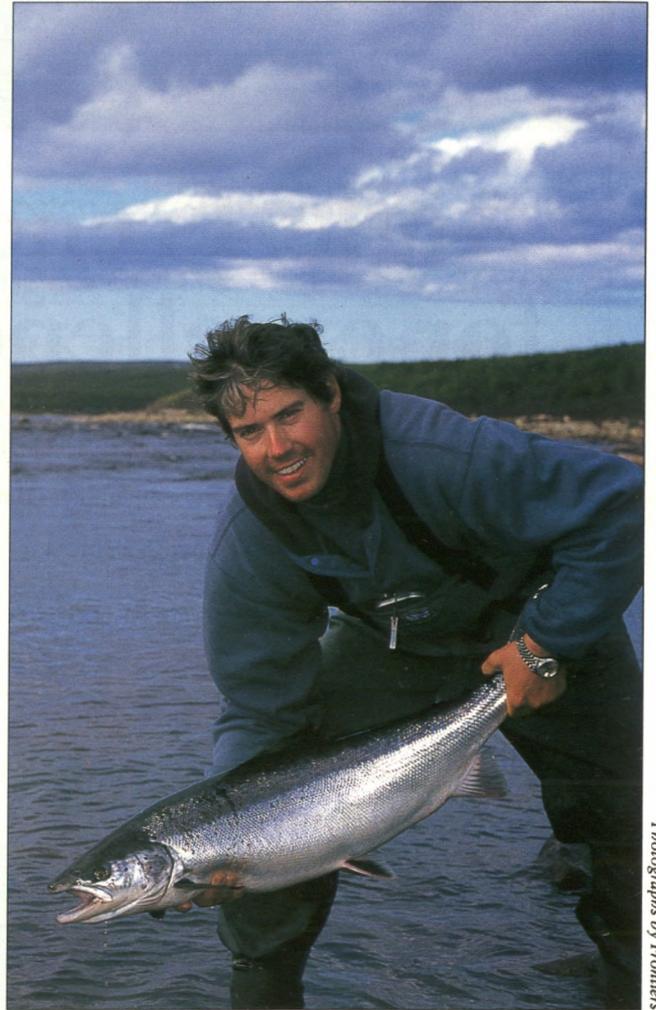
on the other. They also capture the imagination of fishermen, because there are opportunities to be high up on ledges and see fish rise from the depths to roll at the fly. The Litza is a particular favourite, fished from high above the water usually with a bomber first time down. The chances of seeing a salmon rise to engulf the bomber are good and there are few more memorable sights.

The Rynda is the third and most diverse dimension of this system. The fish are able to use much more of the river once they have made it through the first falls. Once they are through, though more spread out and therefore less abundant, they can be taken in pools that resemble other salmon countries: Iceland for its canyon-type pools and for the waterfalls, of which there are three; the Naver or Oykel for its perfectly formed, compact, classic-swing pools which present the fly exquisitely; Labrador for its boulder-strewn wild rushes, where the fish tuck into the edges or in the buckets in the river bottom. Every pool is different and its fish may be the most fickle. The Litza and Kharlovka fish seem more decisive, yet on Rynda giving up on a fish because it will not come back to a fly change would be folly. Often these fish must be teased into the final take like a sleeping cat to a ball and string.

Together these three rivers offer a fine week of fishing, full of contrast that can match any.



Facing page: a 15lb bomber-caught specimen from the Eastern Litsa Waterfall Pool; Left: Casting at the Rynda's third waterfall; Below left: the Eastern Litsa is reminiscent of our west coast spate rivers; Below: a very respectable 19-pounder



Photographs by Frontiers

They produce fish in decent numbers though fewer than their cousins further south.

This year, to the frustration of the new owners and their guests, the system suffered an unprecedented, one-off down-turn in catches. From previous history, one might expect five to 15 fish per rod in the early part of the season with a few more as the grilse come in. Much has been made of the size and there is certainly an opportunity for a fish in the high 20s or larger, but it would be fairer to suggest that about half the fish through the season will be between 10lb and 25lb. This is a statistic typical of our Scottish rivers in the spring before the down-turn.

These fish respond wonderfully to floating lines and bombers or hitched tubes, and few would deny that they had seen some of their most spectacular Atlantic salmon takes on these rivers.

Chequered history

The Yokanga River is now run by KolaCo, who will undoubtedly have the largest construction of any lodge or camp on the Kola Peninsula. During the course of the 1998 season, a Canadian-built, wooden lodge was constructed, shipped to Russia in pieces and reassembled on site. It is currently the only "lodge" of its kind on the Kola. This river also has a chequered history in the way it has been operated, but again, thankfully, it seems these

days are over. It has never really been fished properly with a good camp, decent access to helicopters and use of appropriate boats to fish some of the larger pools, particularly the tails of such pools. This year that finally happened though KolaCo see a need for different boats.

Yokanga is wholly different from the Three Rivers; much less physically demanding than the clambering around necessary at Three Rivers, but much more demanding wading in the river. Neither of these northern systems are for the faint-hearted. The season is similar to Three Rivers with speculative fishing for larger fish beginning about 10th June, prime time from about 20th June to 18th July. It is a much longer river (second longest on the Kola) and therefore might have much greater depth and reliability to its run than the Three Rivers, but its pools are less spectacular to the eye and less varied, lacking the canyon/Icelandic-type aspects. However, they are large and swash-buckling, and the rapids in between, though large and powerful, offer very productive micro-pools if they can be waded to. These places are often where larger fish are hooked only to smash the angler's tackle among the rocks that surround the pool. There is speculation that the Yokanga's larger fish are more numerous and of a greater size than Three Rivers and time might prove this to be the case. Both systems have a very powerful flow and major rapids

which require the strength of a larger strain of fish, yet the comparison to our former spring run would still be fair for Yokanga.

Weak runs

The future of salmon fishing in Russia is in much less doubt than in other parts of the Atlantic due, in part, to the catch and release policies in force. The weaker runs in the north this year are cause for concern however. We know too little of these rivers to know if this is a trend or a blip caused by a problem such as unsuitable smolting conditions, as can happen in Iceland and could be the case with the micro-climate of the northern Kola. The greater threat is that the cost of running a short season becomes unmanageable for operator and guest alike. However, for the time being, the rivers of the north coast are a great complement to the remarkable fishing on Russia's Kola Peninsula that we have been lucky enough to enjoy in these modern times. ●

For more details about salmon fishing in Russia, contact Frontiers on (0171) 493 0798, fax (0171) 629 5569.

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Sea bass on the fly

Bass are suckers for a streamer fly, provided it's plump, white and silvery; here John Darling divulges some of the secrets of landing one of these pugnacious and aggressive fish

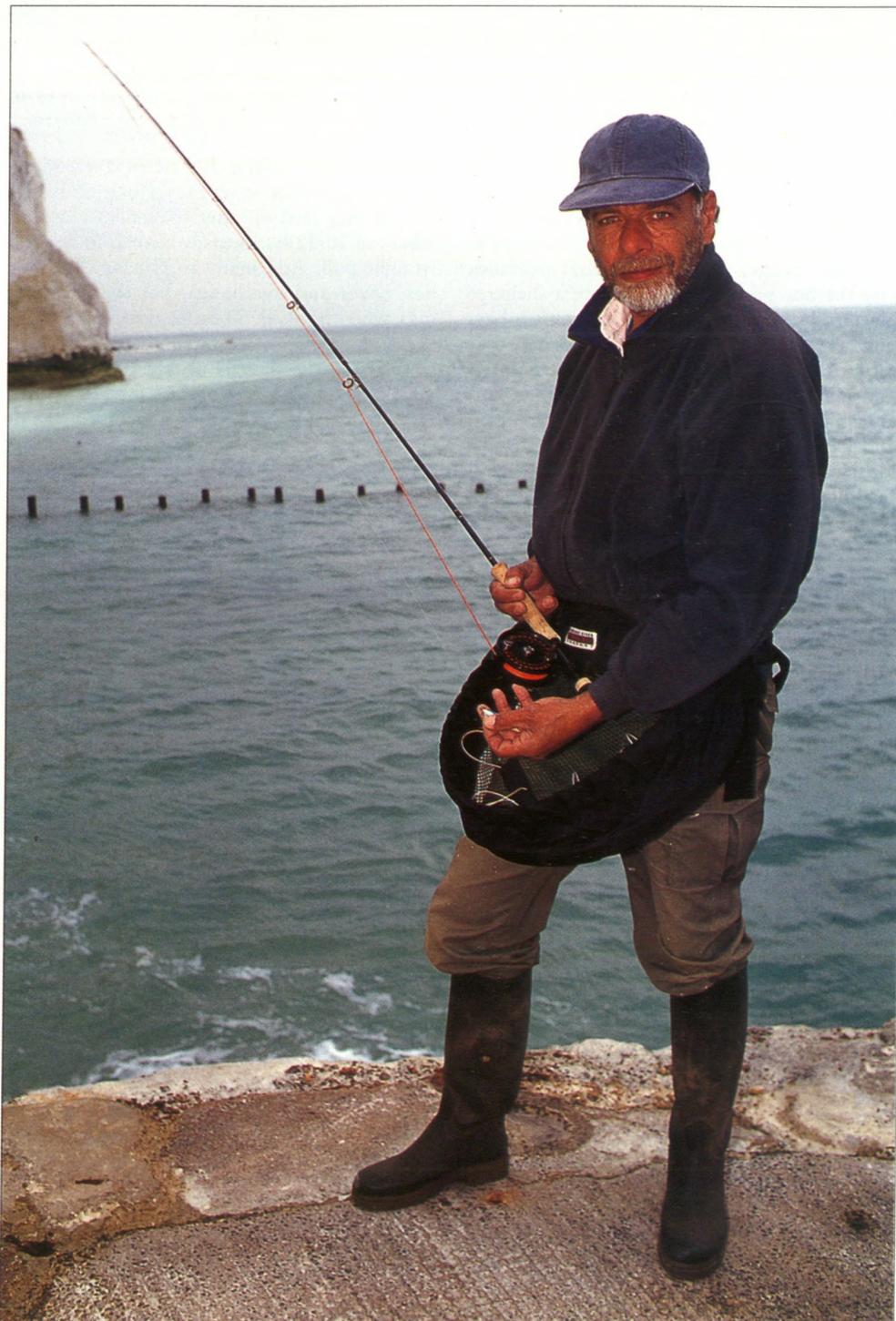
Sea bass are one of the most pugnacious and aggressive fish to swim in British waters. It often seems as if they will attack and eat any other fish that isn't large enough to swallow them first. Bass can be found in quite large shoals, and when they go into a feeding frenzy they will strike at any lure you care to throw at them. This makes them ideal quarry for fly-fishermen, particularly reservoir trout anglers who are accustomed to casting out large lures. In fact bass are absolute suckers for a fly and will usually attack a suitable pattern without hesitation.

When bass are mentioned, many anglers think of fishing for them with baits like peeler crab, squid or prawns. However bass much prefer to strike at baitfish. Very large bass, weighing 10lb or more, have no trouble killing and swallowing 1½lb mackerel. Even bass of 3lb or so will have a go at a bait this large if it appears injured and vulnerable. The largest bass that has ever been hooked on my boat took a pollock of about 3lb. We never saw it because it smashed the rod, then snapped the line when it dived back into the wreck we were fishing.

Bass are very efficient at converting food into body weight and I suspect that the larger specimens do not feed very often. Most of the bass that I catch contain very little food, as if they have already eaten a large item of prey and do not require any more for the next week or so. Not that this inhibits them from striking at any hapless fish that they encounter. So, while bass have a voracious appetite, their preference for large items means that they do not have to feed very often.

Such is the power of the bass that it has no problem overwhelming its prey. It will slam into baitfish with a very solid thud, usually seizing it across the gills which it crushes between the scissors of its jaw. This causes instant heart failure because a fish's heart lies where the gills meet at its throat. Bass usually kill and swallow their prey in one movement. They do not return to it in a leisurely fashion when it is dead, as another member of the shoal may get there first.

When a shoal of bass is ambushing baitfish, the sight of their mates striking and the scent of blood in the water sends them into a frenzy. In many places these ambush spots are revealed by a plume of gulls pouncing on baitfish that swim too close to the surface as they try to escape the mayhem below. ►



Photographs by John Darling

"I prefer a fairly stiff 9ft reservoir rod that can drive a No 9 slow-sinking shooting head into a breeze"

Fly-fishing



The writer in action: "For most of my fly-fishing I prefer to cast down and across the current with a slow-sinking line, the same as when salmon fishing, and use the current to work the fly"

Many of these places are well known by bass anglers, who return to them year after year when the sea conditions are right. They are all places where the bass find their prey at a disadvantage. Rock ledges that protrude into the tide provide the bass with a sheltered place to lurk in ambush, but the baitfish have nowhere to hide. Other places are small river estuaries, particularly as the tide goes down and small fish get swept back out to sea. Sand and shingle bars are also good, and some piers and jetties offer both the bass and the angler ideal vantage points. However bass are quite fastidious about water clarity and are rarely found striking baitfish in cloudy seas.

Healthy appetite

In general most bass that are caught on fly are on the small side, but eight and nine-pounders are occasionally caught, particularly around dawn and dusk. But even small school bass fight hard on fly tackle and provide good sport.

The problem facing the fly-angler is the bass's preference for large meals; they do not usually bother to expend energy chasing small baitfish so flies need to be as large as the rod can manage.

Any pattern of streamer fly can be used provided it is plump, white and silvery like a sprat. Flies need to be tied on stainless hooks or they will rust away beneath the dressing. If you want to catch large bass on fly you will need a rod that can hurl half a chicken into a breeze – there aren't that many calm days along the coast.

Boat fishing is a viable alternative where large bass are known to

hole up in reefs about 30ft deep. These larger fish are most active in May, June and early July as they feed up after spawning. However a bass of 10-12lb can easily snap 20lb line in a straight pull. And many reefs have deep gullies, caves and overhangs that the bass dive into when hooked. These jagged edges make short work even of 35lb line. Under these circumstances the fight is usually a tug of war, which is not easy to conduct with a fly rod. Fortunately bass are not particularly tackle shy. In fact I suspect that they are not averse to stealing fish from trammel nets. A short (8ft) stout (12lb+) leader can be used, preferably one made from clear nylon which is less visible under water.

As for the rod and reel, I prefer a fairly stiff 9ft reservoir rod that has the backbone to drive a No 9 slow-sinking shooting head into a breeze. This allows a greater area to be covered which is useful when the bass are hurling themselves into baitfish at the edge of casting range.

The reel needs to be saltwater proof (Farlow's stocks a good range of specialist

rods, reels and lines ideal for bass fishing in this country, as well as for more exotic species overseas). A stripping basket is essential or the line will tangle with weeds and around rocks. Landing nets aren't usually required when fishing from the shore, but are handy from jetties and some rock ledges.

Waders are usually an advantage and chest waders are handy in some locations, but if the weather is warm some anglers wet-wade in shorts and trainers. If you can't swim, wear an unobtrusive halter-style lifejacket. Better safe than sorry.

Spectacular takes

A fairly fast, steady retrieve produces best results. A slower retrieve can be used when fishing a floating line and flies that create a wake. The takes then are quite spectacular. For most of my fly-fishing I prefer to cast down and across the current with a slow-sinking line, the same as when salmon fishing, and use the current to work the fly.

Bass occasionally follow a fly right into the shallows before taking it, so it is best to fish the lure right up to your feet. If the water is very clear, I advise keeping back from the edge to avoid spooking the fish.

Most fly-caught bass are rather small (the legal limit is 36cm) so many fly-fishermen use barbless hooks and shake the bass free at the water's edge. This is easier than trying to avoid their sharp spines and razor sharp gill plates. I love to see them zip away beneath the surface and imagine catching them again – when they have reached 10lb! ●



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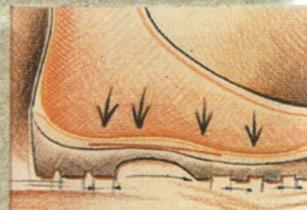
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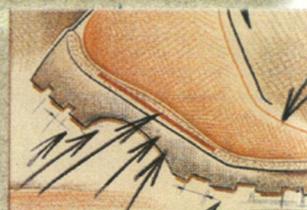
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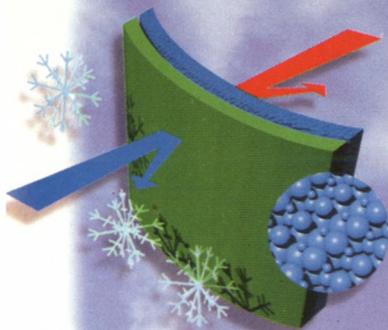
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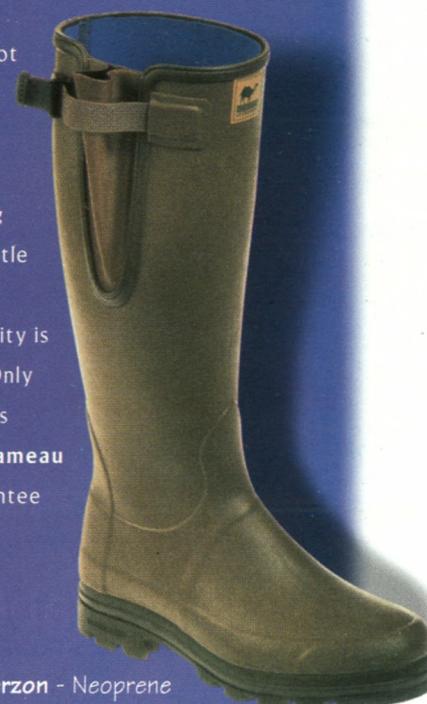


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First time I saw a carp in New Zealand it was in a fishing magazine. Nothing strange about that. British fishing mags are stuffed full of carp shots. The most common British carp snap features a big chap cradling a bloated boilie-fed mirror; the fish looks unnaturally fat and the angler looks slightly dewy-eyed, almost in love. Men in carp mags often pucker their lips and press soft kisses on the scaly heads of their much prized quarry before letting it swim gracefully away.

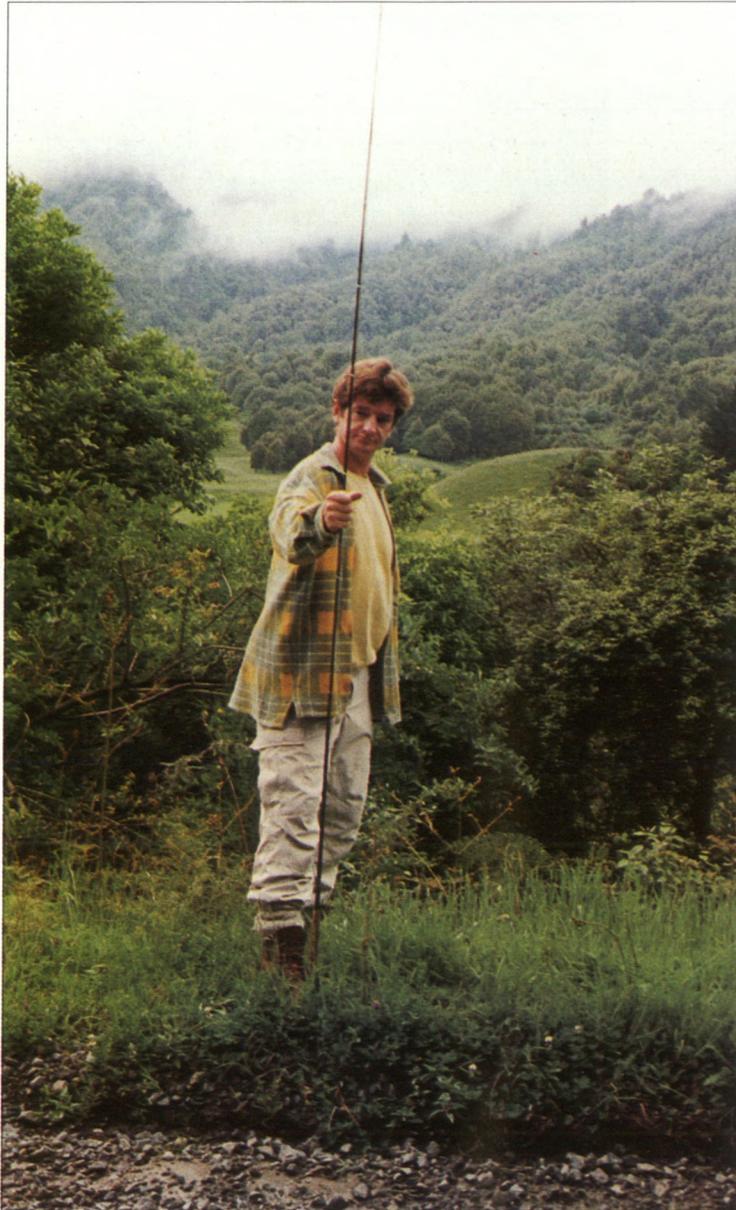
The picture I saw in the March edition of *New Zealand Fisherman* featured a grinning middle-aged woman proudly holding up an 11lb koi carp, gleefully indicating the two inch hole through its side, which she'd made with her steel-tipped carbon-shanked two foot arrow. Mrs Patricia Kitchen from Hamilton was pumped because she'd just bagged her first double figure koi, with one shot from a hunting bow at a very decent range of 25 yards.

Carp in Britain are precious. Big carp are like saints. Clarissa, The Bishop, Scaly, they're all given names, attributed anthropomorphic manners and characteristics, and the bigger they get the more men worship and love them. In New Zealand carp are vermin. They're like golden coloured rats that nobody wants, loves or respects. They are the mud-sucking scum of the inland waterways.

New Zealand is paradise. Certainly for Brits it seems like paradise because it's just like Britain – same language, same culture but with less people, less hassle, less cost, cheaper beer, better weather, more exotic landscape and the best fishing in the world.

But in the great geological scheme of things, New Zealand is a relatively new venture. It's just a couple of huge hunks of volcanic rock which thrust up from the bed of the Pacific Ocean not that long ago, with nothing on board except a load of fancy trees and some flightless birds.

New Zealand has no indigenous mammals and no native freshwater fish worth writing home about. Just a couple of really boring gobby little rock species. Eels are the only decent freshwater fish that the Kiwis can call their own. Apart from shoals of heavily protected freshwater whitebait that swim around the lake and river systems, there's nothing native that would put even a half



Photograph by Helen Stiles

Rods – who needs them?

Though New Zealand is a paradise for anglers, Nick Fisher had no need of his Farlow's rod and line when it came to doing battle with the much-hated koi

respectable bend in your rod.

So New Zealand was a piscatorial blank canvas until the hand of man came along and started doodling. Just about everything that was introduced to New Zealand water went bananas. Rainbow trout from California couldn't believe their luck when they were introduced during the last half of the 19th century. They'd never had it so good. Great fast rivers, tons of food (especially those gobby little rock fish), big deep lakes and even the sea. Yes, the trout in New Zealand loved it so much they even swam down the rivers, out to sea, then ventured off to discover new rivers in which to spawn and colonize.

Rainbow trout are in practically every river but they were only introduced to a very few. Trout did the rest themselves, as a kind of repayment to Man for having been brought to such a great place. Fish love New Zealand.

But noble, edible, sleek, fast-growing, hard-fighting trout weren't the only species to be introduced to New Zealand. Some fish boffin somewhere had to have a crack with carp too. Grass carp, common carp, silver carp and the highly decorative, highly prized, orange and black splodgy koi carp.

Like trout, the koi never knew it so good. The central rivers and lakes of the North Island, like the Lower Waikato system, were just heaven to a koi. Slow, warm, silty and crammed with fresh-water snails and mussels, these boys knew a good thing when they smelt it.

No fish breeds as fast as koi carp. No fish is as resilient to temperature change, toxins, changes in water levels or even bad press as the koi carp. These guys are here to stay. The Waikato – and its tributaries – is huge. The fish patrol the muddy margins grubbing away in the silt, colouring the water, further undermining the banks, choking out the trout and breeding like rabbits on Viagra.

Kiwis hate koi carp. They're like aquatic vermin destroying the rivers, turning once clear waters the colour of stewed tea. They've tried everything to get rid of the koi problem. They've dammed rivers, bombed rivers, introduced lethal poisons, netted them, drained them, electrofished, dredged, shot and prayed. Still

the koi won't go. Not only will they not go, they keep increasing in numbers year after year. There are no pike, zander or perch in New Zealand. No natural predators to halt the rise and rise of the orange plague.

Given the history and the local feeling about koi, it was with mixed emotions that I first aimed an arrow at an 8lb koi who was nose-down sucking at the mud in the Mungawara stream just off the main Waikato river.

Close shave

"Aim six inches below him, ease your breath out slowly and then let the little bugger have it," suggested Heath, my guide for the day.

First shot I missed. The two foot arrow attached by 50lb braid to a reel with a line bottle container, swooshed into the water two inches above the carp's dorsal fin. He then shot off like a mugger into the murky river, leaving a V-shaped wake behind him.

The second fish was bigger and closer. We'd stalked him in from a small aluminium punt up to a patch of lilies where he mooched and snorted in the silt. My arrow went through the middle of his flank pinning him to the soft mud. Pulling on the braid makes the hinged barb take root in the flesh and then the still flapping and bloody koi can be pulled to the boat and unceremoniously flung into a huge sawn-off plastic dustbin.

Wayne and Heath don't do photos; they don't do catch and release, they don't kiss many fish. Wayne and Heath are here to kill. They love to kill. They especially love to kill carp because they're hated by everyone and so they can feel justified, venerable, noble in their killing.

Seeing a double figure koi flapping around the bottom of a plastic dustbin oozing blood isn't a sight I particularly enjoyed. I could feel a



Photograph by Andrew Humphreys

Deep in the wild and woolly Kiwi bush, Nick Fisher (above right) waged war on the orange plague - the koi carp; Below: eels are the only freshwater fish New Zealand can call its own

fish-kissing carp-are-all-descendants-of-our-holy-virgin-mary ethic welling inside me. Until, I shot my next one. It was bigger still, a good 12lb, and a much more impressive shot. Mid-water at 35 yards straight through the belly. Wayne was impressed. We shot two more in the next 10 yards. Then I crept off to line up on an upper double, sunning himself on the far bank. I was bloodied and bloody-minded. Carp were my enemy. It doesn't take long to knock the fish kisser out of you when you get deep into the wild and woolly Kiwi bush.

Nobody wants koi carp in New Zealand, dead or alive. There are a few poorer families around Hamilton who'll take one of two from Wayne to cook, but even for free they're not too enthusiastic.

Some of the locals are happy to use them as fertilizer and a handful will keep some for bait for crab pots at sea. One bright spark local entrepreneur came up with the sound idea of filleting the koi and freeze packing them, to be used by sea anglers as snapper bait. A few tackle shops in Auckland stock the very oily, very stinky bait, but most of them are offering cut price deals because the bait is so slow selling. Even when it's cheap and dead, Kiwi anglers aren't interested in koi. Except that is, for a few very odd blokes.

Unnatural practice

On the outskirts of Auckland there's a sugar factory which has a huge head of koi carp living in one of their lakes. The koi live cheek by jowl with the brightest finned rudd you've ever seen. Now there's a law in New Zealand which states it's illegal to release any koi into the water. So even if you catch one on a rod and line, you are supposed by law to kill it. This is one way to encourage the control of this most unwanted species.

But the sugar factory has a bunch of outlaws who regularly come to its waters to break the law. These strange men use chunks of floated bread crust and sweetcorn to catch the double figure koi that inhabit the lakes. These men then weigh the fish, sometimes photograph the fish, they even, it has been said, occasionally kiss the fish. These men, these carp-loving fish bandits, these unnatural, un-Kiwi, unethical men, are of course, British. ●

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A question of family

Following a fruitful summer north of the border, Bill Currie reflects on the distinguishing characteristics of salmon which give each fish its individuality

I am reminded of a story I heard about a stalker on the hill who said to his guest, "Do you see yon stone?" "What stone?" said the guest. "The hill is covered with stones." "Ay, ay," said the stalker, "but do you see yon particular stone?" Migrating salmon are like that. The fish we cover, and from time to time hook and bring to the bank, all have an individual history. Each has its own characteristics, its own pattern of when, where and how it runs. In an important sense, each fish or group of fish, has its own way of taking the fly. Will it engulf the fly and pull long and strong; will it snatch at the fly, splash at it or ignore it? Of course there are important contingencies, like water height and temperature, and there is a complicated set of weather variables, but right at the heart of our fishing, I believe, lies the principle that individual salmon and groups have their own characteristics. You may well find this out in the nicest way when you bring two fish ashore and see their varying size, shape and colour.

I'm emerging from the 1998 salmon season



Photographs by Bill Currie

Above: A Tweed sea-trout, one of a remarkable body of fish with clearly defined families; Below: A summer fish from the Ness. A Ness fish can belong to one of several families heading for the loch above and its feeder rivers.

with a sense that one of my basic fishing principles has been confirmed. Of course I am also emerging a little battle-scarred from the spring, but there have been few seasons in the last 50 when I did not have some nagging sense of hav-

ing missed the boat or found myself wondering, indeed, if there was a boat at all. The summer, however, brought its special fruits; I was delighted with the extent and variety of the summer sport which 1998 produced. I can hardly say that time ran back and fetched the age of gold, but it is a decade or more since our Scottish rivers had more summer water and more summer sport than this year brought. As I fished I found myself thinking more and more on one principle – that the salmon we fish for is not just a salmon; it is a member of a family of salmon which in turn is part of a race of fish returning to a particular place on the river system we are fishing. The same is true of sea-trout.

This has been a salmon year when we had some groups of fish which were very scarce indeed, like the springers, but some classes returned in much better numbers, like the grilse and the summer fish. Sea-trout were good, too, especially on eastern and northern rivers. As I write this in mid-August, a friend has just taken a 16lb salmon on middle Tweed followed by a



5lb grilse. He released the larger fish, wondering if it was a very early autumn salmon, and he took the grilse home. Recent research on Tweed would make us wonder whether in fact both of these fish were technically grilse, even if they were very different fish in breed, appearance and habits, including how and when they take. I have seen seasons on Tweed when summer and autumn were just one, long, seamless run. Is 1998 going to be one like that? By the time this is read, we will know the answer, but I am excited about the prospect of good autumn fishing after this remarkable high-water summer.

Seeing fish as individuals in families and identifying runs and races can be very important for the way we fish and the way we conserve this remarkable resource.

The sea-trout of Tweed have taught me a lot about fish families and how and when to fish for them. If you regard Tweed sea-trout in blanket terms as just one big run, you would be missing the point absolutely. Let me just highlight one distinction. Among the sea-trout running Tweed in June and July, there are main stem sea-trout and Till fish. The main stem fish are usually 2½-4lb. The Till fish are very much bigger with individuals up to the mid-teens of pounds among them. These extraordinary sea-trout dutifully turn left at Tillmouth and either baffle or delight the fishers who try for them. These big Till fish are night-takers. Is there anything strange about that? There is, if you fish for Tweed sea-trout which run further up the main stem of Tweed. Fish which run past the Till and go on up the main stem of Tweed tend to be evening-takers and stop rising as darkness falls. Confusing? Not if you think of them as different races and different families.

Identity parade

Salmon fishers and managers throughout Scotland have always talked about differences they notice in the salmon they catch. Locally you will hear lore about special kinds of salmon among the returning fish. On the short river Ness, the anglers talk about Garry salmon and Moriston fish, as if the fish had identity tags. They also speak with awe about large winter salmon which, with luck, might be caught very early in the season. That particular race is, alas, diminished, but, I hope, not lost. The race-and-family story continues. In July in the Ness you will catch 5lb grilse which are said not to enter the loch in any numbers. Beside them run slim seven-pounders and very fat 9 to 12-pounders – fish of the same age but very different in appearance, very likely bound for different high spawning places or perhaps programmed to stay in the River Ness itself and spawn there.

When you are fishing other Highland rivers you will be told in local terms about salmon families and races. It is not uncommon to take a fish on Helmsdale, for example, and hear the gillie say it is an Oykel salmon. The gillie explains that, decades ago, Oykel salmon were introduced to Helmsdale to improve the stock. True Helmsdale fish are thin and long; Oykel salmon are high-shouldered and bigger for the



Above: On the last day of the 1997 salmon season, November 29th, middle Tweed – a shining fresh 8lb fish. These ultra-late fresh-run fish are a different race; Left: The spring conservation scheme on the Tweed asks fishers to tag springers and return them. The spring races of salmon on Tweed are the subject of a careful conservation and restoration scheme.

same age. The interesting thing is that the gillies there assure you that these fish breed true and the implication of that is that they return to specific spawning locations and monopolise them. Perhaps genetics will soon prove these local beliefs to be true.

With radio-tracking of salmon we are now beginning to get more details about races, run timing and spawning destinations. What we are learning is fascinating, if sometimes alarming. The Tweed Foundation programme of research has shown that the spring salmon in that river are almost all 2:2 (two years to smolting and two years feeding at sea). The story goes further, however. We have discovered that the Tweed springers are virtually all heading for the Ettrick and are all of one age. Not many years ago early fish were all over the river and there were different age classes within the runs. We know we have lost races and families of early fish. Identifying this feature of the stock has helped the Tweed managers to bring in a five-year conservation plan, involving partial catch-and-release in the early months of fishing. Being able to identify the families is the start of preserving and restoring early runs which are under great pressure.

Like many readers, I regularly find myself cast in the role of the frustrated fisher and sometimes the frustration is over families. I was in the middle of writing this article when a friend told me that there was a good summer run in his water. I dashed off to Tweed, fished one good pool from the left bank before lunch and had just one soft, slow draw for my trouble. I kept seeing fish on the opposite side. Some looked big. I went upstream to lunch at the hut and marked the river. It seemed to have fallen during the morning. I convinced myself, as I ate my sandwiches, that I just had to get to the other side. The only way across was by using the

upper boat and it was a rough route down to where I had seen the salmon. The first question I asked myself was what kind of fish was I covering (if any)? I began by betting on there being some bigger summer fish there and I covered the top lies with a size 10 Golden Stoa. Nothing. Then I saw a grilse leaping as it entered the tail of the pool. So, that was it; grilse were coming through. They were fresh and no doubt aggressive, so I took off my discreet Stoa and, feeling a little aggressive myself, I tied on a size six light iron double with a claret hair wing, a gold body and a great yellow tail – the sort of fly which would slaughter grilse in Russia.

Extraordinary results

The results were immediate and extraordinary. In a few casts I had a pluck take and was into a small fish which fled about for a minute or so before the hooks dropped out. I checked the hooks and two casts later had a grilse make a tremendous fuss of splashing at the fly and knocking it, but not hooking. I waded in again, feeling frustrated, and I thought the excitement must be making me weak at the knees, because I could not seem to get to the right wading line to cover the rest of the pool. Was the water rising? I dismissed the idea. Nothing else moved to me.

I hiked back up the hot bank, crossed, tied the boat up and checked the stone marker. The river had risen nine inches while I was fishing! So, I'm going to allocate part of my frustration to a rising water, but there is little doubt in my mind that some of the explanation for that activity with no fish landed was a question of the precise kind of salmon I was covering. Small grilse are slashers and pluckers at large flies – just hooligans! Their larger brethren would have taken smaller flies and would have taken them better.

This is, I believe, not just an age-class business; it is a question relating to individual salmon and their characteristics. It is, in fact, a family matter. ●

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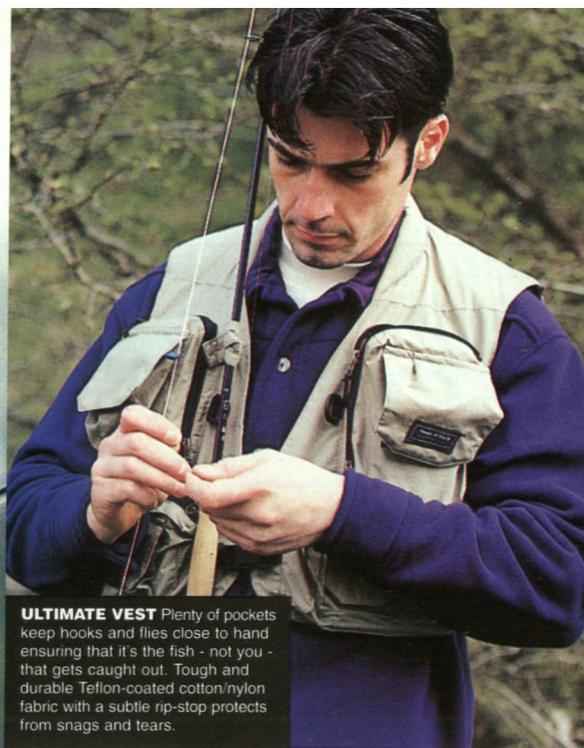


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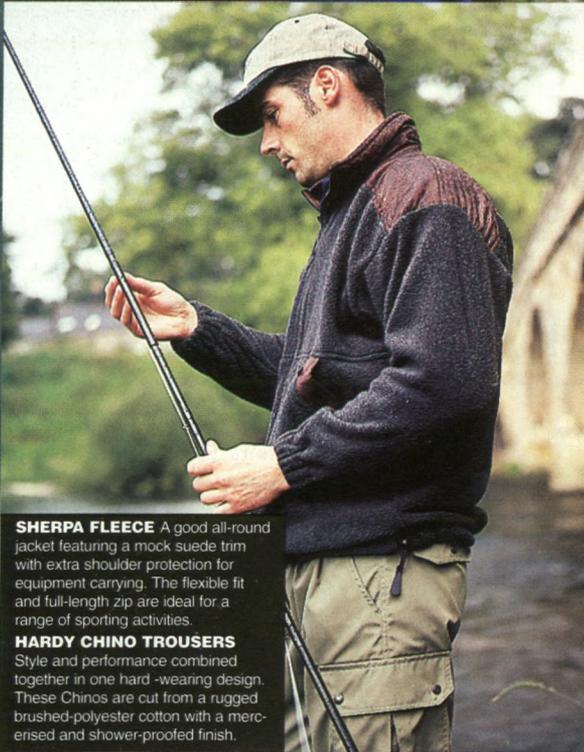


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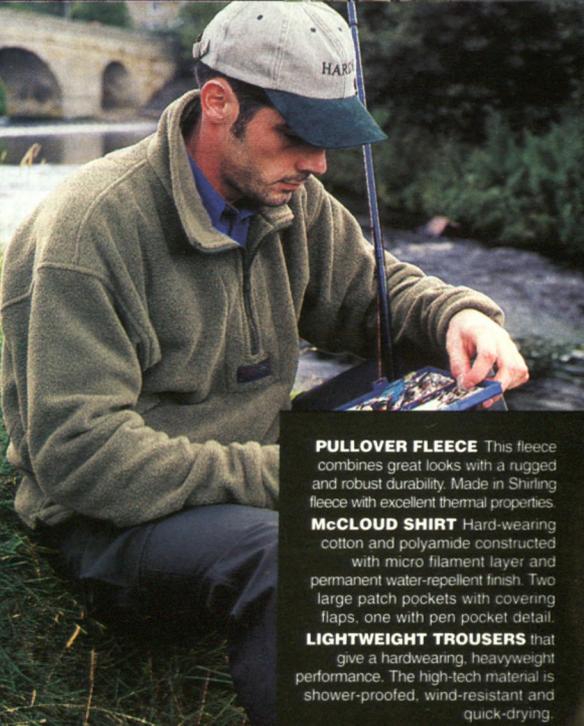


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Fieldsports can play a vital role in the running of a well-managed farm and, as John Humphreys stresses, there's no better time to learn the ways of the countryside than when young



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Lords Ground Farm is a thousand acres in the Cambridgeshire Fens and we sporting tenants were as proud as peacocks to win the coveted Laurent Perrier Award for Wild Game Conservation in 1995. Our pride was not an overweening one at having been preferred to great estates with titled owners, but one of quiet satisfaction that a shoot with much against it should have caught the eye of the judges. The farm comprises the best land in England, silt and peat left when the waters were penned in by Dutchmen in the 17th century. Not only are its crops famous throughout Europe but David Almond, who farms it, does not believe in wasting land. If there is a square inch without a seed sown in it, he wants to know why; if pheasants peck out too much sprouting corn, questions are asked; while the lifting of a field of potatoes critical to a partridge drive next day will wait for no man.

Allied to this ruthless pursuit of agribusiness there is a wide streak of imagination and good sense. While land within the field boundaries is there to work hard and make profits, there is much ground on the farm which the most ruthless farmer cannot exploit. There are 22 miles of dykes, deep and wide, the arteries of the drainage system. Leave them rough and they become habitats for which any covert shoot owner would die. They contain water and food, nesting cover and shelter in winter; they are not sprayed and kept clean in rotation.

Where fields are asymmetrical it is easy to shave off one end to make it rectangular for the most efficient deployment of the huge machines

which plant and harvest. That splinter of ground is just right for the planting of trees and cover for game. Where the relief flooding area known as a wash was once planted with corn, which was impossible to harvest and riddled with weed seeds, willows were planted and ponds dug. Wide verges once mown to oblivion now are cut one swathe from the roadside to leave rough grass for nesting and shelter. This was done at virtually no cost to the farm in crop production and the commitment to total farming continued as before.

The improvement in the game birds was spectacular. Grey partridge pairs increased from three to 23 in four years. Wild game shot leaped from 174 in the first year to 930 five years after new practices were put in place. What is more the new habitats designed with game in mind became a haven for other species.

The perfect landscape

This message cannot be preached hard or often enough. Make a place good for game and you help songbirds, small mammals, butterflies and vanishing farmland plants. Ask the most rabid abolitionist for an example of the countryside he would like to bequeath to the next generation and he will point out an estate managed for fieldsports for a century or so, for that is the English landscape we all love.

At Lords Ground we soon boasted five species of owl, blackcaps and warblers, kingfishers and skylarks, many of the birds currently identified as being under threat due to

unsympathetic farming. Great carp swim in the newly dug ponds, gadwall, tufted duck and mallard nest, while little grebes dive for minnows. Frogs and toads come to the dykes and grass snakes follow.

Up the road from my house lies another farm of about the same size. Viewed from the boundary the vista is filled with wheat, uniform and monotonous, nodding fatuously at a sky empty of birds and silent. No poppy gladdens the eye with a splash of colour, not a skylark sings overhead, no rabbit rustles through the stalks. Only a hungry carrion crow flaps aimlessly across untenanted skies. Each field is divided from its identical neighbour by a single strand of rusting barbed wire. What a legacy to leave to those who come after. With imagination and at no cost to production that farm could be as richly diverse as ours and the shooting would become a valuable asset.

On a well-managed farm the shooting becomes an integral part of the rural calendar and not something separate which has been bolted on. It takes its place in the slow rhythm of the seasons, as appropriate as ploughing, sowing and reaping, quite as natural and surely not in need of any defending from those who understand little of country ways.

Far from being the outdated barbaric practices lampooned by our opponents, country sports have an important part to play in the modern world. Where boys and girls dare not walk or cycle to school and spend their evenings in front of computer screens, fieldsports are the perfect antidote. They remind us

of the land from which we sprang and which we forget at our peril. They provide fresh air, exercise and the challenge of outwitting a quarry which has the odds on its side. They teach the manipulation of equipment, the mastery of sportsmanship and good manners, and the skill to deal with triumph and disaster and "treat those two imposters just the same". They teach us not only about wild nature and our own dear land, but much about ourselves too. The lessons learned are not only those of the countryside, but of life itself.

Hard apprenticeship

There is no better time to begin than when young. A father, uncle or grandfather to guide the early steps is invaluable. The beginner should not be spoiled by too early an exposure to the cream of the sport, however tempting it might be. The best lessons are those learned with an air rifle and a hedge where a pigeon might settle, or a stubble with young rabbits creeping out in the evening. The tutors of patience and limited fire power are as gold dust and to be treasured. Too many parents over indulge youngsters and let them loose on grouse moor or covert shoot letting them think that to acquire such sport is easy, while depriving them of the learning opportunities of lone hunting. In the early days of our sport even youngsters with many advantages underwent a hard apprenticeship, carrying an unloaded gun until the lessons of safety were instilled and earning their place on the "special" day rather than having it come by right.

An important and oft overlooked item of equipment for the "young entry" is a game diary. Many sporting folk keep one religiously and record every outing. The same book will do for shooting, fishing and even hunting. The vital element is the "remarks" section, for a hundred pheasants is a number and not an event; it is indistinguishable from the hundred pheasants recorded a week later. What is important are the minor adventures, the sudden change in the weather, a super retrieve by a young dog, a good shot or appalling miss, the way the sun sank in blood over the distant willows, the chatter over lunch and new friendships forged. Thus the lesson is quickly learned that the number of the slain has little to do with the pleasure of the day.

Many of my sporting friends keep such a diary; my own runs back to 1960. We all regret that we did not start one earlier. When the blood is young and pulsing and every adventure new and fresh, every shot a major triumph or abject humiliation, those are the things we need to recall in tranquillity later in life. The "remarks" bring it all flooding back, then the memory will take over and bring back other things not written down.

We are lucky to have a countryside rich and diverse and when as well managed as Lords Ground Farm, fieldsports fit into it as naturally as a sunrise. The regret is that too many landowners have still to wake up to the potential of the incredible assets they possess. If it can be done at Lords Ground in the keenest farming country in the land, then it can be done anywhere. ●

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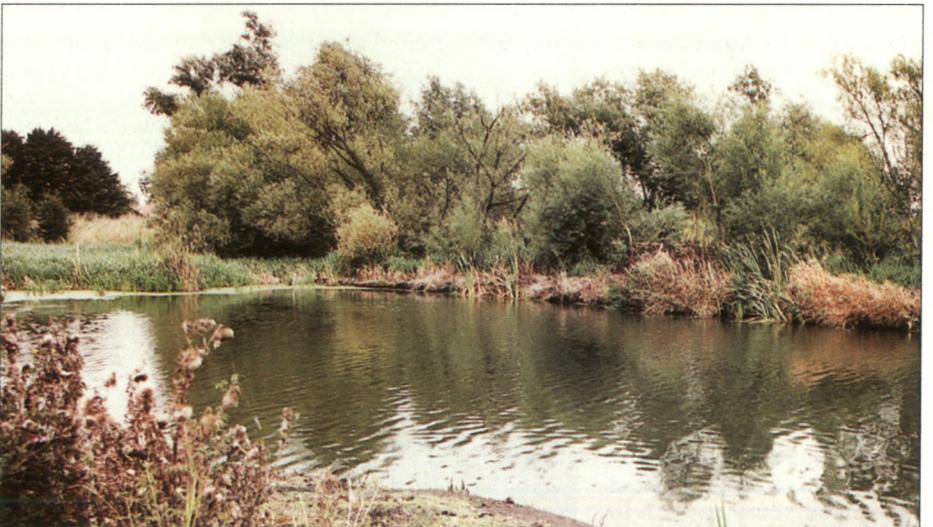
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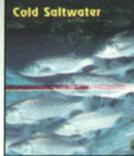
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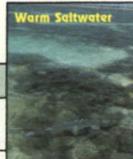
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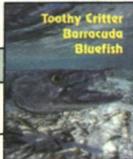
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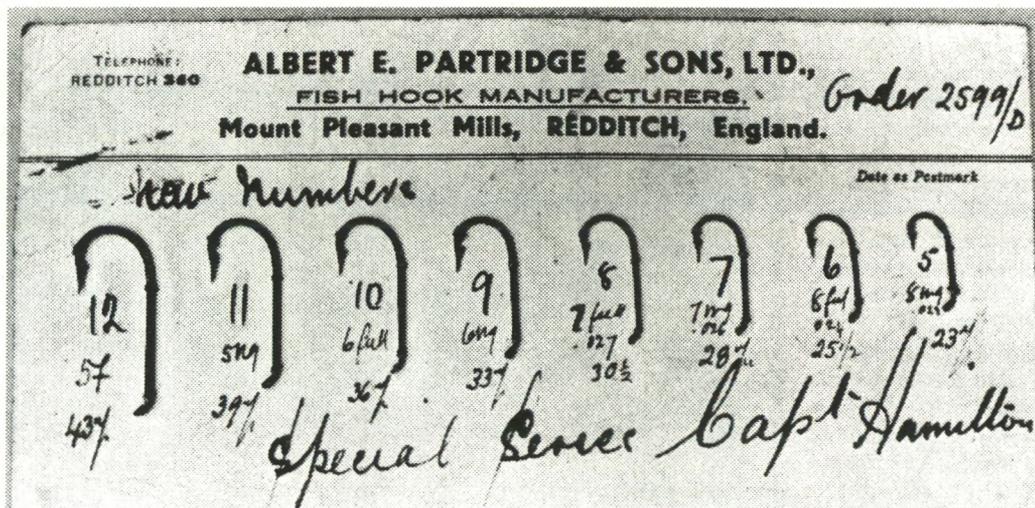
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Striking gold in Argentina

Simon Everett takes on the tough, hard-fighting dorado of the Parana River – and finds time to sample a little South American hospitality too

Argentina, the land of gauchos, beef cattle, armadillos and incredible fishing opportunities. The country is very diverse and cosmopolitan; they say that an Argentinian is an Italian who speaks Spanish and wishes he were English! Indeed there is an Italian influence but also a large British contingent of approximately 400,000. The Welsh colonised Patagonia, the wilderness region in the south of the country, and this is the area that springs immediately to mind when thoughts turn to matters piscatorial. However, the fishing available in Argentina is very varied, as one would expect in a country which stretches from the Tropic of Capricorn to within 10 degrees of the Antarctic Circle. Sea-trout in Patagonia, wonderful brown trout in the west with fish up to double figures, then in Parana River, you find the bright yellow, hard-fighting dorado. It was for this South American equivalent of the African tigerfish that I came in search.

The journey is not an easy one. First a flight direct from Gatwick to Buenos Aires, then a one-and-a-half hour charter flight in a twin otter to Victoria. The flight followed the course of the Parana River. On this leg of the journey I could see the extent of the flooding which Argentina has had to endure. Tens of thousands of square miles under water, all of it prime agricultural land. This is unusual. It was 16 years ago that the river last burst its banks, but the effect has been devastating.

I was met at the landing strip by my host and guide Carlos Sanchez. He runs a couple of lodges in Argentina, one near Bahia Blanca and one at Los Ombues, where I was going to stay. The lodge is magnificent and takes its name from the “upside-down” trees which grow in this region. It occupies a splendid location overlooking the river, and facing more or less west. It was purpose-built four years ago, although Carlos has been operating



Photographs by Simon Everett

from the ranch for many years. This lodge has been voted the finest hunting lodge in the world by the American sporting writers and it lives up to its title with ease. Apart from the fishing, there is high volume dove shooting, partridge shooting and wildfowl which ranks with the best anywhere. It is a veritable sportsman's paradise.

Having settled myself in and been loosened up by the resident masseuse, I was ready to learn about the fish and how we would tackle them. With a drink in one hand and a photograph album in the other I began to get an idea of what I had come for.

Carlos is a very good fisherman, and even

with the river in such a state of flood – three or four metres above its usual level – he was confident of finding me some fish. Indeed he used to be a professional fishing guide before starting his own lodges.

The Parana River and its tributaries are the only waters in which dorado are found. They are predatory fish which hunt the small piranhas and other fish, sometimes chasing them into water only a few inches deep with great splashing charges. I couldn't wait.

The next day was one of those glorious autumn days with just a thin layer of very high cloud. The warmth, despite this being the beginning of their winter, was sufficient to warrant a heavy coating of Jungle Formula to keep the mosquitoes at bay. It worked. We loaded the motorised punt and headed out across the wide expanse of river, cutting through lily beds where lily-trotters skulked but paid scant attention to us. Green parrots squawked as they flew overhead. Soon we came to a spot where the water funnelled between two promontories just a foot or so above the water level. The gap was about 20 yards wide before opening out once more into a piece of river the size of a lake. As the boat swung in against the bank, I saw a huge

swirl close to the other side. Things were looking good.

In the dark-coloured water plenty of movement would be required for the fish to find my lures. The stain was due entirely to the flooding, normally the water is quite clear. Also, because of the weight of water, I was going to have to use a sinking line, something I am not keen on. In the lower sections of the river the dorado are more plentiful, but smaller. As one travels further upstream the fish are bigger but much more difficult to locate. In this part of the river the fish average about 5lb and go up to the 15lb mark. In the higher reaches, right up on the Gran Chaco, they are 20lb plus. ▶

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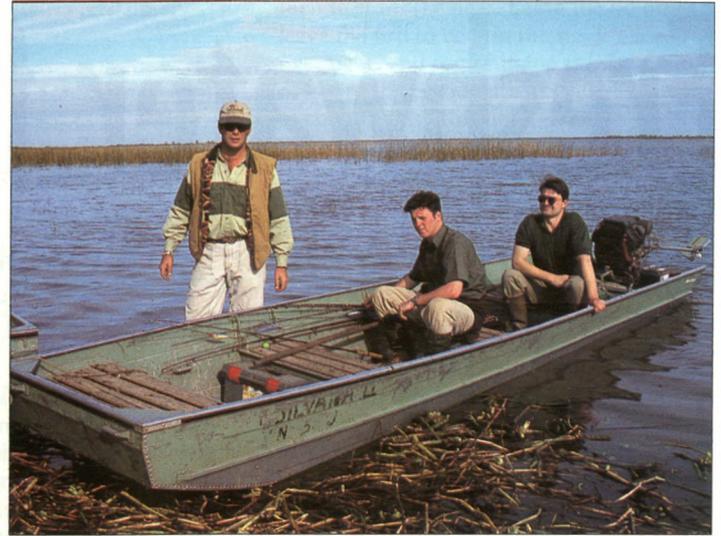
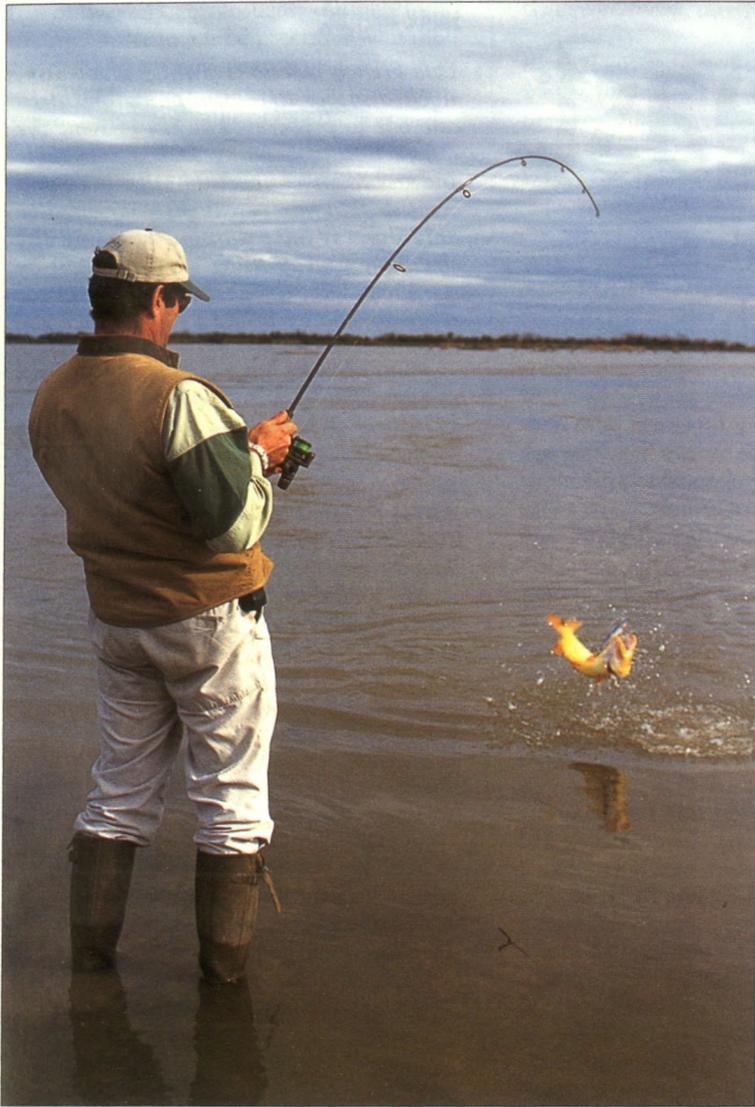
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Left: The fish kept up a constant display of acrobatic jumps and head shaking; Above: heading out across the Parana River in a motorised punt; Below: at last, a dorado caught on the fly



I had two rigs with me. A very light Shimano spinning rod of 8ft with a small fixed spool reel loaded with 8lb line. A Rapala Magnum on an 18" 20lb wire trace was linked via a swivel direct to the main line. The fly rod was an Orvis 9'0" #6 with Battenkill disc reel. A sinking line with the same 18" wire trace was employed, the large lure-type fly being tied directly to the wire – hook size being 2/0. Big flies are very much the order of the day. Long casts are unnecessary and the #6 rod is quite adequate.

Determined to catch my first dorado, I decided to use the plug first. Casting directly across the current, close to the foliage opposite, I let the Rapala drag across the current, retrieving just sufficient line to make the lure work. After three casts, each progressively longer and more downstream, I had a partial hit right at my feet. A dorado had followed the plug into the shallows and struck just as I lifted it out of the water to recast! I flung the Rapala straight down the edge of the current and let it hang there while very slowly retrieving line. Within seconds the rod was nearly pulled out of my hands as a yellow bullet tore at the plug and became airborne at the end of the line, such was the ferocity of the hit. I recovered my composure and played the fish for about 10 seconds before it came off. Their

mouths are quite bony and it requires a good hook hold to land one.

Several more casts were needed before I struck gold. The fish leapt clean out of the water with head-shaking antics. It gained the current, where it bore downstream taking line, not in a searing run like a gamefish, but in a very determined, bulldog-like fashion. I tightened up a little and the fish swung to the pressure, then started the acrobatics once more. After a real tussle I had it in the shallows, the Rapala across its jaws with the middle hook well and truly embedded. My first dorado. Raul, the boatman, took the hook out for me with a pair of pliers and we released the fish, a small one of about 4lb.

Airborne antics

Just then there was a gigantic splash close to the opposite bank, a dorsal fin and tail were visible out of the water. It was a big dorado. I cast across and almost as soon as the Rapala hit the water it was seized in a fierce boil of a take. He was on. Once more the airborne antics of a very angry fish began, this one was much bigger. The fight was incredible. The strong downstream runs, the acrobatic jumps and head shaking, the fish kept up a constant battle all the way to my feet. It was a beauty of about 8lb. In a couple of hours I had caught

five dorado and lost or missed at least a dozen.

Now I wanted to catch one on a fly. The little rod struggled a bit with the weight of the wet fly, but I used the current to help me gain some distance and let the fly swing across the current with drag. I had to get it further downstream, just below the run. When I succeeded it was immediately seized by a waiting denizen. For some reason, though, the fight was not as spectacular. I have a feeling that the sinking line soaked up much of the energy being expounded by the fish with the extra drag it created in the water. Nevertheless, I was delighted to bank my fly-caught dorado after several minutes. Not a big one by any stretch of the imagination – about 5lb. However, Carlos said I did well to catch on the fly at all in the high, coloured water.

The whole experience was magical. Miles out into Argentina's wilderness, in search of a regional species of hard-fighting fish. The food and hospitality at Los Ombues was excellent and the entire trip was truly memorable. ●

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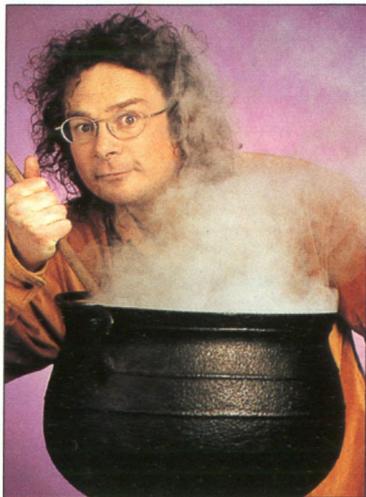
Freshwater feast

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall wonders why we don't eat more coarse fish

The first fish I ever caught on "rod and line" was a mackerel. I was five years old. The rod was a bamboo cane, the line ordinary household string, and the hook a safety pin. When I say that my mackerel was caught not in the sea, but in a rather slimy pond in Richmond Park, London, you may feel my first fish story is stretching credibility even more than most. It is, I assure you, quite true. Except that, some years after the event I discovered that the mackerel had in fact been dead when I "caught" it – bought in advance from the fishmonger and slipped on the hook by my father when I wasn't looking. Oblivious to this deceit, I took it home, my mum cooked it and I ate it with pride and relish. Not only was I now hooked on fishing, but the vital connection between fishing and cooking had been indelibly stamped on my mind.

For many anglers these days, the connection between catching fish and eating them is flimsy or even non-existent. Coarse fishermen in particular often take a pretty dim view of anybody killing and eating their beloved coarse fish – and I use the word dim in both senses. The whole subject of eating coarse fish is racked with hypocrisy and bad feeling. For example, when I cooked and ate a small carp that I had caught in the Thames in an episode of *A Cook on the Wild Side*, there was a rash of hostile letters and articles in the angling press. I was accused of brutality and barbarism. "Our carp are not for eating!" ran one headline. Why not? Wrapped in foil with a sprig of fennel and a trickle of olive oil, and baked in the bonnet of the Gastrowagon, my carp was absolutely delicious. And whoever wrote the headline has perhaps forgotten that, all over the country, carp was once a staple fish of the British diet – especially popular among monks (whose monasteries almost always had a dedicated carp pond) for their meat-free Friday lunch.

The book A Cook on the Wild Side by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall is published by Boxtree at £14.99. A new series of TV Dinners begins on Channel 4 in January 1999.



Nicky Johnston

The problem is not that anglers don't eat fish: I wonder how many fishermen who nodded in agreement with the articles attacking me, muttered disapprovingly about the programme at their club meetings, then went home to a nice fish supper of haddock and chips. The problem is that they don't eat *their* fish. A lot of anglers are guilty of a kind of fishy racism: it's all right to kill and eat some fish (ie the ones they don't fish for), but not others (especially the beloved carp!). As far as I'm concerned, the criteria for

whether a fish species is a candidate for the kitchen are simple. Are they tasty? Are there plenty of them (of course I don't want to eat an endangered species), and last but not least, can I catch one? (To which the answer is usually no, but I'll keep on trying!)

Incidentally, I am not necessarily opposed to the strict no-kill policy of many small stillwater fisheries managed specifically for the sport of angling. I understand completely that the management wants to reserve stocks and allow the fish to reach a good sporting size. I have enjoyed fishing in such places and even enjoyed catching and putting back large carp (my best, 14lb 10oz). Besides, most fish from such ponds and lakes are liable to taste pretty muddy.

What I am less happy about is local angling authorities that forbid the killing of any fish taken from their rivers and canals (eels are usually excepted, which is certainly a small consolation). The removal of a few gudgeon, dace or minnows, and the occasional decent pike, is hardly going to decimate the eco-balance in the Thames, Trent or Severn. I am not arguing for the commercial exploitation of our coarse fish stocks (although with the right controls in place I might be prepared to). But surely all fishermen must be aware that the technique of catching fish on a baited hook with rod and line was devised originally as a means of gathering food? All I ask is for the right to line up with the other predators who like a fish supper – the herons, kingfishers, otters and grass snakes, for example – and have a go at taking my share.

Well that's enough fishy politics. Let's get on with the gastronomy.

Quenelles De Brochet, Queues D'Ecrevesse, Sauce Nantua

This French classic is a truly great dish, albeit a rather time-consuming and delicate one to prepare – but just imagine the satisfaction of creating such a delectable and decadent concoction with pike and crayfish that you've caught yourself. I've only done it once without cheating (by cheating, I mean using a pike caught by somebody else, or substituting prawns for crayfish), and I felt like a gastronomic god when I served it up.

Since the pike fillet is completely puréed in this dish, you could be forgiven for keeping it in the freezer, in expectation of the crayfish. And if the crayfish are hard to come by, you can, like I have, cheat by making your sauce Nantua with either Dublin Bay prawns or large, shell-on Atlantic prawns.

My recipe is adapted from Raymond Blanc's version of the dish. He is lucky enough to be able to pull both pike and crayfish from the River Windrush, just a mile from Le Manoir aux Quatre Saisons.

SERVES 4

16-32 crayfish (4-8 per person, depending on size and availability)

FOR THE QUENELLES

150g / 5oz unsalted butter, softened
175g / 6oz fillet of young pike
1 teaspoon salt
2 pinches of cayenne pepper
3 eggs
100ml / 3.5fl oz double cream

TO GARNISH

Tails from the crayfish, de-shelled

FOR THE SAUCE NANTUA

100ml / 3.5fl oz sunflower oil
1 clove of garlic, lightly crushed
1 sprig of thyme
¼ bay leaf
8 tarragon leaves
2 sprigs of wild chervil or parsley
1 small carrot, washed, peeled and finely diced
2 sprigs of wild fennel leaves, finely chopped
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
½ celery stalk, washed and finely diced
1 small onion, peeled and finely chopped
225g / 8oz tomatoes, peeled, deseeded and chopped
4 tablespoons of brandy
200ml / 7fl oz dry white wine
Heads, claws and tail shells of the crayfish
500ml / 18fl oz cold water
200ml / 7fl oz double cream
Salt and freshly ground white pepper

1. Plunge the live crayfish into boiling water and remove after 30 seconds. Drain and leave to cool.
2. Cream the softened butter until free of lumps.

3. Extract any small bones running down the middle of the pike fillet with a pair of tweezers, then roughly chop the fish and purée in a food processor with the salt and cayenne pepper.
4. With the motor running, add the eggs one by one, finally adding the creamed butter, and process until completely smooth. Turn out into a mixing bowl, cover and chill for 30 minutes.
5. Place the bowl on ice and slowly incorporate most of the cream. Taste, check the seasoning, then rub the mixture through a fine sieve. Cover with cling film and put back in the fridge.
6. Remove the heads and claws from the crayfish and crack with a rolling pin or hammer. Peel the tails and set aside, covered. Add the tail shells to the pile of heads and claws.
7. To make the sauce, heat the oil in a large pan and sweat the garlic, herbs and diced vegetables for a few minutes to soften. Add the crayfish shells and stir for a minute or two. Add the chopped tomatoes and cook to reduce a little. When the pan is almost dry, but before it catches, deglaze with brandy and wine. Pour in the water and bring to the boil. Skim and just simmer for 20 minutes.
8. Strain this stock, pushing through a sieve into a bowl (you can grind it in a liquidizer before doing this, but not so fine that bits of shell get through the sieve). Pass again through a finer sieve or chinois, into a clean saucepan. Boil and reduce to just 100ml / 3.5fl oz. Add the cream, and boil for two minutes until nicely reduced and thickened. Set aside in a warm place.
9. To cook the quenelles, have ready two tablespoons in a jug of water. Half fill a large saucepan or deep frying pan with lightly salted water, bring to the boil and reduce the heat to a barely discernible simmer. Using a warm tablespoon, scoop out a large spoonful of mousse and use the second spoon to mould an egg shape or quenelle. Form all the mousse mixture into quenelles and poach gently for about 4 minutes, turning carefully once during cooking. Cook them in two batches if your pan is not wide enough. You should aim for 8 large or 12 small quenelles, depending on the size of your spoons. As each batch is ready, the quenelles can be put on kitchen paper to dry.
10. Lightly brush an ovenproof dish with a film of butter. Arrange the poached quenelles in the dish, leaving some space between them (they will puff up in the final cooking). Pour the sauce over and around. Cover and cook in a preheated oven (190°C / 375°F / gas mark 5) for 15 minutes. Add the blanched, peeled crayfish tails, between the quenelles, for the final 5 minutes of cooking.
11. Serve the dish in front of your guests, lifting the quenelles and crayfish tails carefully on to warmed plates. Spoon the sauce over and around. If they are not suitably impressed never invite to your house again.

Small Fry Fry-up with Red Pepper Ketchup

Gudgeon, bleak, dace, skimmers and other small fry

Plain flour, seasoned

2 eggs, beaten

Breadcrumbs

Oil for frying (groundnut or sunflower)

Chopped chives and sprig of fennel (optional garnish)

RED PEPPER KETCHUP

2 red peppers

12 cherry tomatoes

1 teaspoon red wine vinegar

A little olive oil

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. First make the sauce. Roast, grill or barbecue the peppers until they are nicely blackened. Put in a bowl, cover, and leave to cool.
2. Slice the tomatoes in half and grill until browned. Rub through a sieve.
3. Peel the skin off the peppers, remove and discard the seeds. Finely dice the flesh.
4. Mix the pepper flesh with the sieved tomatoes, vinegar and olive oil, and season to taste.
5. Prepare the fish: clean, gut, de-scale (not gudgeon) and remove the gills.
6. Roll the fish in flour, dip in the beaten egg, coat thoroughly with breadcrumbs.
7. Heat 0.5cm (1/4 inch) of oil in a pan (or more in a deep fat fryer), and fry the fish until crispy and golden brown.
8. Drain on kitchen paper, season with rock salt and garnish with the chives or sprig of fennel. Serve with the red pepper ketchup as a dipping sauce. Smaller fish can be eaten whole, bones and all; with larger ones, you may wish to nibble round the backbone.

Pike in Aspic

This is a much simpler way to serve pike. I like it because it preserves the integrity of the fish by presenting whole boneless flakes of the flesh. They are set in a jelly made from the stock in which the fish is poached. There should be enough gelatine in the head and bones of the pike to set the stock, once it is reduced, but if you're nervous about that add just a smidge of gelatine to the reduced stock when it is still hot. If you don't have a fish kettle, cut the fish in half and poach it in a large saucepan.

1 whole pike, ideally 4-8 lbs, (or the head end of a larger fish, cut to fit snugly in the fish kettle)

Bay leaves

Sprigs of fennel

Parsley

1 onion, sliced

1 bottle white wine

Salt, black peppercorns

1. Clean the pike and lay it in a fish kettle, cover with the herbs, onion and peppercorns, putting some inside the belly of the fish. Add a sprinkling of salt, (not too much or the stock will be too salty when reduced).
2. Pour over 1 bottle white wine, and enough water to almost cover the fish

3. Put the fish kettle on the heat and bring to the boil. Let it boil for a minute or two and then turn off the heat. Leave the lid on and leave the fish to cool in the stock – ideally overnight, and certainly for at least a couple of hours. The residual heat will be enough to cook the fish through.
4. Once cooled, remove from the fish kettle and remove the head, tail and skin. Remove the fillets and flake the flesh, being careful to remove all the “pitchfork-shaped” bones from between the flakes of each fillet. Season it with black pepper and chopped parsley.
5. Strain the liquid that the pike was poached in through muslin or a cotton cloth. Boil in a clean pan to reduce to a scant 3/4 of a pint of liquid. Test for setting ability by pouring a little of the stock into a shallow saucer and leaving to go cold in the fridge. If it is not set in half an hour, add a little gelatine to the remaining hot stock.
6. Lay a sprig of fennel in the bottom of your chosen moulds (dariole moulds, tea cups or miniature pie dishes can all be used). Loosely pile the seasoned pike meat into each mould. Pour enough stock to just cover the fish, and transfer the moulds to the fridge to set. It may take up to three hours to set firm.
7. To turn out the fish, dip each mould in warm water for a moment, cover with a small serving plate and flip over the plate. Garnish each plate with green leaves such as lamb's lettuce, watercress or baby spinach.

Eels in Green Herb Sauce

(Anguilles a la sauce verte)

SERVES 4

4 slices, 2.5cm / 1 inch thick, from a slightly stale baguette

2 tablespoons of olive oil

85g / 3oz unsalted butter

450g / 1lb eel fillets

A fistful of sorrel leaves, finely shredded

1/2 tablespoon finely chopped wild chervil (or parsley)

85g / 3oz lightly blanched sea spinach

(or ordinary spinach), squeezed dry and finely chopped

150ml / 5fl oz dry white wine

Juice of 1/4 lemon

1/4 teaspoon salt

Salt and fresh ground black pepper

1 large egg yolk

1. Fry the bread slices very gently in the oil until golden brown. Drain on kitchen paper and keep warm.
2. Pour off some of the oil, add half the butter, and fry the fillets of eel until they are just cooked through. Remove and keep warm.
3. Add the rest of the butter, the herbs, spinach, wine and lemon juice, and bring to a simmer, cooking until most of the liquid has evaporated. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Beat the egg yolk with a teaspoon of water. Take the pan off the heat and cool a little. Stir the egg yolk into the sauce, heating gently until the sauce thickens. (Do not boil or the egg will curdle.)
5. Arrange the eel pieces on the 4 slices of the fried bread, spoon over the sauce and serve. ●



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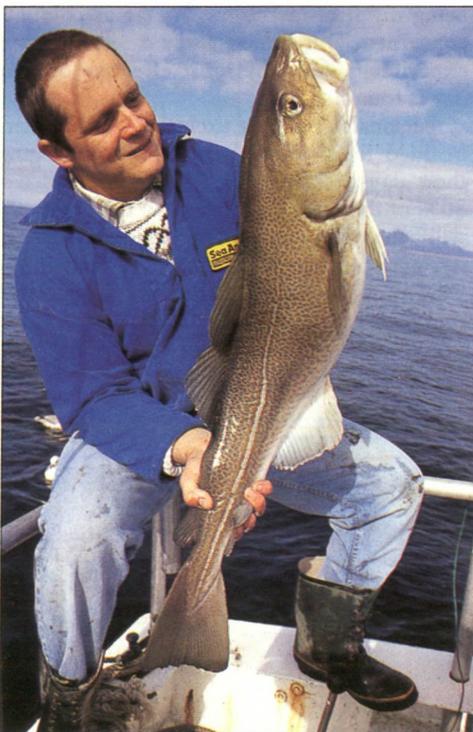
Pirks, peaks and politics

The “cod war” between Britain and Iceland dominated the headlines back in the 1970s. Now, as Dave Lewis discovers, the fishing off the coast of this stark, dramatic country is in a league of its own

I can still remember, though it's more than 20 years ago now, the daily news bulletins reporting on the “cod war” between Britain and Iceland in the North Atlantic. The conflict was sparked off when Iceland, a country whose economy is based almost solely on fish, extended her territorial fishing limits from 12 to 200 miles, thus expelling fishing boats from all other countries. In defending this new limit, British trawlers had their nets cut and, at times, things got pretty heated. In the end, however, the Icelanders won.

Iceland still maintains that 200-mile exclusion zone around her coastline and whether or not you agree with the ethics and politics of what took place back in the 70s, there can be no arguing that today Iceland has one of the healthiest fish stocks, especially for cod, in the entire cold, fertile waters of the North Atlantic. Indeed, as I write this, there is a moratorium on cod fishing covering much of the UK, such is the poor state of our grossly over-exploited cod stocks. And, while the long-term prospects for my home-based sport do concern me, I count myself lucky to have experienced the most exceptional cod fishing in Iceland.

Iceland is not an easy country to describe. Stark, barren, with an almost lunar landscape, Iceland is famous for her geothermal activity



Photographs by Dave Lewis

Above: the author with a large cod in the peak of condition

and resultant hot water geysers as well as both extinct and active volcanoes – all of which are so impressive. Then there are the many crystal clear, swift-flowing rivers – which themselves maintain a world class Atlantic salmon fishery – and the waterfalls, glaciers and snow-capped peaks.

I tend to base my fishing trips either in Reykjavik, the most northerly capital in the world, or Akranes, an hour's ferry ride to the west. Reykjavik itself is a smart, well laid out, modern city dominated by a huge cathedral. It boasts an abundance of smart restaurants, bars and shops – and a productive salmon river running right through the centre!

The harbour, naturally enough, is the focal point of the city and home to many of Iceland's huge ocean-going trawlers. Included among these are several “moth-balled” whaling ships which have not been to sea since whaling was banned in the 1980s, but are still maintained in case the ban is ever lifted. The harbour is also home to the Andrea, a steel-built ferry which will fish 12 rods in comfort and is one of the best charter boats I have ever fished aboard.

From my very first trip to Iceland I knew I was on to something special and it soon became apparent that cod would form the background for most days' sport, with other

species such as the sweet-tasting haddock, ferocious-looking catfish or wolf fish (a dead ringer for Alien!), with the occasional redfish, pollack and ling adding variety. Of course the mighty Atlantic halibut is the ultimate challenge in these waters, but even though they are still caught, including some huge specimens, I have yet to witness a catch in five trips.

Almost all fishing is done on the drift. Much of Iceland's coastline has been formed from larva which originally spewed out of volcanoes before flowing seawards until it solidified on contact with the sea. In many areas you will be fishing over large expanses of larva which have formed huge reefs that are attractive to fish.

The standard technique is to fish a single pirk, usually between 6oz and 20oz in weight depending on water depth and speed of drift, in conjunction with a team of two or three rubber squid or eels; American-made soft rubber worms are especially effective. The water depth averages around 100ft, though much greater depths are found in the vicinity of the fjords.

Fishing a pirk successfully involves a lot more than simply dropping it down to the bottom then enthusiastically jiggling it up and down until a hapless fish impales itself on it. Firstly it is important to note that when the fish are thick on the ground, as is often the case in Iceland, many hit the lure well before it makes contact with the bottom, so it is important that the angler feels for a take all the time the pirk is going down. If you do get a take "on the drop", the reel should be immediately thrown back into gear and the fish prevented from getting even a split second of slack which will almost always result in a missed fish.

Perhaps the most important point to consider when fishing a pirk, and most other lures on the drift for that matter, is that pirks are noticeably more effective when fished in as near to a vertical line beneath the drifting boat as possible. For whatever reason, it is a fact that pirks trailing behind a drifting boat not only catch fewer fish, but they are also far more prone to snagging whenever fishing very rough ground or wrecks; substituting the standard treble hook for a single greatly reduces the chance of snagging, yet still catch plenty of fish.

In order to help maintain a vertical line for as long as possible when drifting, a technique of casting was developed in that stronghold of pirk fishing, the north-east of England. Here



anglers fishing the deep water wrecks offshore in the North Sea carefully "lob" their pirks say 20-30 yards in the direction in which the boat is drifting, then let them fall swiftly to the bottom. This very effectively ensures that by the time the lure reaches the bottom, the boat will be more or less straight above, giving the angler far more time with his lure working a vertical plane. As soon as the pirk starts to trail behind the boat, the angler should swiftly retrieve it and start again.

Picking your pirk

One other common misbelief is that pretty much any heavy lure armed with a treble hook can catch fish with equal effect. When fishing productive ground such as Iceland, it very quickly becomes apparent that certain designs and colours of pirk catch considerably more fish than others. Over the years I have found that those pirks of Scandinavian origin score best, with the excellent range manufactured in Norway by Jensen and Solvroken being my firm favourites. As far as colour is concerned, you should carry a selection and experiment until the most effective on that day is found.

Personally I almost exclusively use modern braided lines when drift fishing with lures these days. Rigged with 20ft mono leader of 80% of the breaking strength of the braid, you will fish with a much higher degree of sensitivity, and consequently efficiency, than if you were using mono right through. The relative

narrow diameter and non-stretch properties of braided lines also allow you to fish much lighter lures which equates to more sport.

So back to my most recent trip to Iceland. Our first day coincided with perfect weather – a flat, calm sea, no wind and bright sunshine. Within five minutes every member of our 10-strong group had caught cod, and things just got better and better. Everyone caught as many cod as they could ever wish to catch in a day's fishing. They were not especially huge fish, averaging maybe 10lb with the biggest topping 20lb, but each one was in the absolute peak of condition. We caught lots of haddock, too. These are one of my favourite species as they glow with an iridescent purple sheen when lifted fresh from the sea.

Most fish we returned, but the first fish caught each day are filleted before being whisked away by the crew to be prepared for a stunning reappearance at lunchtime. And if all this were not enough, on several occasions throughout the trip, whales broke surface almost directly alongside us. Take it from me, fishing in Iceland is a magical experience not to be missed. ●

The best fishing months in Iceland are between May and September. For more information contact Safari Plus on (01306) 883204.

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Top: a fine haddock with its iridescent purple sheen; Above left: a catfish or wolf fish (reminiscent of Alien!); Above right: pirks suitable for cod fishing



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A birds-eye view

Many threats still face Britain's waterside birds, but the RSPB hopes that healthier rivers and wetlands will result in an upturn in the numbers of some of our much-loved species

Anglers and bird-watchers have much in common when it comes to rivers and waterways. Most share an appreciation for the rich diversity of wildlife which depends on freshwater, whether it be a fast-flowing upland stream or a lowland river meandering peacefully towards the sea. Some of the aquatic bird species, such as the goldeneye or the osprey, are rare yet their numbers are stable or increasing. Others, like dippers and bitterns, have declined in range and number.

There are still many threats facing birds of

the waterside; because these birds are often at the top of the "food-chain", changes in their population can act as indicators to the health of our waterways. In addition to natural threats like severe weather, which particularly affects kingfishers and reedbed-dwelling bearded tits, there is also a myriad of man-made threats. The extensive list includes: the acidification of upland rivers as a result of unsympathetic forestry; the over-abstraction from lowland rivers by water users; the intensive use of agricultural fertilizers and pesticides;

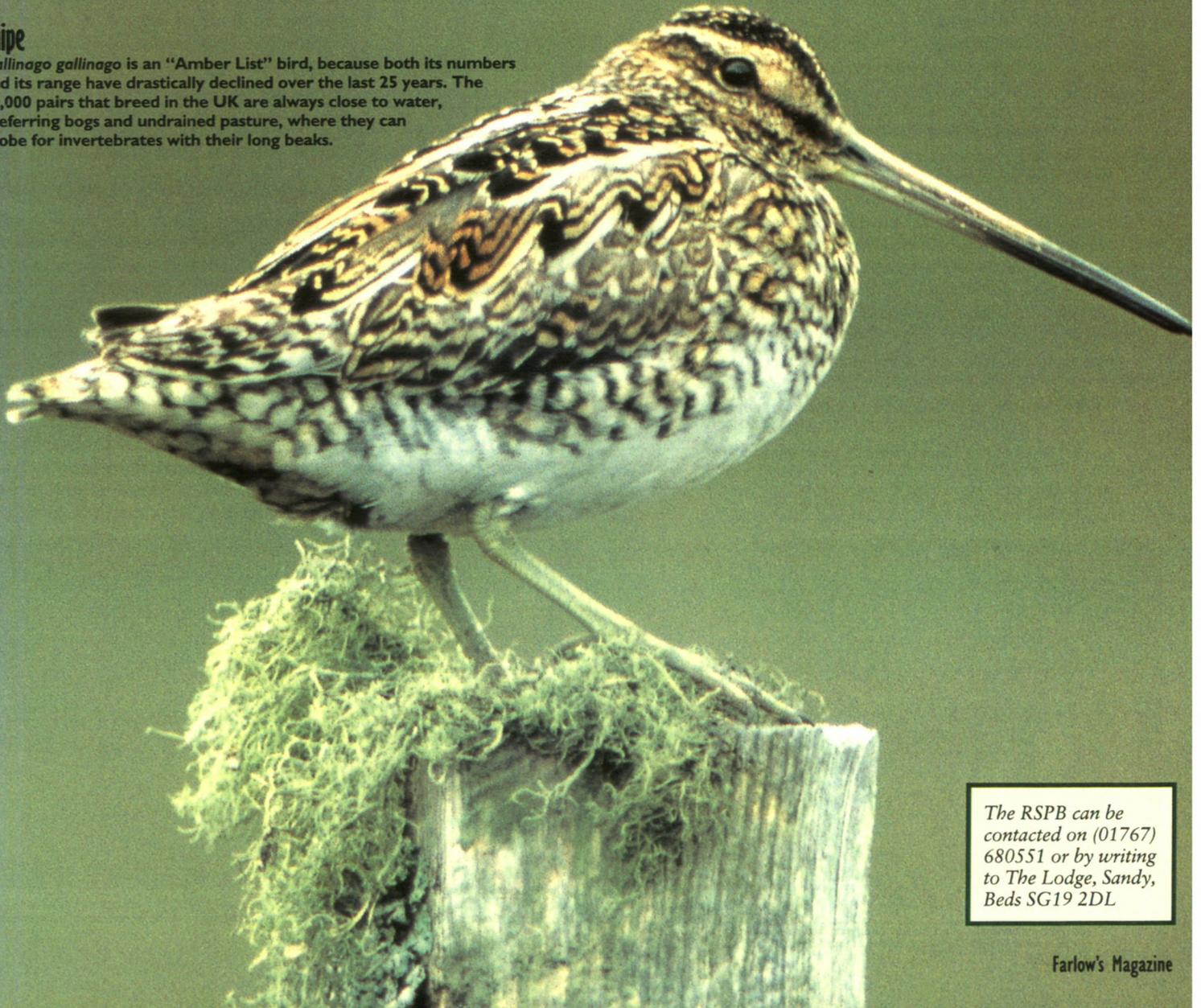
the "re-profiling" of riverbanks; and increased disturbance from recreational activity. These are just a few examples.

The RSPB is working hard to ensure that in the future there will be healthy rivers and wetlands for us all to enjoy, supporting a diverse mix of plants, insects, fish and, of course, birds. To this end, the Society gathers scientific data, provides advice to wetland managers and demonstrates best-practice on its own nature reserves.

Alasdair Bright

Snipe

Gallinago gallinago is an "Amber List" bird, because both its numbers and its range have drastically declined over the last 25 years. The 50,000 pairs that breed in the UK are always close to water, preferring bogs and undrained pasture, where they can probe for invertebrates with their long beaks.



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Goldeneye

More than 15,000 goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*) over-winter on UK coasts, but in spring there are only about 110 pairs which seek out freshwater inland. Beside Scottish lochs and rivers they nest in holes in trees, and lay on average 9-11 eggs. The RSPB has helped to provide nest boxes in Speyside, where there are few natural holes available.



Kingfisher

Shallow, slow-moving water is preferred by *Alcedo atthis*, a species which also needs soft, steep banks in which to excavate nest burrows. Numbers vary between 3,000-6,000 pairs, depending upon pollution levels and food availability. Its prey, which includes minnows and sticklebacks, is very susceptible to cold weather.



Slavonian grebe

Podiceps auritus prefers the isolation of Scottish lochs as it is very prone to disturbance by people, including fishermen and bird-watchers. It is still extremely rare with less than 80 breeding pairs, but can be seen at the RSPB reserve at Loch Ruthven in the Highlands.



Bearded tit

Like the bittern, *Panurus biarmicus* lives in and around the dwindling areas of England's wet reedbed. Its diet consists of insects in summer and seeds in winter. The estimated population of about 400 pairs means that they are rarely seen, but RSPB reserves at Titchwell in Norfolk and Minsmere in Suffolk are good places to find them.



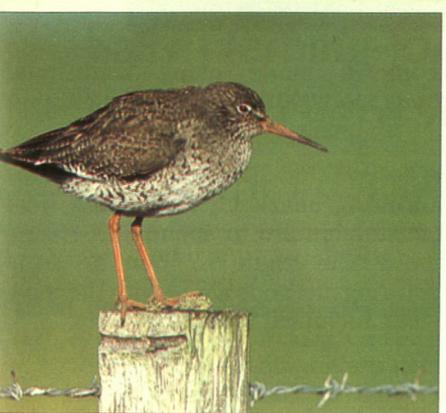
Bittern

The UK population of *Botaurus stellaris* (known locally as the "butterbump") is still very vulnerable, with less than 15 "booming" males left, mostly on RSPB reserves in East Anglia and Lancashire. Radio-tagging is providing useful information about the behaviour of this secretive bird.



Osprey

Pandion haliaetus has increased in number to just over 100 pairs in Scotland. Amazingly there were none at all in the 1950s, and it is only a question of time before they begin to breed again in England. The eyrie at the RSPB's Loch Garten reserve is still one of the best sites to see these beautiful birds.



Redshank

Tringa totanus, with its distinctive bright red legs, is mostly associated with estuaries and saltmarsh, but in spring large numbers breed on wet grasslands close to rivers. This fascinating "wader" is suffering a significant decline in number, mostly due to habitat loss through agricultural changes.



Dipper

Cinclus cinclus is still a familiar sight on upland streams and rivers, with its characteristic bobbing action. Estimates of numbers vary from 7,000 to 21,000 pairs, but it is clear that they have disappeared from areas where conifer plantations have increased the acidity of the water. This low pH has reduced the invertebrate food available and lead to poor breeding success.



Red-necked phalarope

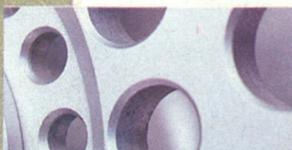
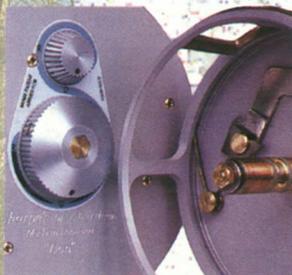
Phalaropus lobatus is a "Red List" species, of high conservation concern. It is limited to about 35 pairs nesting on Shetland. The decline in its numbers is probably due to a combination of poor weather, habitat loss and predation.

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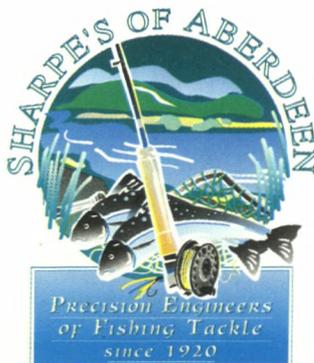
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Dispatches from Cuba – the distaff side

Sally Fleming-Jones' trip to Cuba was not quite what she expected. There was no ballet and no smart restaurants; but, within days, the magic of the flats had her hooked

Following the birth of my third son in nearly as many years, I forgot my dreams of sharing "girly" pleasures with a daughter and resigned myself to long, cold afternoons spent on rugby touch-lines, and summer holidays that had to contain a large element of fishing. My husband has been an addicted fly-fisherman since he was a child and the automatic assumption was that his progeny would carry the same genes and would therefore fish; they did and do.

There were enormous benefits, of course. As a non-fishing mother I had lots of spare time when the "boys" would be off doing fishy things, and I was able to catch up with



Photograph by Sally Fleming-Jones

The love of his life? A touching moment as David Fleming-Jones bids farewell to another bonefish

whatever I wished to catch up with – usually not a lot. Sadly these days are well passed; the boys are preparing to teach the subtle skills of casting a fly to their own boys, which leaves my husband and me with the problem of fishing holidays alone. There is a limit to the amount of time I wish to spend in fishing lodges, listening to fishy talk and, more often than not, trying to keep warm and dry.

I had been aware of fishing trips to Iceland and Russia being cast around before me for the last couple of years and felt my defences being slowly eroded. The thought of freezing Russian rivers brought me out in hot flushes (at least I think that was the cause) and I

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Above: Seeking the elusive bone over the brilliantly dappled flats.
Right: Not a bad catch for a non-angler. The writer proves she's one of the boys!

would sigh and swish my tail, and dive deeper into the brochures of northern Italian spa towns. Incompatibility was settling in well and truly. So when Cuba was presented to me out of the blue, I responded with a tentative nibble. That was enough. Bookings were made and I was committed – hook, line and sinker.

First step was a drink with the charming young man who was to organise and host the party. Yes, his wife would almost certainly go and probably other wives as well. Lots of time to see Havana with its rich cultural heritage; perhaps take in a ballet at the old theatre, stay on a luxury houseboat, sample the restaurants and so on. Hardly a mention of fishing. I became quite excited. The odd little package in brown wrapping arrived for my husband and I was aware of him occasionally putting the telephone down rapidly as I entered the room – but no warning bells sounded and happily I packed one or two smart things "just in case".

Sober arrival

We flew Air Cuba. The plane was almost empty – good news. Bad news was that they ran out of wine after two hours – heigh-ho for a communist state. We soberly relaxed for ten and a half hours.

Next day, in the early dawn, we took a one-hour mini-bus drive through Havana to a tiny airport. There we clambered aboard a small, elderly Russian aeroplane. About an hour later we landed safely at a hut in the middle of nowhere. Amazingly another mini-bus appeared and we then drove for a fascinating four hours across Cuba, arriving eventually at a port full of rusting boats and men who looked suspiciously like pirates. Again, as if by magic, in the middle of this chaos was a 30ft cabin cruiser waiting for us. On we leapt and off we chugged into the wide, blue yonder (and certainly it was very wide and very blue) when, six hours later, there appeared, like a mirage, our home for the next few days – the Tortuga. A spectacularly ugly barge-like



Photograph by Sally Fleming-Jones

edifice with a superstructure of cabins moored in the middle of, well, nowhere really. We were 40 miles offshore and had seen no other signs of human life for hours. Moored up to the Tortuga, like piglets round a sow, were a large number of skiffs.

After this exhausting journey, my dreams of a drink and a siesta were thrown to the wind in the rush, by my male companions, to the fishing boats. To a man they were off to search for bonefish. I say to a man advisedly; no other woman had turned up and the name "Marion" that appeared on the guest list turned out to be a charming, but very masculine, Pole!

There followed for me a steep learning curve. Bonefish are small, silvery streaks of inedible fish that feed in the shallow, turquoise waters off various tropical shores. Englishmen dream of making and then casting little flies at these pretty things, tempting the fish to take them and, after a long and exciting fight, bringing them into the boat, admiring them and promptly releasing them. I know it sounds ridiculous, but it's true.

Our days started early with huge fry-ups for the men, tea and fruit in bed (or bunk) for me. Then out onto the flat waters by 8am. Back to

the Tortuga for lunch and a "fix" of air-conditioning, then out again for the afternoon. Back for showers and tittivations (no mirrors!) prior to sumptuous – if fishy – suppers with lots of wine, rum and chat, mostly fishy. Then, for the really keen, fishing again by the light of the moon. Sadly I have to admit, with head hung low to the non-fishing sisterhood, I loved it!

Seeking the elusive bone over the brilliantly dappled flats early in the morning, silent as the boatmen poled us over the shallows; acres of water boiling with tarpon; huge permit leaping out of the deep; enormous sharks eating out of our hands (OK, not mine I admit; I thought the nail varnish might encourage too close a snap); barracuda trying to get our fish off the lines before we could land them and crocodiles (my swimming was swiftly curtailed after an 18ft croc swished under our skiff!)

I know I should write more intelligently about the fishing, but I really can't except to note that my husband caught 30 bonefish, mostly on his own fly, and altogether some 30 different species of fish were caught including snapper, jack, kingfish, tuna and many more.

As the one member of the party who neither cast a fly nor raised a rod but enjoyed the whole adventure as much as I did, you can imagine the week of total bliss experienced by the fishermen. The phrase "pigs in muck" springs to mind! But all good things come to an end and, sadly, we folded the fishing rods and headed back to civilization.

Rhythm of the city

From a fishing point of view, the last few days were an anticlimax, but we all agreed that we were privileged to enjoy Cuba and Havana before the onslaught of mass tourism. Our few days in Havana revealed a sadly decaying but beautiful old city. It is very easy to be blinded to the fact that life is hard and material comforts scarce, since the Cubans smile readily. Che's handsome face appears everywhere, and even the dogs and babies twitch to the rhythm of the salsa which assails you from every doorway.

We did not see a ballet, but in the rehearsal rooms of the old theatre we did witness fabulous flamenco – so ferocious I thought the floor would cave in under the beating heels. The pervading smell of cigars and rum gives the whole city an opulent feel which, in reality, is quite unwarranted. It is a city ready and waiting for huge changes. Whatever happens to Cuba and however fast the wheels of progress gather pace, I am sure the vibrant and passionate way of life and unique atmosphere will not be lost. I hope we will go back. I expect we will go back. Maybe I will learn to fish before we return – but probably I won't. In truth, it doesn't really matter. ●

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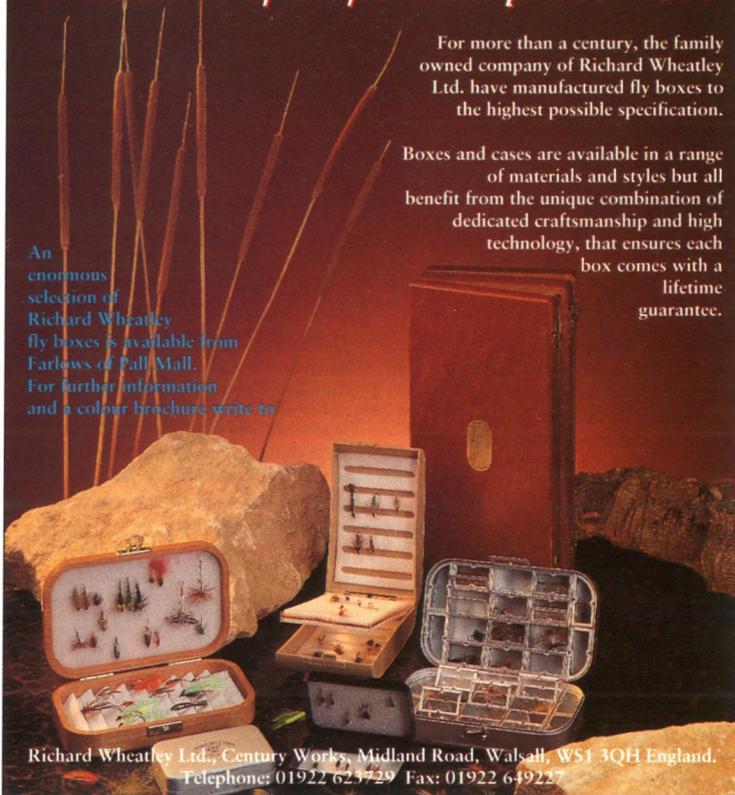
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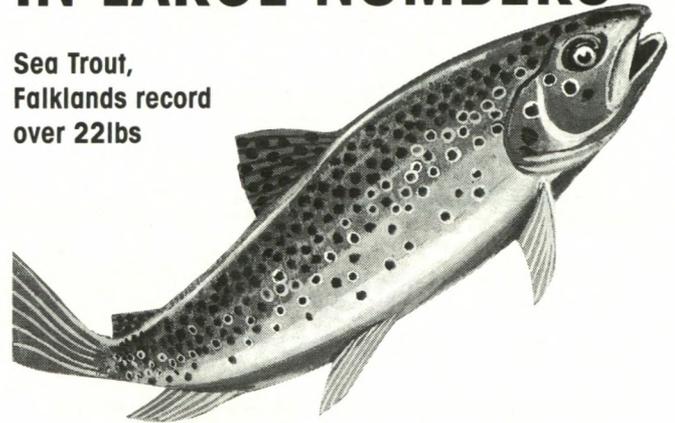
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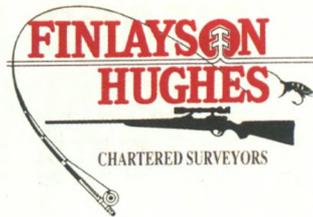
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The fascination of Hardy reels



John Drewett, a self-confessed fishing tackle fanatic, acquired his first Hardy reel at the age of 13. Here he describes his intense interest in England's most illustrious manufacturer of fishing tackle

I can recall distinctly the moment when, poring over a copy of Hardy's catalogue for 1934, the thought struck me that somebody should write a book about Hardy's and the many different reels they produce. That was in 1979 at a time when the thought had yet to dawn that the "somebody" might as well be me!

I remember being particularly impressed with the range of big game reels which Hardy listed and being stimulated by the illustration of the powerful "auxiliary hand brake" which was available on the 9" extra wide Fortuna reels. As chance would have it, several months later the opportunity presented itself to acquire a pair of 9" extra wide Fortunas, one of which had been fitted with the additional brake. An unused 7" Fortuna and an Allcocks Mitchell Henry Tunny reel were also available, together with a pair of extra heavy Zane Grey big game rods. These were

all owned by a fishing tackle dealer who resided on the south coast of England and who, it transpired, had throughout the years refused numerous offers from people wishing to purchase these reels from him. I do not think that I was any more persua-

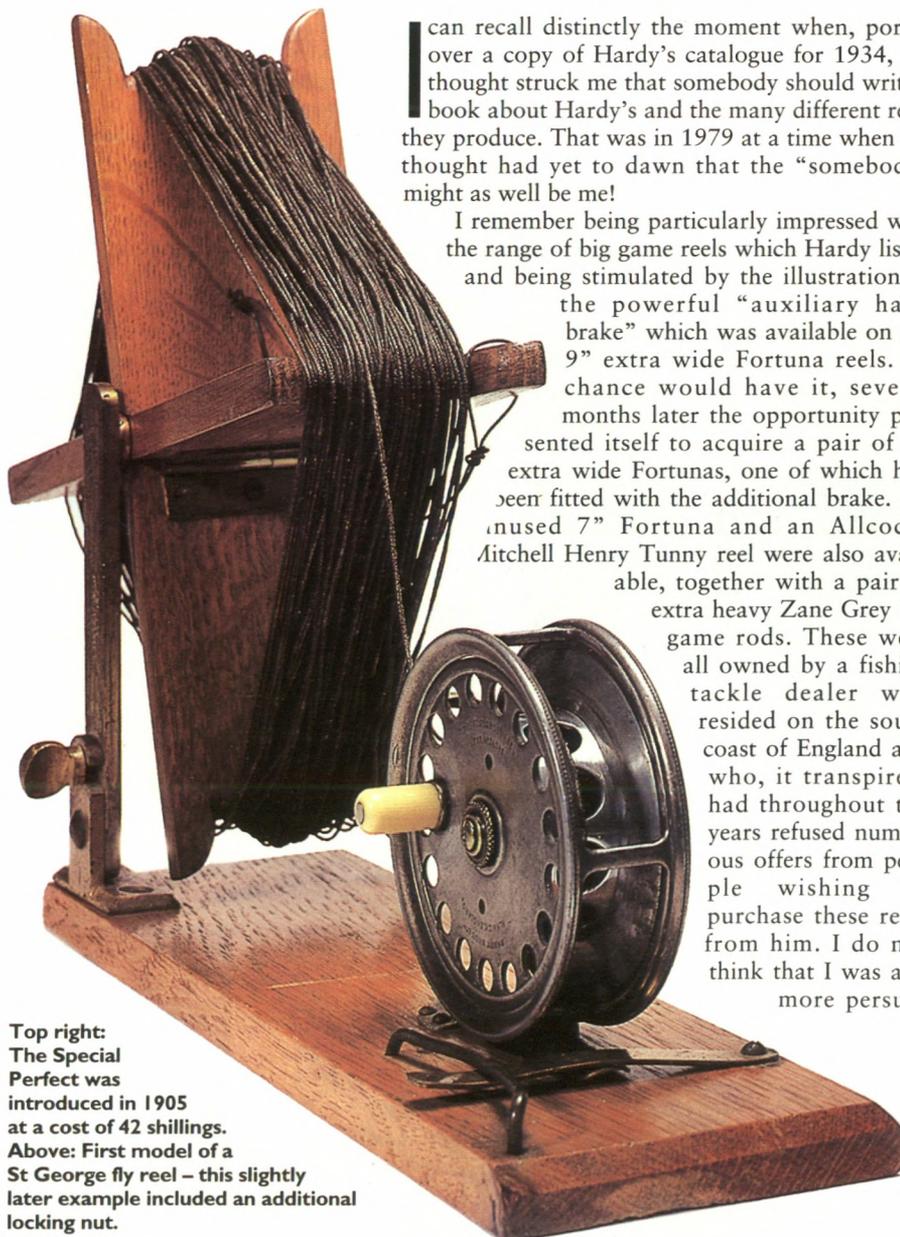
sive than those who had gone before me but, unwittingly, my timing was perfect for Mr Hayman of Weymouth was seriously contemplating retirement. It being his early closing day, he locked the door, hung up his apron and we concluded a deal which was satisfactory to both parties. With the goodies safely locked away in the boot of the car, I then proceeded to accompany my wife along the promenade, trundling our first-born son in his pram. Strolling there in the summer sunshine, the feeling experienced was one of complete euphoria. I had complied with the family's request for a day by the sea while at the same time acquiring some more items for my collection.

Until this point I had for several years confined my interest to reels made during the 1950s and 1960s, a period in time with which I could empathise. The purchase of the big game reels changed at a stroke my thoughts on collecting, as their acquisition immediately pushed me into the realms of both best quality and pre-war tackle.

Specific area

Most collectors eventually find it necessary to narrow the sphere in which they collect for the array of rods, reels, lures, gaffs, gadgets and associated items made throughout two centuries is vast. Many find it advisable to concentrate their efforts on a specific area of fishing tackle, or to limit their interest to one particular maker. These people have some chance of restricting their collections to perhaps a cabinet or two within their home. But for those whose acquisitive instincts suffer no such limitations there is, I fear, little hope. For them whole rooms and even complete houses have to be given over to the display of fine piscatorial artefacts or "loads of old rubbish", depending on one's point of view!

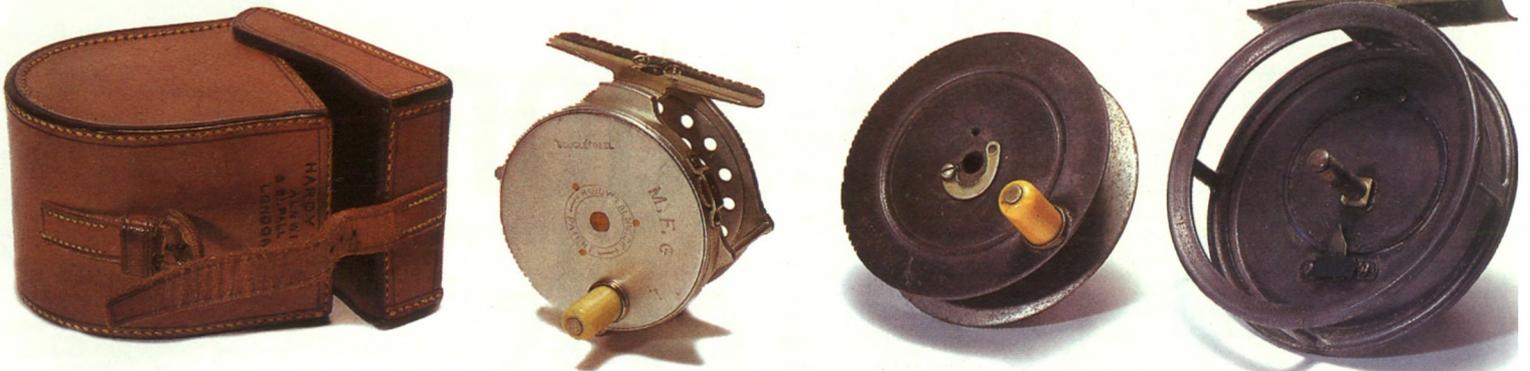
By far the majority of collectors have come to collect tackle as an extension to their activities as fishermen. To have practical fishing experience is, I believe, a bonus for these people are better able to understand for what purpose a particular piece of equipment was made and often why it was so designed. Most collec-



Top right: The Special Perfect was introduced in 1905 at a cost of 42 shillings.

Above: First model of a St George fly reel – this slightly later example included an additional locking nut.

Collecting



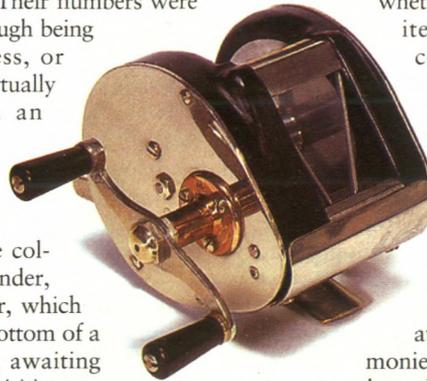
Above left: A classic Bouglé reel with its case – Hardy's 1998 reproduction Bouglé is based on this reel; Above right: the early models of Uniquas were fitted with a simple form of "calliper spring" check. Below centre: A prototype multiplying reel circa 1939 with the levelwind "open" and ready for casting. Below left: John James Hardy (1854-1932) in action. Bottom: Hardy's Alnwick factory circa 1903. The workers can be seen making Salmon Perfects

tors, I am sure, really enjoy the experience of handling and, in some cases, using tackle which has been made in the days when a great deal more of the work was carried out by hand than is the case today. Items made then appear to offer more individuality, their construction reflecting one man's thoughts on how a piece of



fishing equipment should be designed. Sometimes the finished product did not prove particularly practical, with the consequence that few were sold. Their numbers were reduced further through being jettisoned as useless, or perhaps rendered virtually to scrap through an owner's attempts to turn the item into something of practical value. Of great interest to the collector are the remainder, often few in number, which lie forgotten at the bottom of a disused tackle box, awaiting discovery by the inquisitive.

In real terms the price of fishing tackle was considerably more than the majority of modern tackle available today, a factor which has usually played a major part in limiting the quantities sold. Questions relating to the design,



quality and price of an article are all relevant when endeavouring to assess the scarcity of the piece, and it is often helpful to ask oneself whether one would have purchased the item at the time it was made. Of course, as is the case with most things, there is no substitute for an abundance of experience gained over many years, but a good maxim is always buy quality items.

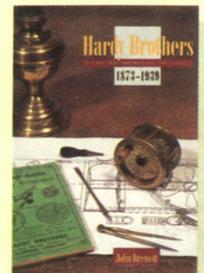
On this subject, by far the largest category of quality tackle is that which was used for game fishing. This was because it attracted a far larger proportion of monied people than either of the other two branches of the sport. The tackle used was generally less likely to suffer abuse than that purchased for coarse or sea fishing, with the result that reasonable quantities of game fishing equipment have survived in excellent condition.

The same could not be said about coarse fishing tackle for the nature of that particular sport is such that the finish on rods and reels is soon damaged even if the items themselves are not broken. For sea tackle the odds on its very survival become somewhat lengthened, for if the tackle is not cleaned thoroughly after use, the salt water will rapidly cause corrosion on most metals.

As in all categories of angling, the tackle which is best preserved is that which has had little or no use and, as collectors, we must count ourselves fortunate that some of our forefathers suffered from either a dislike of fishing, seasickness or both! ●



John Drewett's book "Hardy Brothers, the Masters, the Men and their Reels" is available from Farlow's of Pall Mall, 5 Pall Mall, London SW1. Telephone (0171) 839 2423



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Abel Lodge Trip Bag

The whole idea of other people's luggage rather intrigues me and when I'm stuck in airports I'm quite happy just watching fraught folk struggle by with what are often wildly inappropriate containers. At the carousel I play a guessing game trying to match the bag with the passenger, and I have become something of a student of labels, stickers and – best of all – customised namestraps. Anyway, with all these new far-flung opportunities now opening up for lucky anglers, it's becoming quite crucial to choose the right bag for your kit; or else you could jeopardise your enjoyment at the other end.

Your sportsman's luggage wants to be strong, capacious and – especially when travelling on light aircraft – free from awkward corners. It should also be unobtrusive rather than chic or its contents may well be rifled through when out of sight "airside". A matching set of Louis Vuitton transatlantic steamer trunks might conceivably attract attention on the tarmac at Tegucigalpa.

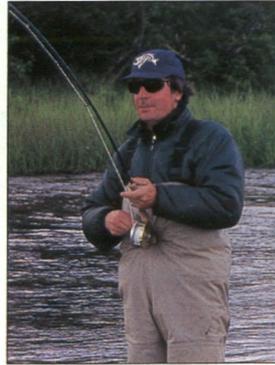
One of the best alternatives I have ever tried is the new 15-day Lodge Trip Bag from Abel, the Californian company that makes some of the world's most desirable fly reels. It's a tough duffle bag with a large central compartment surrounded by four outside pockets (one of which is ventilated mesh, so you can bring back damp garments separately) all held together with a hundred inches of zips – I know because I measured then with my bonefish tape.

This immensely practical design includes two other features: there is a second lighter-weight bag inside for those inevitable extra items on the return journey and there are hidden backpack straps so you can convert the whole thing if it becomes too heavy for a single shoulder.

If you see someone staring at your Abel bag at the airport, it's me.

*David Profumo
Secretary of the Angling Writers' Association.*

The Abel Lodge Trip Bag measures 27"x16"x15" and has a capacity of 6,100 cubic inches. It costs £135.



Dan Bailey Breathable Waders

These waders are cool for lots of reasons. Cool because they are a fine, light breathable fabric. Cool because they come with all the usual bells and whistles such as gravel-guards, neoprene socks and a wading belt, attached instead of having to buy them separately. And cool because they are compact and come in a neat bag which slips into the ever-bulging duffle really well.

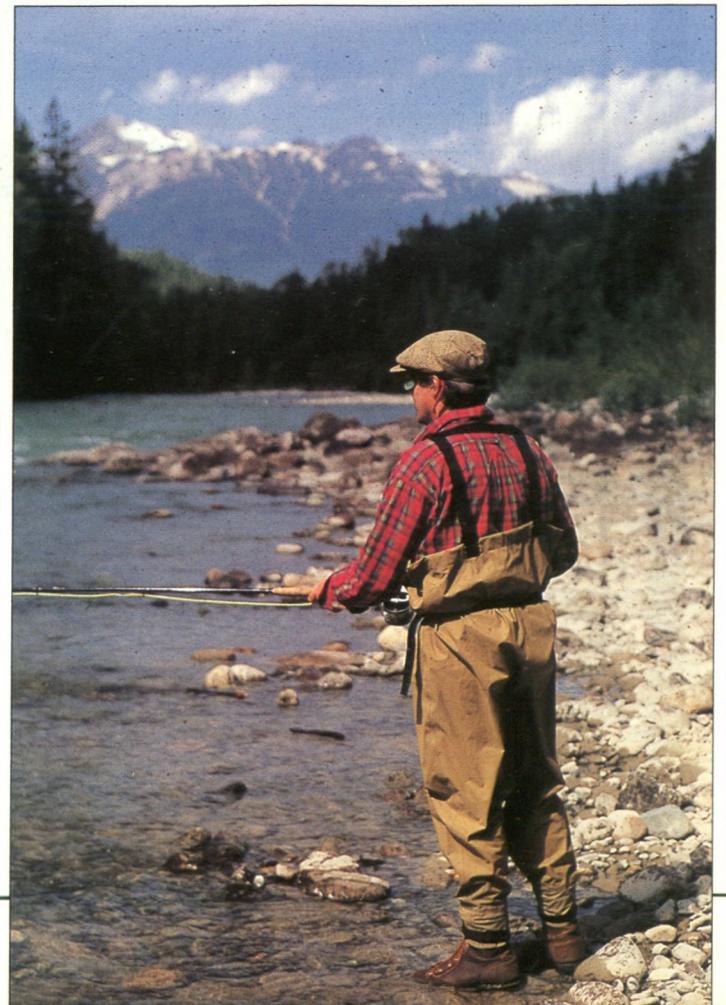
They are probably the least bulky waders I have seen that still offer reasonable warmth with purpose-made garments underneath (Farlow's stock such garments and can advise on these). They should be fine for salmon fishing throughout the main season and would also be ideal for Argentina and New Zealand, in fact pretty well any foreign travel.

While the all-size foot feels strange at first, because your heels have to establish where the bend in the neoprene stocking foot should be, this soon works itself out.

Breathable fabric is the way to go with waders these days and these Dan Baileys must be up there on the list of really good options, especially for the price.

*Tarquin Millington-Drake
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The Dan Bailey waders cost £199





Turrall Fly Tying Kit

There is always a touch of melancholy in the autumn air. As the wild season ends, those fishing triumphs – or disasters! – quickly become a warm but rapidly fading memory. Rather than lose touch with the sport altogether during the long winter, many fishermen keep their hands and minds active with some fly-tying. If you are new to this intricate but absorbing art and want to start with something classy but simple, then Turrall's kit should suit you. Turrall have put together an easy-to-use kit supplying all those fly-tying essentials including scissors, bobbin holders, tying threads, varnish, hooks and a goodly range of fur and feather.

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Instructions are also included with some good explanatory line drawings, but there is no substitute for the age-old "sitting by Nellie" learning technique. Get yourself and this Turrall kit along to an evening fly-tying class – it is bound to make the off season that much more bearable!

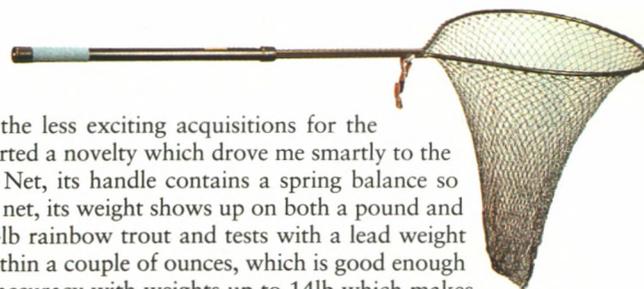
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Telescopic Weigh Net



Normally, a new landing net is among the less exciting acquisitions for the angler, but the one I received recently sported a novelty which drove me smartly to the river to baptise it. Known as the Weigh Net, its handle contains a spring balance so that, once a fish is safely in the bag of the net, its weight shows up on both a pound and kilogram scale. Its first occupant was a 4lb rainbow trout and tests with a lead weight of that size showed it to be accurate to within a couple of ounces, which is good enough unless a record is at stake. I checked the accuracy with weights up to 14lb which makes it adequate for grilse and small salmon.

The weighing facility is more than a gimmick on catch-and-release waters because a fish can be weighed, unhooked and released while wading. Where fish are taken for the larder, it saves further messy handling when recording catches in the keeper's book at the day's end. A twist of the cap at the butt end of the handle exposes the spring balance and the mechanism looks robust enough to withstand the rough handling which all nets inevitably endure.

When so many rivers and lakes now contain big stock fish, the net's 17in wide mouth is a decided advantage, as is the easy-to-operate telescopic handle which gives a total length of about 4ft 6in, which is a further plus, especially for the older angler.



The whole net folds back on itself so that it can be conveniently carried in the net-ring of the fishing bag. The deep netting of soft, woven, knotless fibre accords with the requirement to minimise skin-injury to a fish which is to be released. Replacement nets are available.

All in all, the Weigh Net, a New Zealand product made by McLean Angling, is excellent value at £49.

Chapman Pincher
Investigative writer and keen angler

The Telescopic Weigh Net costs £49.00.



Hardy Elite 15'4" #10 Salmon Rod & Rio Accelerator Spey Casting Line



This year Hardy have announced a range of new salmon rods under the Elite label, following the success of the Elite range of trout rods. I fished the larger of the two rods announced, the fifteen four, using a Rio Accelerator spey line with a range of detachable tips. From the first contact with it, the rod exuded quality of finish and design. It is a three piece rod, jointed on the principle of upper tubes fitting over reinforced lower tube ends. The result is a rod with a fine, continuous, even and progressive action with which I felt immediate empathy.

The Elite rods are built of multi-modulus carbon with an action described by the makers as "progressive tip". The rings are first class – high arch snake design complemented at the butt with two specially lined bridge rings with excellent line u and shooting characteristics. The tip ring is a 9mm pear-shaped stainless steel hardened wire loop.

In the hand, this rod felt powerful, with a sensitive top and a sense of great resources in the butt. Single and double spey casts were sweet and very powerful. On my first day out on Tweed with this rod I faced a stiff, blustery wind, but it responded well to being pushed and did excellently. It also casts overhead well, but with wonderful spey capability, this seems of second importance.

Don't be misled by the Elite's slightly heavier feel in the hand at first (11.875ozs). You soon develop into rhythmic and seemingly effortless fishing – a tribute to the action and balance of the

rod. In a way this rod reminds me of Samson's riddle, out of the strong came forth sweetness. These qualities would be excellent for the larger Scottish rivers, or for Norway or Canada, but the Elite fifteen-four would go seamlessly with you from a Scottish spring, into the summer and the high waters of autumn.

I must mention the finish. It is of deep blue under a hard, deep varnish associated with the highest quality rods. The ring whippings have a turn or two of light blue at the ends. To hand and eye, this rod speaks of exquisite and masterly production. The reel seat is anodised black with a knurled ring fitting which does not over-tighten and which fitted all the reels I introduced it to.

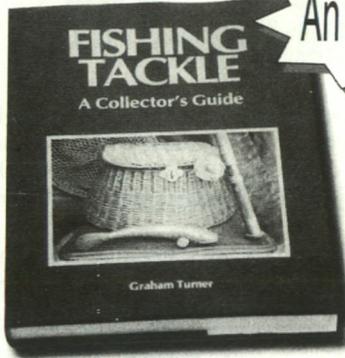
The Rio #10 Accelerator fly line is no stranger to me. I met the designer, Jim Vincent, on the Ponoï in Russia and had the chance to fish his line at the design stage. I was astonished then at the distance this line could be cast. I like the flexibility of having a wallet full of different tips – floating, medium sink and deep sink. I am still worried, however, by the sound of loop-to-loop joints of a built-up line jarring as fish are brought in, but the large top ring on the Elite rod handles this well. Perhaps the best recommendation for the Rio Accelerator is that our gillie on the Dee, a fine caster and fisher, chose an Accelerator as his ideal line. There is also a Windcutter design. Both are built with special detachable tapered sections to give the aerial and aquatic profiles you need for the day.

Bill Currie
Fishing writer

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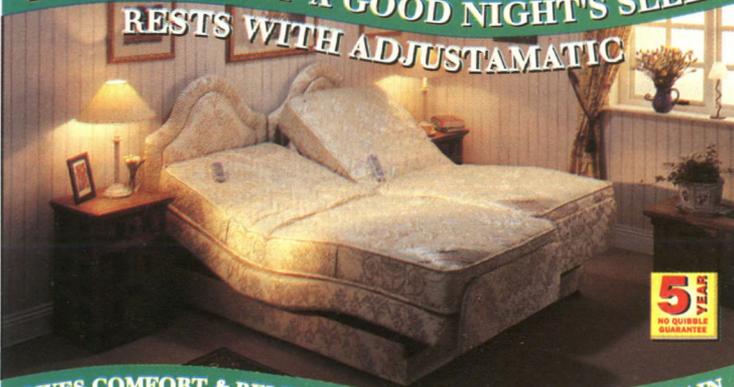
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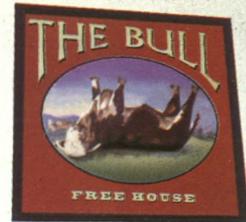
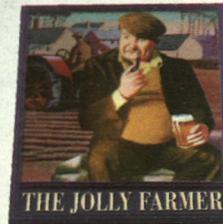
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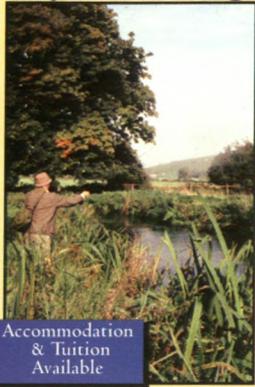
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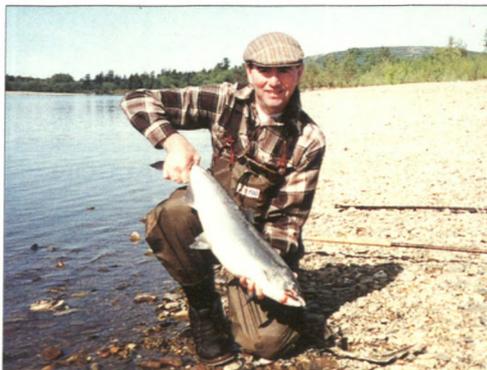
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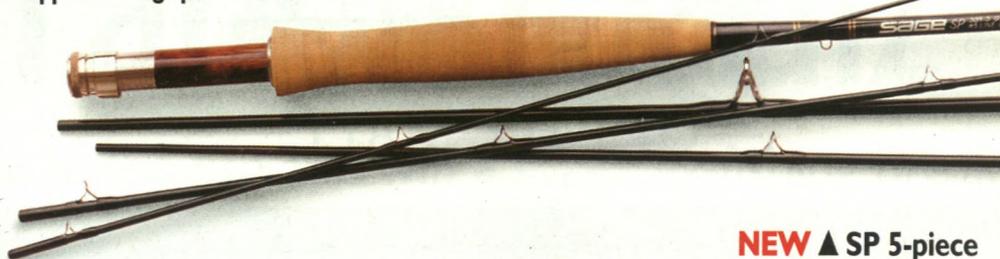
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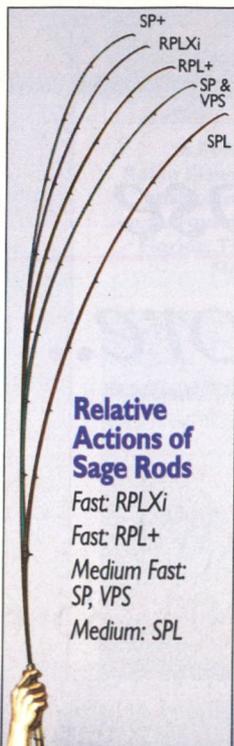
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9'	#8	5	£660.00

SP Travel Series

Lgth	Line wt	Sections	Price
7' 6"	#3	3	£550.00
8'	#4	3	£555.00
8' 6"	#3	3	£555.00
8' 6"	#5	3	£555.00
9'	#4	3	£555.00
9'	#5	3	£555.00
9'	#6	3	£555.00
9'	#7	3	£555.00
9'	#8	3	£555.00
9' 6"	#5	3	£565.00
9' 6"	#6	3	£565.00
9' 6"	#7	3	£565.00
9' 6"	#8	3	£565.00

SPL Centre Axis

Lgth	Line wt	Sections	Price
8'	#0	3	£695.00
8' 1"	#1	3	£695.00
8' 2"	#2	3	£695.00
6' 3"	#3	3	£695.00
8' 4"	#4	3	£695.00
8' 9"	#5	3	£695.00

Double Handed Graphite III Series

Lgth	Line wt	Sections	Price
14'	#9	3	£465.00
15'	#10	3	£530.00
16'	#10	3	£560.00

Double Handed Graphite IV Series

Lgth	Line wt	Sections	Price
12' 4"	#8	3	£540.00
15' 1"	#10	4	£625.00

RPL+ Travel Series

Lgth	Line wt	Sections	Price
8' 6"	#5	4	£425.00
9'	#4	4	£435.00
9'	#5	4	£435.00
9'	#6	4	£435.00
9'	#7	4	£435.00
9'	#8	4	£435.00
9' 6"	#7	4	£445.00
9' 6"	#8	4	£445.00

VPS 2-Piece

Lgth	Line wt	Sections	Price
8' 6"	#5	2	£305.00
9'	#4	2	£310.00
9'	#7	2	£310.00
9' 6"	#8	2	£315.00

VPS Travel Series Rods

Lgth	Line wt	Sections	Price
9'	#5	4	£325.00
9'	#6	4	£325.00
9'	#8	4	£325.00

RPLXi Travel Series

Lgth	Line wt	Sections	Price
8' 6"	#8	3	£430.00
9'	#7	3	£430.00
9'	#8	3	£430.00
9'	#9	3	£430.00
9'	#10	3	£430.00
9'	#12	3	£430.00

Sage Spinning Rods

Lgth	Line Cl	Sections	Price
6'	4-10lb	3	£250.00
7'	6-12lb	3	£250.00
7'	8-17lb	3	£250.00
7'	10-20lb	3	£250.00

▲ Hardy Ultralite

▲ Hardy Elite

▲ Hardy Marquis



House of Hardy

The name Hardy has been synonymous with the finest quality fly fishing equipment for over 100 years. Throughout this period Hardy customers have always been assured of rods and reels that have performed with total reliability and have been a pleasure to fish with and to own. Today, Hardy produce an extensive range of fly rods offering a choice of actions, finishes and performance, which in turn is reflected in a wide range of prices. Farlow's can supply all of your House of Hardy requirements. Large stocks are always available – simply phone or fax your order.



Hardy Elite - *Emap 98 Award Winner Best Salmon Rod*

A series of single-handed rods incorporating 'state of the art' technology. Fast, responsive and light, this is very easy to cast and to fish with. Aesthetically superb – translucent blue finish with blue whipping. Complete with cordura covered tube.

For information of the Elite Salmon ★ See review page 43 ★

Hardy Ultralite

Fast actioned rods that achieve high line speed with the minimum of user effort. These attributes aid both the novice and expert alike. Finished in natural carbon grey with black whippings. Supplied with a cordura covered tube.

Hardy Marquis

These rods are, in essence, an updated version of the old Favourite but with a faster, more positive action. Easy casting action makes these rods particularly tailored to match the beginner's needs. Un-ground carbon grey blank with black whipping.

Hardy Deluxe Classic Smuggler

With rod sections measuring less than 16", the Smuggler is a most convenient rod for anglers World-wide. Features forgiving middle-to-tip action for easy casting. Modern rod design coupled with time-honoured hand finishing.

House of Hardy Rod Specifications & Prices

Elite Fly Rods

Lgth	Line wt	Sections	Price
8' 6"	#4	2	£431.95
8' 6"	#5	2	£431.95
9'	#4	3	£488.95
9'	#5	3	£439.95
9'	#6	3	£493.95
9'	#7	3	£499.95
9'	#8	3	£509.95
9'	#9	3	£530.95
9' 6"	#6	3	£509.95
9' 6"	#7	3	£514.95
10'	#6	3	£535.95
10'	#7	3	£540.95
10' 6"	#7	3	£551.95
13' 4"	#9	3	£775.00
15' 4"	#10	3	£875.00

Ultralite Fly Rods

Lgth	Line wt	Sections	Price
7' 6"	#4	2	£332.95
8'	#4	2	£352.95
8' 6"	#4	2	£361.95
8' 6"	#5	2	£361.95
9'	#4	2	£366.95
9'	#5	2	£366.95
9'	#6	2	£370.95
9' 6"	#6	2	£386.95
9' 6"	#7	2	£391.95
10'	#6	2	£405.95
10'	#7	2	£406.95
10' 6"	#7	2	£417.95
13' 6"	#9	3	£695.95
15'	#10	3	£726.95

Marquis Rods

Lgth	Line wt	Sections	Price
7'	#3	2	£188.95
7' 6"	#4	2	£193.95
8'	#4	2	£198.95
8' 6"	#5	2	£203.95
9'	#6	2	£210.95
9' 6"	#7	2	£220.95
10'	#7	2	£229.95
10' 6"	#7	2	£241.95
15' 3"	#10	3	£434.95

Smuggler Rods

Lgth	Line sz	Sections	Price
7'	#4	6	£300.95
8' 2"	#5	7	£333.95
9' 5"	#6	8	£407.95
8' 3"	2-14gm7		£371.95

House of Hardy Reel & Line Specs & Prices

Ultralite Disc Reels

Model	Line capacity	Price
#2/3/4	WF3F and 75 yards	£147.95
#5	WF5F and 110 yards	£150.95
#6	WF6F and 150 yards	£150.95
#7	WF7F and 160 yards	£152.95
#8/9	WF8F and 200 yards	£159.95
Salmon	DT10F and 250 yards	£174.95

JLH Ultralite Reels

Model	Line capacity	Price
#2/3/4	WF3F and 75 yards	£117.95
#5	WF5F and 110 yards	£120.95
#6	WF6F and 150 yards	£120.95
#7	WF7F and 160 yards	£121.95
#8/9	WF9F and 200 yards	£125.95
Salmon	DT10F and 250 yards	£142.95

Bouglé Reels

Model	Line capacity	Price
3"	WF3F and 75 yards	£175.95
3 1/4"	WF5F and 100 yards	£177.95
3 1/2"	WF7F and 80 yards	£180.95
3 3/4"	WF9F and 100 yards	£196.95
4"	DT10F and 175 yards	£199.95

Model Perfect Reel

Model	Line capacity	Price
3"	WF5 and 100 yards	£826.95

Ultralite Clear Sinking Line

25m line	WF6-8 and DT6-8	£57.95
27m line	DT9, DT10	£62.95

Ultralite Floating Line

25m line	WF4-8 and DT4-7	£48.95
27m line	DT9, DT10	£57.95



Ultralite Disc Reel

The most popular disc brake reel made by Hardy. Machined from bar-stock aluminium, very light, and very smooth, consistent disc brake with wide check range. Can be used silent. Very generous capacity. Black with silver highlights.

JLH Ultralite Reel

The predecessor to the Ultralite disc, the only difference being the braking system. Features a tradition click-check ratchet drag. Machined from aluminium bar-stock but fraction lighter than the Ultralite Disc. Very generous capacity. Gunmetal with silver highlights.



Hardy Bouglé Reel

A request in 1903 by Monsieur Bouglé culminated in this reel. As part of the 125th commemoration, a reproduction of this reel has been produced. Features correspond with the classic 1903 Bouglé.

Hardy Model Perfect

Arguably the most eminent reel ever produced. As with the Bouglé, a replica of the 1896 model has been introduced. Machined from brass applying Hardy's machining knowledge to an archetypal reel. Limited to 1000.



Hardy Ultralite Clear Sinking Line

Very slick, easily cast clear slow sinking 'slime line'. Clear polymer coating around clear monofilament core makes this line as close to invisible as fly lines get.



Hardy Ultralite Floating Line

White floating line. Features convex front taper aids presentation at distance. A versatile line that is very easy to cast all distances.





Fly Fishing...

...just a glimpse of what is in store...

There are many exciting places to fish abroad with a wide choice of hard fighting species. Farlow's staff have first hand knowledge can advise on many of these places.

Los Roques Island off the coast of Venezuela is well worth a visit as it plays host to sublime Bonefishing. The average size is in the region of three to five pounds and a good steady wind means that a 9' #8 is the rod to use.

Reels are put to the test and ones that don't match up are put to the proverbial sword. Abel, Tibor, Hardy, Penn and Scientific Angler's all produce reels that are able to meet the challenge of the 'ghost of the flats'.



▲ Abel Super Series Reels

The latest series of reels from Abel. Very light, machined from aerospace grade aluminium. Ruthlessly efficient drag and a wide arbour combine to make a wonderful combination of attributes. Befitting of rivers, flats and the open ocean.

▶ Abel Big Game Series Reels

Made from bar stock aluminium. Very smooth, proficient cork drag dictates the versatility of these reels. Used from the Itchen to Islamorada, from trout to tarpon. A ported back reduces their weight.



Fly Fishing Reels

With freshwater fishing, limited emphasis is placed on the significance of the reel. For saltwater fishing, or angling in a destination where the local tackle shop is hundreds of miles away, quality is paramount. Reels such as Abel and Tibor, are precision instruments. They are designed with resolute drag systems, usually cork, that are most reliable. They are machined from aerospace grade aluminium, which is naturally corrosion resistant, and in addition, they are deeply anodised. Put simply, the zenith of excellence.

Reel Specifications & Prices

Abel Super Series Reels		
Model	Line capacity	Price
Abel Super #6	WF6F+100 yds of 20lb	£380.00
Abel Super #8	WF8F+200yds of 20lb	£400.00
Abel Super #10	WF10F+200yds of 30lb	£450.00
Abel Super #12	WF12F+325yds of 30lb	£470.00

Abel Big Game Reels		
Model	Line capacity	Price
Abel Big Game #0	WF3F+100yds of 20lb	£265.00
Abel Big Game #5	WF5F+140yds of 20lb	£315.00
Abel Big Game #1	WF7F+125yds of 20lb	£360.00
Abel Big Game #2	WF9F+200yds of 20lb	£405.00
Abel Big Game #3N	WF9F+190yds of 20lb	£440.00
Abel Big Game #3	WF10F+250yds of 30lb	£455.00
Abel Big Game #4	WF11F+300yds of 30lb	£500.00
Abel Big Game #4.5N	WF13F+400yds of 30lb	£545.00

Fly Lines

Fly lines design is unequivocally important. Whether floating or sinking, the taper design must be precise. For spey casting, two radical new taper designs are available, the Jim Vincent Windcutter and the Accelerator. Both versions are available with interchangeable tips to allow substitution of floating tips in favour of different density sinking tips. The Mastery SLS and Wet-Tip are next generation sinking and sink-tip lines respectively. The SLS has a denser tip in order to eliminate the probability of the belly sinking faster than the tip and the Wet-Tip has a tapered sinking section in proportion to the AFTM number. This reduces hinging and makes the lines easier to cast. The Teeny lines are specialist shooting heads. They are very popular in Alaska and in saltwater. Very fast sinking lines with floating running lines that are most versatile. Talk to us for details.

Jim Vincent Rio Windcutter Spey Casting Line

An adaptation of the single handed Windcutter designed for double handed rods. 150' long, with 54' head and 96' of running line. Performs well with all type of cast, and makes spey casting very easy. One model features interchangeable tips so different speed sinking tips can be added.



Jim Vincent Rio Accelerator Spey Casting Line

An amalgamation of a double taper's mending abilities and the shooting qualities of a weight forward line. 150' overall, with 75' head and 75' of running line. One model features interchangeable tips so that different density sinking heads can be added.



◀ Rio's epoxy-spliced loops are stiff and do not hinge

Jim Vincent Rio 30' Salmon/Steelhead Shooting Head

A 30 foot shooting head that can be looped directly to the belly of the Windcutter or the Accelerator. Enables the fly to fish very deep, whilst permitting mending.



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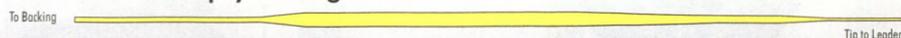
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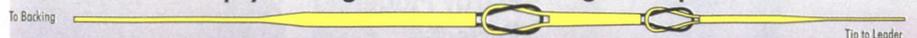
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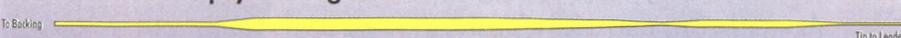
Rio Windcutter Spey Casting Line



Rio Windcutter Spey Casting Line with interchangeable tips



Rio Accelerator Spey Casting Line



Rio Accelerator Spey Casting Line with interchangeable tips





Scientific Angler's System2 Reels

Re-designed with a 7-10% weight saving. Also features low start up inertia, counterbalance and generous capacities.

Tibor Reels

Manufactured from aerospace grade aluminium by reel maestro, Ted Juracsik. Utilising input from Lefty Kreh and Flip Pallot a truly awe-inspiring reel has been born. With a ceramic coated gear and impregnated cork drag, this reel is destined to last into the 21st century.



▲ Tibor Reel

▲ System2 Reel

▼ Tioga Reel



Teton Reels

Lightweight construction. Utilising four different braking components. Drag is silky smooth and has only one moving part.



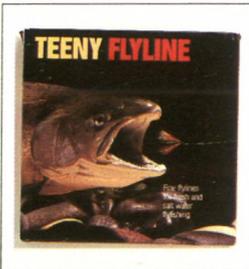
▼ Teton Reel

Tioga Reels

Teton technology at a reasonable price. Simple, efficient drag system, corrosion proof and easily changeable spool. Very popular in America.

Reel Specifications & Prices

System2 Reels		
Model	Line capacity	Price
System2 78	WF8F+240yds of 20lb	£79.60
System2 89	WF9F+330yds of 20lb	£79.60
System2 1011	WF11F+390yds of 20lb	£83.69
System2 1213	WF13F+300yds of 30lb	£86.80
Tibor Reels		
Model	Line capacity	Price
The Freestone	WF6F+150yds of 20lb	£295.00
The Everglades	WF8F+200yds of 20lb	£350.00
The Riptide	WF10F+200yds of 30lb	£395.00
The Gulfstream	WF12F+300yds of 30lb	£410.00
Teton Reels		
Model	Line capacity	Price
Teton T3	WF3+100yds of 12lb	£140.00
Teton T4	WF4+100yds of 15lb	£150.00
Teton T5	WF5+150yds of 20lb	£160.00
Teton T6	WF6+170yds of 20lb	£170.00
Teton T7/8	WF8+250yds of 20lb	£180.00
Teton T9/11	WF10+300yds of 30lb	£220.00
Teton T12	DT12+450yds of 30lb	£240.00
Tioga Reels		
Model	Line capacity	Price
Tioga T12	WF3+100yds of 12lb	£80.00
Tioga T14	WF4+100yds of 15lb	£85.00
Tioga T16	WF6+150yds of 20lb	£90.00
Tioga T18	WF8+230yds of 20lb	£95.00
Tioga T110	WF10+280yds of 30lb	£110.00



Teeny T-series

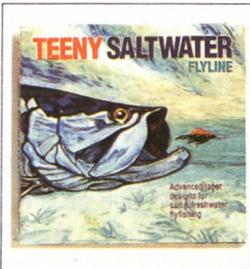
24' high density sinking head with 58' of custom joined running line attached. Designed to present the fly quickly to the bottom of the river.

Teeny Mini-Tip

Very versatile 5' sink tip for fishing slow, shallow runs or slow deep pools when the fish are mid water. Very popular in Alaska.

Teeny TS-series, Saltwater

30' high density sinking head with 70' of fine diameter running line to reduce the effect imparted by the waves.



Flip Pallot Professional Series

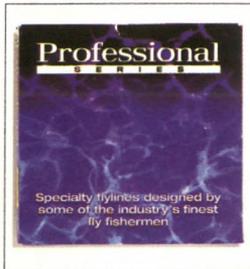
Designed for saltwater sight fishing. Front taper loads the rod quickly for short to mid range casting.

Lee Wulff Triangle Taper Clear Intermediate

The first triangle taper available in clear mono-core format. Triangular taper allows excellent presentation at all ranges.

Scientific Angler's Mastery SLS

Straight line sinking, denser tip ensures straight line and therefore better sensitivity. Tapered tip reduces hinging resulting in better casting performance.



Scientific Angler's Mastery Wet Tip

Tapered sinking section diminishes hinging whilst casting and straighter sinking increases sensitivity.

Scientific Angler's Monocore

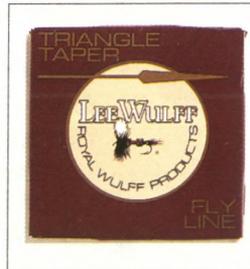
Clear saltwater sinking line designed to load the rod quickly for easy casting. Virtually invisible underwater so as to avoid detection by circumspect fish.

Climax Saltwater Floating

Features 'telemark' for optimum line length to load the rod. This enables more efficient casting.

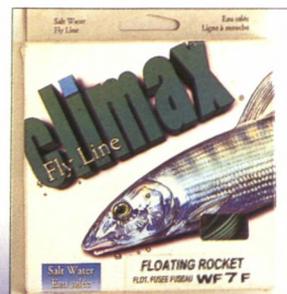
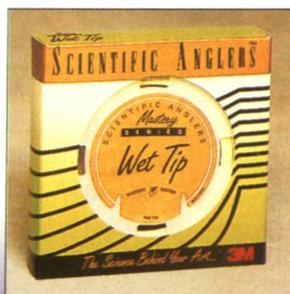
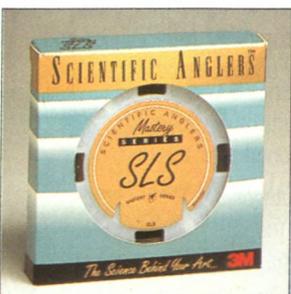
Cortland Lazer Tropic Plus

Long belly is designed to allow the rod to load quickly. Hard coating and braided monofilament core reduce tangles.



Fly Line Specifications & Prices

Jim Vincent	
Windcutter WFS/WFST #7/8/9, 9/10/11, 10/11/12	
Spey casting line	£55.00
Spey casting line with interchangeable tips	£95.00
Accelerator AF #8/9, 9/10, 11/12	
Spey casting line	£55.00
Spey casting line with interchangeable tips	£95.00
Shooting Head Type 3 and Type 6: #10, #11	£21.95
Teeny	
Teeny T-series	
T130(#4-6), T200(#5-9), T300(#7-10), T400(#8-12), T500(#8-13)	From £49.99
Teeny TS-series, Saltwater	
T250(#6-8), T350(#8-10), T450(#8-12), T550(#9-14), T650(#9-15), T750(#10-15)	From £53.99
Teeny Mini-Tip	
#5-9	£44.99
Flip Pallot Professional Series	
WF7-10	£54.99
Lee Wulff Triangle Taper	
4/5, 5/6, 6/7, 7/8, 8/9	£49.00
Scientific Angler's	
Mastery SLS	
Class II WF5-9, IV WF6-9 and V WF7-9	£44.99
Mastery Wet Tip	
Class II WF6-9, and V WF6-9	£44.99
Monocore	
Weight forward WF7-13	£54.95
Climax Saltwater Floating	
Rocket taper WF7-13	£41.50
Cortland Lazer Tropic Plus	
WF7-12	£59.99





Fly Fishing...

...just a glimpse of what is in store...

Accessories are important. A fact that we are all reminded of when we forget to include them in the fishing bag; dry fly fishing without a floatant; a deeply hooked fish without forceps or disgorgers; the last fly that fish are taking, but with a blunt point and no honing stone.

Farlow's carry these minor items in abundance. There is always a colossal range of flies on show for Trout, Salmon and Saltwater fish, boxes to keep them in and leaders to tie them to. Gadgets for this and gadgets for that. Some you think you can do without, but others are essential. It may be a simple priest or the latest fluorocarbon tapered leader that is required. Whatever it is, it will always pay to browse and chat to staff at Farlow's.

Fly Fishing Accessories

As you would expect, Farlow's stock a huge range of accessories to complement any fisherman's needs. Here is just a selection from our range.

Costa-Del-Mar Glasses

These glasses are built around an ophthalmic quality chassis in a variety of styles. Maximum eye protection is gleaned from the optically correct, hard coated, 100% UV safeguarding, 99% polarised Sunproof™ lenses. Grey lenses in bright sunshine, amber in varying light conditions, vermilion for sight fishing, blue mirror for excessively harsh light

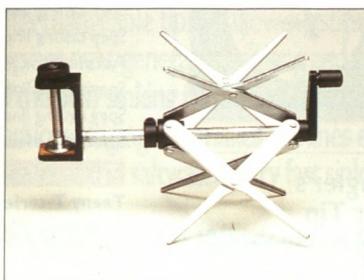


conditions and green mirror for low light or haze. One size fits all, a variety of frame styles are in stock with either CR39® or glass lenses to suit the prevailing conditions.



Riverge Fluorocarbon

This material is much more robust than nylon. It also refracts light in a similar manner to water, which renders it far less visible than nylon. It also sinks once treated as it is negatively buoyant. Spools are 30 yards and casts are tapered. Tests: 2.2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19 and 22.



Angler's Image Line Winder

The best way to change lines as it eliminates the tangles that may otherwise occur.



Angler's Image Clipper

Features a retractable needle for clearing hook eyes.



Angler's Image Ultimate Angler's Tool

Standard clipper plus file, hooksharpener, and tweezers.



Fenwick GPLS30XH-3 Spinning Rod

This model is designed for heavy duty spinning for Tarpon, Sailfish and Nile Perch. For use with 20lb line class. Two other models address the needs of Trout/Chub and Sea Trout/Bonefish.



Penn SS Series Spinning Reel

Robust and reliable fixed spool spinning reels for use in fresh and saline environments. A great reel.



Ketchum Release

Lightweight and enduring zinger. 32" reach. One size.

Ketchum Release

Eliminates contact between angler and fish whilst allowing unhooking. Moulded carbon fibre. Sizes: Small #18 to #26, medium #8 to #18, and large #8 upwards.



Loon Aquel

No slick floatant. Temperature stable. Flip top dispenser.



Loon Lips

To protect lips, practical container.



Loon Deep Soft Weight

Tungsten putty. Soften and stick to your leader, hardens in water.

Folding Wading Staff

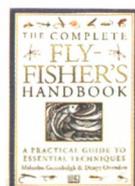
Designed with practical travel considerations in mind.

Beneficial from Scotland to Russia.



Flip Pallot's Mangroves, Memories and Magic, by Flip Pallot

The combination of exceptional photography and an entertaining, effervescent writing style stirs the imagination.

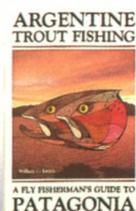


The Complete Flyfisher's Handbook, by Malcolm Greenhalgh & Denys Ovenden

Occupies the niche between elementary level and specialist areas. Covers entomology, artificial flies and tying. 1,000 illustrations by entomological artist.

Argentine Trout Fishing, by William C. Leitch

This book covers the Argentinian area of Patagonia – from where to fish, the people to flora and fauna. Includes maps, guide listing and many colour photos. The definitive guide for this part of the world.



Fishing Accessories Specifications & Prices

Costa-Del-Mar Glasses

Multi-Sport:
CR39® Lens.....£84.00
(grey, amber or vermilion)
Glass Lens.....£116.00
(blue or green mirror)

Eliminator:
CR39® Lens.....£116.00
(grey, amber or vermilion)
Glass Lens.....£126.50
(blue or green mirror)

Ketchum Release
Price.....£14.00

Ketchum Release
Price.....£4.50

Riverge Fluorocarbon

9' Leader.....£3.99
12' Leader.....£4.99
Spool.....£5.99

Loon Products

Loon Lips.....£3.50
Loon Aquel.....£3.60
Loon Deep Soft
Weight.....£4.15

Folding Wading Staff

Price.....£49.50

Angler's Image Tools

Line Winder.....£39.95
Clipper.....£11.50
Ultimate Angler's
Tool.....£13.50

Fenwick Spinning Rod

7' 20lb class.....£120.00

Penn SS Spinning Reel

All sizes available
Price from.....£105.00

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Magic.....£41.95
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Handbook.....£25.00
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Fishing.....£19.95

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Gifts for the Fly-fisher

Fly fishermen the world over enjoy a trip to Farlow's. There are always plenty of gifts and gadgets for friends back home.



Clips & compartments

Foam lid & compartments



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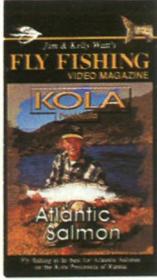
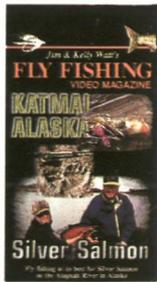
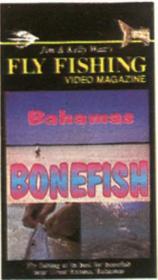
Farlow's Aluminium Fly Boxes

Farlow's aluminium fly boxes are made by Richard Wheatley. Wheatley fly boxes are pre-eminent among fly boxes and have held this position for nigh on 150 years. All intrinsic components individually handcrafted and hand fitted. Designed to prevail and will do so. Manufactured out of naturally corrosion resistant aluminium. Available with clip, foam, and compartment interiors and in three sizes: Small: 3 1/2" x 2 3/8", Medium: 4 3/4" x 3 1/2", Large: 6" x 3 1/2".



Fly Fishing Video Magazines

A series of video magazines that canvass a myriad of global destinations which make for great viewing. A number of different locations are fished in any given area. They include snippets on the natural history of the areas. Titles include: Kola Peninsula, Argentina's Patagonia, Katmai Lodge [Alaska], Bahamas' Bonefish, Crooked Island - Bahamas' Bonefish, Long Island - Bahamas' Bonefish, Stripers on the Flats of Cape Cod, African Sailfish, Costa Rica, and Northern Pike.



NEW Leatherman Wave Tool

The next generation Leatherman. Ergonomically designed, contoured handgrip. Four locking blades situated on the outside of the handle in addition to the enormous range of devices such as screwdrivers, scissors, files and pliers. Complete with leather pouch.



Abel Pliers

Can cut anything from 8X tippet to 250lb braided wire. A fishing imperative. From Baja to the Beauy, the Abel pliers have many uses. Size: 6 1/2 inches, 4 1/10 ounces.



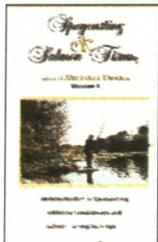
Kennebec Line Tray

This is unequivocally the best line tray in the world. It is a very generous size yet folds compactly into its own carrying bag. Invaluable for salmon or trout fishing. Size: 22" x 19".

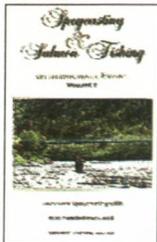


Michael Evans' Spey Casting Video - Volumes 1 & 2

The tuition of Michael Evans is now available as home viewing.



In the first volume, Michael Evans demonstrates the comparative ease with which his technique can help other casters. In the second volume, more advanced techniques and casting is addressed. Recommended for all.



Fishing Gifts Specifications & Prices

Farlow's Aluminium Fly Boxes

Foam boxes:

Small.....	£7.25
Medium.....	£8.50
Large.....	£9.85

Foam Boxes with compartments:

Small, 6 comp.....	£28.80
Medium, 12 comp.....	£37.75
Large, 16 comp.....	£38.65

Clip Boxes with compartments:

Small, 6 comp.....	£30.10
Medium, 12 comp.....	£39.95
Large, 16 comp.....	£43.50

Fly Fishing Video Magazine

Price.....	£17.95
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Michael Evans' Spey Casting Video

Volume 1.....	£14.99
Volume 2.....	£14.99

Leatherman Wave

Price.....	£89.95
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Abel Pliers

Price.....	£129.00
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Kennebec Line Tray

Price.....	£39.95
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Telescopic Weigh Net

Frame size 19 1/2" x 17".	
Extended length 53".	£49.00

Solvkroken Landing Net

Sizes: Mini, Midi, Maxi	
Price from.....	£35.99

Climax Leaders

Off Shore Salt Water Leaders.....	£6.00
Tarpon Leaders.....	£6.00
Cuda-Shark Leaders.....	£3.50
Bonefish & Permit Leaders.....	£3.00

3M Fly Line Dressing

Price.....	£5.99
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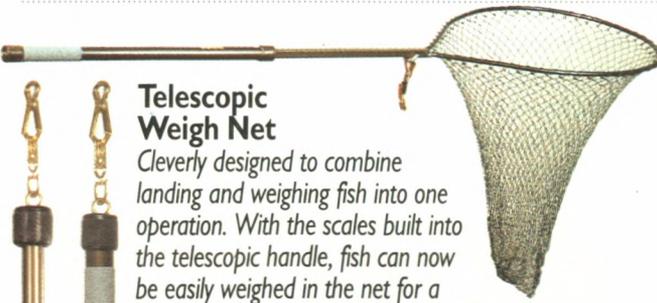
Climax Leaders

A variety of leaders for a range of fish: Off

Shore Salt Water Leaders with double bimini knots; Cuda & Shark Leaders with a 15" wire tippet; Tarpon Leaders and Bonefish & Permit Leaders.

3M Fly Line Dressing

Improves fly line performance.



Telescopic Weigh Net

Cleverly designed to combine landing and weighing fish into one operation. With the scales built into the telescopic handle, fish can now be easily weighed in the net for a quick efficient return to the water. Fish-friendly soft woven knotless netting. Robust and ideal size for sea trout or stillwater fishing.



Solvkroken Landing Net

A fold-away landing net that is available in three different sizes. Made from durable aluminium they are very lightweight. The knotless mesh conforms to the latest regulations.



Technical Clothing...

...just a glimpse of what is in store...

OUTER SHELL

A barrier of protection between angler and elements. Must be waterproof, windproof and breathable.

MID-LAYER

A layer that is designed primarily to retain heat. If it gets colder, more than one thickness can be worn. Some fleeces, for example the Retro-X are also windproof.

SKIN LAYER

Sweat occurs as a result of physical activity. It is important to keep the skin dry in order to preserve body temperature. Modern wicking materials will transport moisture away from the skin rather than trap it like cotton. Evaporation causes warm damp air to form in waders. This condenses when entering water and is best combated by wearing breathable waders. Many of these waders have neoprene feet – we recommend wearing expedition-weight Capilene® socks with them.

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Layered Clothing

Activity generates heat and moisture which must be wicked away and dissipated to prevent cold setting in. The key to being comfortable in harsh conditions is perspiration management. This is best done by employing a layer system of clothing comprising of a skin layer to dissipate moisture, a mid layer (variable thicknesses) for insulation and an outer layer which must be waterproof and windproof but remain breathable.

The Outer Shell

Patagonia SST Wading Jacket

Salmon-Steelhead-Trout jacket is waterproof and breathable. Two chest pockets for flyboxes, hand warmer pockets behind. Large storage pocket on back. Hood can be folded into 'storm collar'. Can be adjusted with snap system for deep wading. StretchCoat® cuffs for extra protection. Colours: Hunter Green or Tan



Outer layer

Also Available:

The Patagonia Storm Jacket

This is a three quarter length version for walking or travelling. Colours: Hunter Green or Navy.

Simms Guide Model Chest High Waders

The most technologically advanced waders available. New 5-layer Gore-Tex® laminate construction. Shoulder straps allow conversion into waist high waders. Neoprene stocking foot for durability and comfort. The choice of fishing guides all over the world.



Simms Freestone® Felt Soled Boots

These lightweight felt soled boots are constructed for strength and comfort. Hiking boot design. Padded ankle with speed lacing system. Rot proof. Farlow's will stud them on request for an additional charge of £10.00.



Farlow's Simms Outfit Deal

Buy an outfit of the Guide Micro Fibre Waders, Freestone Boots and Gravel Guards for just **£375** (individual price £396.50)



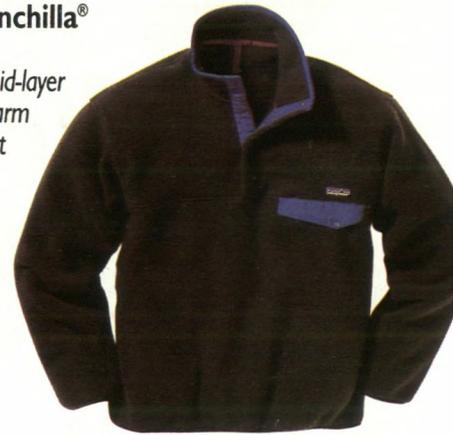
Simms Gravel Guards

Easy fitting and removal with Velcro® fastening.

The Insulation Layer

Patagonia Synchronilla® Snap-T®

Ideal for use as mid-layer insulation. Very warm fleece with a short nap on both sides. Great sweater substitute. Warmer than wool when wet. Quick to dry. Colours: Hunter Green or Navy.



Mid layer



Patagonia Catalogue now available. Please ask for your copy

Patagonia Retro-X

This is one of the warmest fleece garments available as it has a windproof lining. Can be worn as outer layer, even in the fiercest of winds. The Performance Enhancing Film is breathable, yet keeps out wind. Colour: Hunter Green.



El Capilene® Pants

Expedition weight Capilene® fleece pants with elasticated waist, two front pockets and zipped back pocket. Wear them as a warm mid layer under waders or as they are around the lodge. Colours: Hunter Green or Black.

Patagonia

Fingerless Bunting Gloves

Warmer than wool, these gloves stay warm even when wet. They are fast drying and have synthetic 'leather' palms which grip even when wet.



The Skin Layer

Simms offers a complete layering system starting with the BiPolar™ skin layer going through the Polartec® mid-layers to Gore-Tex® waders.



Skin layer

▲ Simms BiPolar™ Underwear

Warm, lightweight and comfortable. Stretchy, pulls moisture away from the skin rapidly, quick drying Polartec®. Anti-Microbial treatment. Pill resistant. Colour: Dark Green.

◀ Simms Guide Bib

This is particularly suitable for fishing in freezing cold rivers, perhaps for steelhead in British Columbia. It is very versatile as it is suitable for next-to-skin use or in combination with BiPolar™ underwear. It is made from Polartec® Powerstretch® fleece which has a non-pilling, nylon abrasion-resistant exterior and a soft velour pile interior which wicks away perspiration. Recommended for use in partnership with Simms Guide Model Gore-Tex® Waders. Colour: Raven.



Patagonia Capilene® Underwear

Mid-weight Capilene®. The mesh weave creates an air pocket against the skin. This minimises heat loss. Excellent choice for outdoor activities. Wicks moisture to outer surface where it is then dispersed. Colours: Classic Hunter Green or Navy.



Also Available: Long Sleeved expedition weight Zip Roll Neck Top (See price panel for details).

Leeda Crewsaver Automatic Lifejacket Braces

Imperative for all deep water fishing, particularly in fast flowing water. If you fall into the water they will inflate automatically. Provide buoyancy for an adult angling in a salmon river or boat fishing in freshwater. Re-arming pack also available. One size fits all. Colour: Tan.



Hardy Life Saver Vest

This outer garment is advisable when fishing in rivers or lakes. It will inflate automatically and turn a person face upwards. Features front pockets for fishing equipment.

Hardy Performance Shell Jacket

A waterproof, breathable shell. Two large bellows pockets conceal fleece hand-warmer pockets. Large back storage pocket. Neoprene storm cuffs. Colours: Navy or Green.

Outer layer



NEW Hardy Microfleece Shirt

Versatile enough to be worn separately or as part of a structured layer system. Lightweight shirt that keeps you warm. Colours: Green Check, Navy or Green.



Hardy Greenstone Caps ★ Ideal Gift ★

Heavyweight pigment-dyed washed cotton. Suede precurved upper peak, low profile front. 6 panels, brass buckle with fabric strap. Hardy name is embroidered on to the front. One size fits all. Colours: Navy or Green.



Also Available: Farlow's stock a range of Hardy clothing. Brochures available.

Technical Clothing Specifications & Prices

Patagonia SST Wading Jacket
Sizes: S-XXL£239.00

Patagonia Storm Jacket
Sizes: S-XXL£199.95

Simms Guide Model Chest High Waders
Size: Height, weight, inseam and shoe size are needed to enable best fit£295.00

Simms Gravel Guards
One size fits all£22.50

Simms Freestone® Felt Soled Boots
Size: UK shoe sizes£79.00

Farlow's Simms Outfit Deal
Guide Waders, Boots and Gravel Guards£375.00

Patagonia Synchilla® Snap-T®
Sizes: S-XXL£69.95

Patagonia Retro-X
Sizes: S-XXL£179.00

El Capilene® Pants
Sizes: S-XL£59.95

Patagonia Fingerless Bunting Gloves
Sizes: S-XL£19.95

Simms BiPolar™ Underwear
Long Pants£29.95
Zip-Tee Top£34.95
Sizes: S-XXL

Simms Guide Bib
Sizes: S-XXL£115.00

Patagonia Capilene® Underwear
L/S Midweight Top£37.95
Midweight Long Pants£29.95
L/S Expedition Weight Zip Roll Neck Top£53.95

Leeda Crewsaver Automatic Lifejacket Braces
Price£105.00
Re-arming pack£15.00

Hardy Life Saver Vest
Price£195.95

Hardy Performance Shell Jacket
Sizes: S-XXL£205.95

Hardy Microfleece Shirt
Sizes: S-XXL£62.95

Hardy Greenstone Caps
One size:£17.95

Farlow's Gift Vouchers
The ideal present for anyone who loves the outdoors. Always available. From £5.00.



Fishing Overseas...

...just a glimpse of what is in store...

We also supply a range of technical clothing designed for use in tropical climates, quick drying and vented to keep you cool.

Flats fishing needs clothing which protects you from Ultraviolet light. This prevents sunburn. Getting burnt will spoil the rest of the trip. Long sleeve shirts and zip-off pants will help give you the flexibility to stay out in the midday sun. Patagonia's vented broadbill will protect face and back of neck from burning. The long peak keeps the sun out of your eyes and with a good pair of glasses you have a chance to see Mr Bonefish.

Wearing the correct boots when wading across the flats will give you protection against sharp coral and allow you to concentrate on stalking bonefish in comfort.

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Tropical Clothing

The items featured below form just a selection of the various options available at Farlow's for tropical holidays.



Columbia Half Moon Shorts

100% cotton. Features include four front pockets, two with mesh fronts, two large rear pockets with Velcro® fastening, tool loop. Elasticated waistband. Colour: Sage.

Columbia Bonehead Shirt

Very practical fishing shirt. 100% cotton Ultra Lite™ poplin. Mesh ventilated back. Two extra-large fly box pockets. Colours: Sage and Fossil.

Columbia Bahamas Shirt

100% nylon Backcountry™ cloth with a soft crinkle finish. This shirt is well suited for tropical water fishing as the material is quick drying and will help prevent sunburn. Full ventilated back with mesh lining, six Velcro® fastening pockets. Colour: Fossil.



Patagonia Hip/Chest Pack

Built for anglers or anyone who needs to keep their gear within reach but need to keep their hands free. Can be worn around the waist or on the chest. Large central compartment for flyboxes. Two front zip pockets one with mesh. Colours: Driftwood or Bluegrass.



Sage Extreme Cap

A lightweight quick drying hat for the blazing sun. Long peak to shade the face. The rear flap gives protection to the ears and back of neck. For windy conditions it clips on to the collar. Colour: Light Khaki.



Patagonia Vented Broadbill Hat

Mesh crown construction for ventilation and sun protection. Front bill shaped to provide full coverage of face. Soft back flaps for ear and neck coverage. Soft chin strap for windy conditions. Colour: Khaki.



Royal Robbins Zip N' Go Trousers

The Royal Robbins brand is famous across America for its "rugged outdoor clothing". This performance clothing is technically designed to be comfortable and practical. These trousers, made from 3-ply laundered supplex, have many features for the travelling angler including zip-off legs, velcro fastened gussets at the ankles to allow the legs to be removed over shoes, an elasticated waist with a web buckle belt and six pockets – three with velcro fastening. A pocket attaches to the belt to hold the legs when not in use. Colour: Khaki.

Sage Flats Pack

Waterproof waist pack with water bottle and holder. Two zipped pockets for flyboxes and leader material. D-ring for connecting snips or pliers. Mesh tippet pockets. Sits in the small of the back. Colour: Green.



Hardy T-Shirts

These excellent quality T-shirts are made from 100% natural cotton in three exclusive designs combining the heritage of Hardy with the comfort and convenience of the classic T-shirt. Choose from a) Hardy Montage; b) Casting Scene; c) Abstract Fish (enlarged design on back).

Fishing Vests

Farlow's stocks a large range of fishing vests and fishing clothing for both men and women. Call in to the shop to see the complete range.



Columbia Henry's Fork Vest

This popular vest features 19 pockets including four flybox zipped pockets on the front and a large zipped rear pocket. Other features include two built-in zingers, neoprene comfort collar and rod holder. Colour: Sage.



Hardy Ultralite Vest

The back, which contains a large pocket completely unzips to leave a mesh liner for summer comfort. Features include padded neck and shoulder area, four large bellows pockets on the front with two way zips. 11 pockets in all. 3 D-rings, rod holder and fly patch. Colours: Green or Navy.



Hardy Ultimate Vest

Similar appearance and technical specification to the Ultralite vest but constructed from a ripstop Teflon® coated nylon/cotton fabric for extra durability and there are three extra pockets on the front. Colours: Stalker Green or Stone.



Abel Lodge Bags ▼

Rugged construction to survive manhandling at airports, lodges and camps from the Rio Grande to Russia. These bags are built around a primary pocket and four secondary pockets. Features a robust shoulder strap, backpack straps that enable conversion into a rucksack and an extra duffel bag for wet clothing make this a most versatile piece of luggage. Choose from the 10 Day or 15 Day model (see price panel for size and capacity). Colour: Navy with Khaki trim.

From Farlow's Superb Luggage Collection

Top quality craftsmanship makes travelling and fishing a pleasure when using any of these bags. A wide range is available.

◀ Farlow's Stream Bags

These bags have been selected with prudence to suit most anglers' needs. Made from best quality laminated canvas and leather they have a main compartment plus two front gusseted pockets with stud fastening flaps and come in a choice of three sizes – see panel for details. Complete with a detachable waterproof lining.

▼ Tusting Sail Bags

A new lightweight range incorporating Tusting's traditional craftsmanship. Forest Green waterproof Cordura® with Sundance leather trim. Features main compartment with small pocket and full-length zip.



Clothing & Luggage Specifications & Prices

Columbia Half Moon Shorts

Size: M-XL£29.95

Columbia Bonehead Shirt

Size: M-XL£36.95

Columbia Bahamas Shirt

Size: M-XL£36.95

Sage Extreme Cap

Size M-XL£22.95

Patagonia Vented Broadbill Hat

Adjustable fit.....£32.95

Royal Robbins Zip 'N' Go Trousers

Size: S-XL.....£59.95

Sage Flats Pack

Price.....£35.50

Patagonia Hip/Chest Pack

Price.....£48.95

Hardy T-Shirts

Montage and Casting.....£25.30

Abstract.....£27.10

Sizes: M-XL

Columbia Henry's Fork Vest

Sizes: S-XXL.....£69.50

Hardy Ultralite Vest

Sizes: S-XXL.....£83.95

Hardy Ultimate Vest

Sizes: S-XXL.....£93.95

Farlow's Stream Bags

Small Stream Bag

12½"x9"x4".....£49.95

Medium Stream Bag

14½"x11"x4".....£63.95

Large Stream Bag

16½"x12"x5".....£67.50

Tusting Sail Bags

Small Sail Bag

46cmx20cmx35cm£105.00

Medium Sail Bag

56cmx25cmx35cm£115.00

Large Sail Bag

65cmx30cmx40cm£129.00

Abel Lodge Bags

10 Day Lodge Bag

4,100 cubic inch capacity

24"x14"x14"£110.00

15 Day Lodge Bag

6,100 cubic inch capacity

27"x15"x16"£130.00



Country Girl

...just a glimpse of what is in store...

In 1994 Farlow's of Pall Mall opened a new shop dedicated to the needs of the woman involved in the countryside today.

Farlow's Country Girl is situated just 20 yards further along the arcade from our other shops and stocks a range of practical and classical women's country clothing and accessories.

From wellies and tweed breeks to Safari wear and shooting or fishing jackets all specifically tailored for women, you're sure to find the clothing to suit your chosen country pursuit.

A small selection from our Country Girl store is shown here to whet your appetite. You are most welcome to call in to browse and see the complete range held in store, or, if you are unable to visit in person, call 0171 839 2423 for advice from our friendly staff.

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Farlow's Ladies' Shooting Suit

This jacket, breeks and hat are manufactured from Farlow's exclusive quality tweed in an attractive herringbone pattern.

Farlow's Heavyweight Tweed Jacket

This jacket is made of Teflon® coated tweed featuring a waterproof breathable membrane. It has a quilted lining, roomy stud fastening front pockets and handwarmer pockets. The full-length zip is protected by a stud fastening flap for extra protection from the elements.

Farlow's Heavyweight Tweed Breeks

These comfortable heavyweight breeks are fully-lined and feature two side pockets and adjustable buckles at the knee.

Farlow's Waxed Cotton & Tweed Hat

Made from green waxed cotton and featuring a trim of matching tweed. The elasticated crown fits all sizes.



Farlow's Mediumweight Breeks

These ladies cut breeks are smartly tailored in good quality 100% wool tweed and are fully lined. They have two side pockets and adjustable buckles at the knees. Choose from Small Check (left) or Tattersall Check (far left) tweed.

Farlow's Handknitted Socks and Garters

These hand-knitted 100% wool socks have a contrasting diamond patterned top. Colours: Green/Gold; Olive/Sage; Green/Cherry. Matching garters (pictured) are also available to complete the outfit.

Connemara Socks

50% wool, 50% alpaca mix with turn over tops. Colour: Green.

Also available as a 60% wool 40% nylon mix. Green fleck with burgundy or gold tops.



Brasher Lady GTX Boots

These lightweight walking boots are designed to be comfortable from new. They are ideal for fishing, shooting or general walking. A Gore-Tex® membrane is incorporated to ensure dry feet. Colour: Brown.



Chrysalis Shooting Jacket

Teflon® coated Tweed with a waterproof breathable membrane.

Farlow's Moleskin Breeks

Stretch moleskin. Colour: Moss Green.

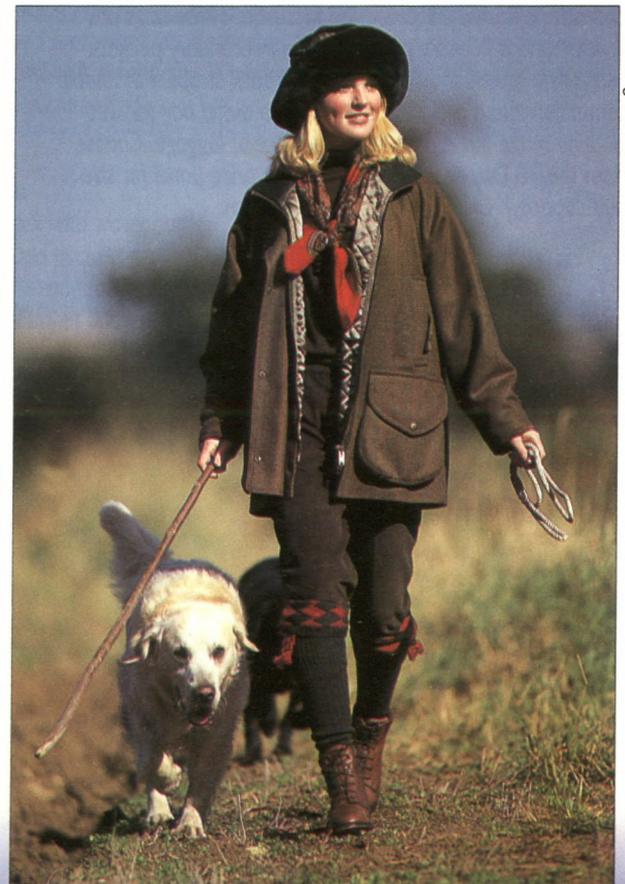
Lochaber Jumper

Rollneck design featuring Fisherman's rib. 100% Geelong lambswool. Colours: As shown only.

Farlow's Socks and Garters

As above.

Barbour Pittard Waterproof Leather Boots





'Rosehip' Cardigan

This V-neck cardigan is fashioned out of a wool / acrylic mix and has a rosehip detail embroidered on both front pockets. It features gilt buttons on front and sleeves. Colour: Navy.



'Rosehip' Blouse

This beautiful blouse is manufactured from pure white cotton. Features embroidered rosehip detail.



Barrie Rollneck Sweater

Made in Scotland, Barrie knitwear is 100% finest pure Geelong lambswool. Ribbed rollneck in Sorrel Green or Fire (deep orange).

Barrie Cardigan

100% lambswool, available in Sorrel Green.

100% Silk Scarf

With pheasant design. Colours as shown with a choice of border – Red, Black or Navy.

Ladies Ptarmigan Jacket

Lightweight but warm because of the Gore-tex® liner. Also 100% waterproof, windproof and breathable. Machine washable and includes removable hood. Colour: Green only.

Felt Hat

Wool felt hat with a leather band. Colours: Moss Green, Navy or Brown.



John Partridge Ladies Shirts

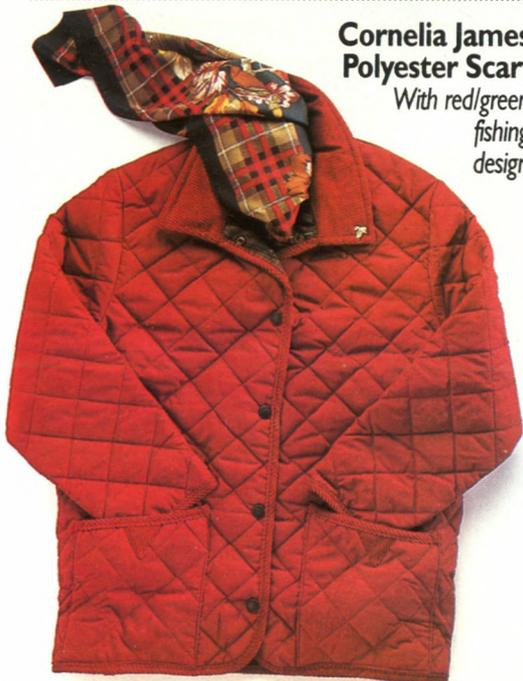
These shirts are packaged in a drawstring bag of the same fabric.

Tattersall Checked Shirt ▶
80% cotton, 20% wool.
Colours: Olive or Navy.



◀ Moleskin Shirt.
Button down collar.
100% cotton.
Colours: Olive or Chestnut.

Cornelia James Polyester Scarf
With red/green fishing design



John Partridge Diamond Quilted Jacket

Warm diamond quilted jacket made from cotton and polyester with a peached finish. It features cord collar and edgings, studded vents and a pleasant olive check lining. Colours: Red, Black or Gold.

Simms Women's Fishing Vest

Now there is a woman's vest that is both functional and feminine. On the outside it has six Velcro fastening and two zip fastening front pockets as well as a large pleated zip closing back pocket. It also incorporates two D rings and a rod holder. Inside are four large zip closing pockets and an attractive fly print lining.



Also available: Farlow's can supply a complete range of ladies fishing clothing.

Country Girl Clothing Specifications & Prices

Farlow's Heavyweight Tweed Jacket	Sizes 10-16.....£349.00
Farlow's Heavyweight Tweed Breeks	Sizes 10-18.....£99.00
Farlow's Waxed Cotton & Tweed Hat	One size.....£62.00
Farlow's Mediumweight Tweed Breeks	Sizes 10-18.....£89.00
Farlow's Handknitted Socks	Sizes 4/5, 5/6, 6/7.....£44.50
Farlow's Handknitted Garters	One size.....£9.95
Connemara Socks	Wool/Alpaca.....£19.95 Wool/Nylon.....£16.00 One size fits shoe sizes 4-7
Brasher Boots	Sizes 3-8.....£125.00 (half sizes available)
Chrysalis Shooting Jacket	Sizes 10-16.....£349.00
Farlow's Moleskin Breeks	Sizes 10-16.....£68.00
Lochaber Jumper	Sizes XS-XL.....£62.00
Barbour Leather Boots	Sizes 4-7.....£160.00 (half sizes available)
Ladies Ptarmigan Jacket	Sizes 10-16.....£299.00
'Rosehip' Cardigan	Sizes S-L.....£45.00
'Rosehip' Blouse	Sizes S-XL.....£29.00
Barrie Knitwear	
Rollneck Sweater	Sizes 38-44.....£99.00
Cardigan	Sizes 38-42.....£129.00
Silk Scarf	One size.....£89.00
Felt Hat	Sizes: 6 1/8, 7, 7 1/8, 7 1/4.....£39.95
John Partridge Jacket	Sizes 10-16.....£85.00
Cornelia James Scarf	34" square.....£9.95
John Partridge Shirts	
Tattersall Check	Sizes 10-18.....£48.00
Button down collar	Sizes S-L.....£59.00
Simms Women's Fishing Vest	Sizes S, M, L, XL.....£89.95





Shooting Clothing...

...just a glimpse of what is in store...

"Looking the part" and "fitting in" all contribute to a good day's shooting, but the reasons for correct dress go much further than that. It ensures comfort, enabling the gun to be handled with ease whatever the weather and gives protection from the elements.

Tweed is now lined with a breathable but waterproof drop liner to give a traditional look but with a modern Hi-tech performance. Leather shooting boots are now available with a Gore-tex lining so that they will remain waterproof all day. For cold days silk underwear is recommended and for extra cold days there are Hi-tech versions from Simms and Patagonia.

Correctly dressed you will get the best out of the day and not be cold, wet and miserable.

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Chrysalis Rutland Tweed Shooting Jacket

The action back design of this jacket is very practical and offers maximum freedom of movement. The subtle blend of autumnal colours is complimented by the loden collar. It is waterproof, breathable and warm.

Hucklecote Rannoch Shooting Suit

The Rannoch has now become a classic. It is available in several patterns of tweed. The newest one, Huc 15, is shown below. The jacket has a full-length zip, covered by a button-through storm flap for extra protection. There are two handwarmer pockets and two roomy patch pockets with button-down flap. The collar is Alcantara lined for extra comfort. Matching tweed breeks and cap complete the outfit.



Schoffel Shooting Jacket

This Gore-Tex® lined coat is now firmly established as a favourite for weather protection and comfort. It is lightweight, warm and waterproof, finished to a very high standard with fine attention to detail and has many features. Colour: Green.



"I Love Picking Up Birds" Shooting Stockings

Hand-knitted wool shooting stockings with a generous turnover top featuring the slogan "I Love Picking Up Birds", in Olive with a choice of Red or Yellow lettering.

Farlow's Tweed Shooting Suit

The jacket is well cut for shooting or any other active country sport. It is both warm and waterproof.

Features include raglan sleeves, two way zip to the top of the collar, hand-warmer pockets, zippered internal pocket, Alcantara on cuffs and pockets, and loden collar. The breeks are smartly tailored and half-lined.

They have adjustable buckles at the knees, twin front pockets, back pocket and belt loops. Matching cap (not shown) completes the suit.



Applejac Shooting Jacket

Applejac have used double Ventile® for comfort and weather protection. Features include detachable quilted lining, raglan sleeves, storm cuffs, two-way zip and leather edgings.

Plus two roomy patch pockets with twin stud flap fastening and hand-warmer pockets. Colour: Green.





John Partridge Tweed Shooting Suit

This suit incorporates Gore-Tex® for complete weather protection. The action back jacket is extremely comfortable to wear. The matching breeks and cap are Gore-Tex® lined.



Snowlock Gaiters

A general use canvas gaiter with a nylon snowlock fastening at the top to prevent snow or other debris entering.

Also available:

All-canvas gaiters – for stealth. Especially good for stalking, fishing, shooting etc. Reg: 16” £21.95; Long: 19” £23.95.



Farlow's Cord and Moleskin Breeks

Year after year these breeks are best sellers. They are heavy weight, made from quality materials and comfortably cut. Colours: Cord – Olive, Dark Olive; Moleskin – Lovat, Dark Olive.

Thermatex Waistcoat

A quality knitted waistcoat. It is ideal for shooting being warm, comfortable and breathable with suede shoulder patches. The fabric comprises of two knitted layers of wool with polypropylene insulation between. Colour: Olive Green.

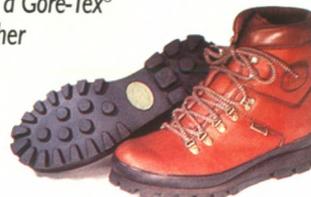


L'Esquimau Down Waistcoat

A soft, lightweight comfortable waistcoat that is water resistant warm and windproof. Colour: Olive.

Brasher Master Boots

These boots are ideal for shooting, stalking or fishing. They have leather uppers, contain a Gore-Tex® membrane and employ Brasher high-performance sole technology ensuring that they are waterproof and very comfortable for all-day wear.



Pheasant Design Silk Ties

These quality silk neck ties are available in the following colours: Olive, Navy, Mustard or Burgundy, with a pheasant motif featured throughout.



Shooting Clothing Specifications & Prices

Chrysalis Rutland Tweed Shooting Jacket
 Sizes: M-XXL.....£385.00

Schoffel Shooting Jacket
 Sizes: S-XL.....£299.00

"I love picking up birds" Shooting Stockings
 UK Shoe Sizes:
 7/8, 9/10, 11/12.....£42.00

Hucklecote Rannoch Shooting Suit

Jacket
 Sizes: 38-50.....£310.00

Matching Breeks
 Sizes: 32-44.....£108.00

Cap
 Sizes: S-XL.....£24.95

Farlow's Tweed Shooting Suit

Jacket
 Sizes: S-XXL.....£399.00

Matching Breeks
 Sizes: 32"-42".....£115.00

Cap
 Sizes: 7-7½.....£32.50

Applejac Shooting Jacket
 Sizes: 38"-50".....£225.00

John Partridge Tweed Shooting Suit

Jacket
 Sizes: S-XXL.....£499.00

Matching Breeks
 Sizes 32"-44".....£175.00

Cap
 Sizes: 7-7½.....£39.95

Farlow's Cord and Moleskin Breeks
 Waist sizes: 32"-42".....£55.95
 Leg: Regular 21" or Long 23"

Thermatex Waistcoat
 Sizes: S-XXL.....£75.00

L'Esquimau Down Waistcoat
 Price.....£69.00

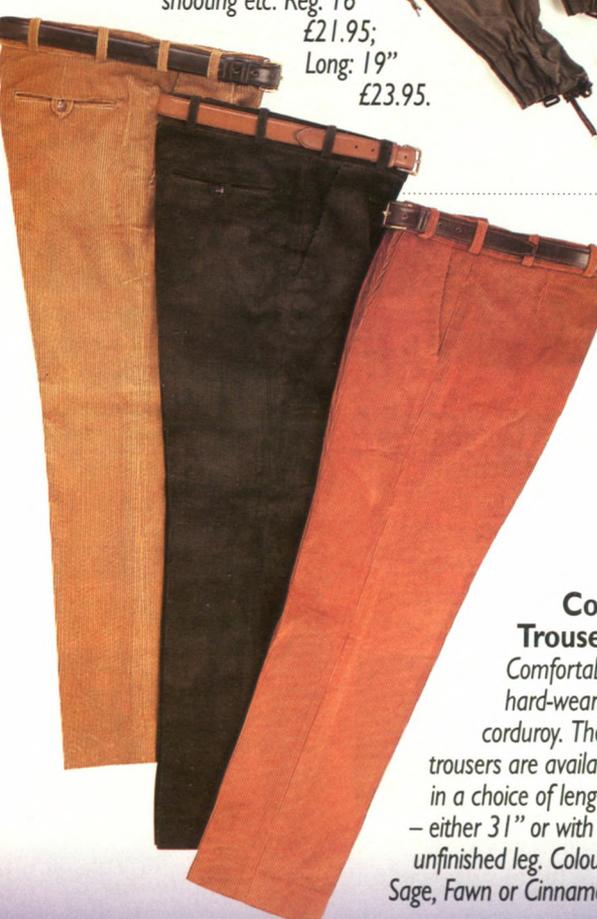
Snowlock Gaiters
 Regular: 16".....£26.95
 Long: 19".....£28.95

Cord Trousers
 Waist: 32"-44"
 Leg: 31" or unfinished...£53.95

Brasher Master Boots
 UK Sizes: 7-13.....£155.00

Pheasant Design Silk Ties
 Price.....£29.95

See overleaf for a range of equipment for the shooting enthusiast plus a selection of clothes and accessories from Barbour...



Cord Trousers
 Comfortable, hard-wearing corduroy. These trousers are available in a choice of lengths – either 31" or with an unfinished leg. Colours: Sage, Fawn or Cinnamon.



Shooting Equipment...

...just a glimpse of what is in store...

Many things go towards making a day's shooting a pleasurable experience. Starting with the anticipation on the way to the shoot and ending with the dinner afterwards.

Good quality equipment certainly plays its part. A favourite cartridge bag may seem to go unnoticed but would be greatly missed if lost, particularly if replaced by an inferior item. A good quality leather gunslip gives comfort in the knowledge that the gun is well protected but also gives pride of ownership every time that the fine leather is handled and in the knowledge that it can be handed down to the next generation.

Nowadays we all realise the importance of good hearing protection. Farlow's stocks a complete range, from the simple and inexpensive to the sophisticated electronic.

Farlow's by Post

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Farlow's Gun Cleaning Kits

Presentation set in mahogany boxes with brass fittings. Elegant enough to grace any gun room. Choose from the Presentation, Windsor or Norfolk.

Farlow's Gun Covers

d) Canvas with leather trimmings, fleece-lined with full-length zip and plain end. Colours: Tan or Dark Green.

e) As above but with additional action patch and block end. Colours: Tan or Dark Green.

f) With Farlow's double/single luxury gunslip, ingenious strapping allows two gunslips to be carried as one. Heavy duty supple brown calf leather with fleece lining and full length zip. Overall length 50".



Also available Farlow's Suede Gunslip

Tan suede with contrasting stitching. Adjustable shoulder strap and top flap closure with brass buckle.

Game Register

Green or Burgundy bonded leather. 6"x8 1/2" gilt-edged pages are clearly set out to provide an easy to read chronicle of shooting days past.



Farlow's Cartridge Bags

These are all best quality bags designed to last for many years. Available to hold 50, 75 or 100 cartridges.

Choose from:

- Canvas with Leather Trim
- Tan, Full-grain Hide
- Chocolate Full-grain Hide (also available to hold 150 cartridges).

Farlow's 12 Gauge Suede Cartridge Belts

These good quality belts are now becoming more popular.



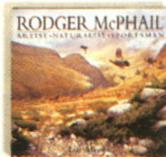
Farlow's Standard Shotgun Cleaning Kits

Contains all the essentials – wooden rod with brass fittings, oil for lubrication, cleaning patches, bronze brush, wool mop, a jag and a cleaning cloth. Comes in 12, 16, 20, 28 or .410 gauge.



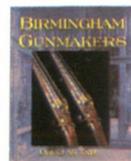
Sportsman, Artist, Naturalist by Rodger McPhail

A gallery of drawings that command attention. From stylised cartoons with a flavour of the 1940's and 1950's to romantic watercolours.



London Gunmakers by Nigel Brown

This book charts the development of London as a gunmaking centre. Includes chapters on brand names, trade patents, and contains much historical information.



Birmingham Gunmakers by Douglas Tate

The most complete work ever published on Birmingham's gunmaking industry. Includes a section on valuing and a glossary of terms used by gunmakers.

Shooting Equipment Specifications & Prices

Farlow's Gun Cleaning Kits

Presentation set.....£120.00
Windsor set.....£190.00
Norfolk set.....£99.95

Farlow's Standard Shotgun Cleaning Kits

Price:.....£18.95

Farlow's Cartridge Bags

a) Canvas with Leather Trim
50.....£85.00 75.....£94.00
100.....£102.00
b) Tan, Full-grain Hide
50.....£122.00 75.....£153.00
100.....£174.00
c) Chocolate Full-grain Hide
50.....£188.00 75.....£195.00
100.....£205.00 150.....£230.00

Farlow's 12 Gauge Suede Cartridge Belts

Price.....£39.95

Farlow's Gun Covers

d) 28" or 30".....£125.00
e) 28" or 30".....£145.00
f) 50" Single.....£199.00
50" Double.....£395.00

Farlow's Suede Gunslip

Price.....£79.95

Farlow's Game Registers

Price.....£49.95

Shooting Books

Sportsman, Artist, Naturalist

Price.....£35.00

London Gunmakers

Price.....£65.00

Birmingham Gunmakers

Price.....£35.00

Farlow's Electronic Ear Defenders

Price.....£99.95

Standard Ear Defenders

Price.....£21.50

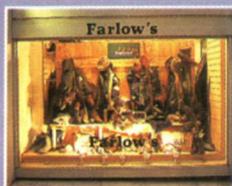
Farlow's Electronic Ear Defenders

Particularly useful for game shooting as they allow beaters to be heard, yet reduce gunfire to below 84 decibels. Recent refinements include a recessed microphone for improved reliability and performance, indexed volume control and external battery housing. They are lightweight and foldable.

Also available Standard Ear Defenders

Lightweight, with slim-line profile cups. Colours: Green, Black, Blue, or Red.





Barbour

...just a glimpse of what is in store...

The name of Barbour is synonymous with the very best in stylish country clothing. A reputation for attention to detail and an emphasis on quality has helped Barbour to maintain their formidable standing. Naturally, as London's premier supplier of outdoor and country clothing, Farlow's feature the most comprehensive range of Barbour outdoor wear to be found anywhere in the capital.

The following pages illustrate a selection of our Barbour range. For prices, see the listing on the reverse of the Farlow's order form, or, better still, why not visit our Pall Mall shops where you will be able to see and examine the latest additions to the Barbour range.



A292



A290



A291



NEW

The Berwick Jacket

Barbour's new 3-layer hydrophillic construction makes this jacket waterproof, windproof and breathable. The soft handle outer fabric is designed to shed water with a minimum of absorption whilst the interliner keeps out rain, yet breathes, ensuring all day comfort. Integral hood included. A900 Olive Green.

Sizes S-XXL



D348



D349



D364

Liddesdale Jacket ▲

This very popular quilted nylon jacket features a cord collar, two front pockets, open cuffs and an internal security pocket. It is washable and has studded side vents making it ideal for riding or casual wear.

D348 Olive; D349 Navy; D364 Black, D360 Rustic.

Sizes XS-XXL

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Country Check Shirt ►

Barbour's popular country check shirts are made from pure cotton for a more comfortable feel. Features include a two-piece collar for a superior fit. D450 Green; D451 Blue.

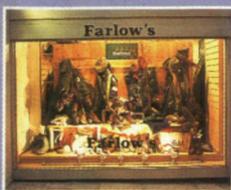
D450



D451



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There are currently no less than 14 different styles of coats and jackets in the Barbour thornproof range. They are available in three different weights according to the style.

Heavyweight: For when maximum durability is your first priority. They offer warmth and protection under the worst weather conditions.

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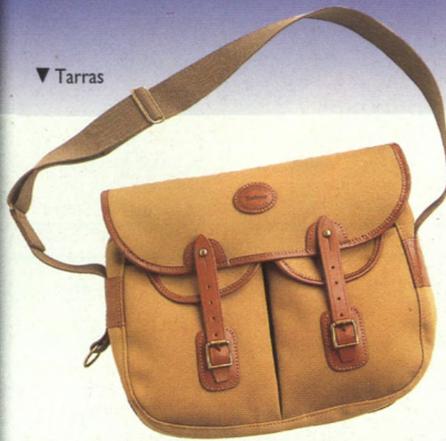
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▼ Tarras



Barbour Traditional Bags

These bags are waterproof, being made of cotton laminated canvas, and have leather trimmings.

Tarras

Two front pockets and main compartment with washable lining.
B705M (Med) 15"x10"x3 1/2"; B705L (Lge) 16"x12"x4"

Cheviot

Two front pockets and main compartment with washable lining – all with zip closures. Also two exterior side pockets.
B730 16"x12"x5" (plus side pockets)

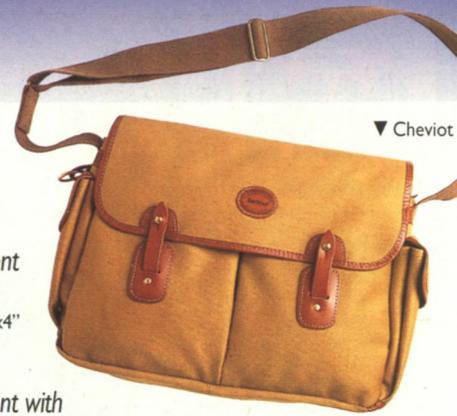
Tiree

Similar to the Cheviot but with an extra carrying handle so that it may be carried like a briefcase.
B720 12 1/2"x10"x5"

Coll

Ladies shoulder bag with a main compartment and two inside pockets, one is zipped. Rustic lining and magnetic catch.
B721 10"x8x2 1/2"

▼ Cheviot



▼ Tiree



▼ Coll



Paisley Handkerchiefs
D239 20" Square.
Gift Box Set of 3 colours



Spotted Handkerchiefs
D238 20" Square.
Gift Box Set of 3 colours



Lambswool Scarves
D248 Lambswool Scarf – Green.
D249 Lambswool Scarf – Navy.
D256 Lambswool Scarf – Rustic.
D257 Lambswool Scarf – Black Watch



Thornproof Repair Kit
D280



Thornproof Dressing
D270



The Westmorland Waistcoat
Mediumweight Barbour Thornproof
Sage or Navy. Chest sizes: S-XXL



Warm Pile Lining
A295 Stud-in, to fit Gamefair and Border.
A297 Stud-in, to fit Beaufort and Bedale.
Chest sizes 34"-52"

For Barbour's prices, please see order form

Hood

A128 Sage; A107 Navy;
A199 Rustic; A114 Black.
Size: Large



Sports Hat
A108 Navy; A109 Rustic;
A115 Sage; A116 Black.
Sizes S-XXL

Also available:
A298 Stud-in Warm Pile Lining,
to fit children's Bedale Jacket.
Chest sizes XS-XXL



The Solway Zipper
Heavyweight Barbour Thornproof
Olive. Chest sizes: 34"-48"



The Northumbria
Heavyweight Barbour Thornproof
Sage. Chest sizes: 34"-50"



The Gamefair
Mediumweight Barbour Thornproof
Sage or Rustic. Chest sizes: 34"-52"



The Border
Mediumweight Barbour Thornproof
Sage or Navy. Chest sizes: 34"-52"



NEW
The Original $\frac{3}{4}$ Jacket
Heavyweight Barbour Thornproof
Olive. Chest sizes: S-XXL



The Beaufort
Mediumweight Barbour Thornproof
Sage, Navy or Rustic. Chest sizes: 34"-52"



The Beacon
Mediumweight Barbour Thornproof
Black. Chest sizes: 34"-52"



The Bedale
Mediumweight Barbour Thornproof
Sage, Navy, Rustic or Black. Chest sizes: 34"-52"



The Durham
Lightweight Barbour Thornproof
Lined version: Sage or Navy. Chest sizes: 34"-52"
Unlined version: Sage only. Chest sizes: 34"-48"

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NEW FOR 1999



Hardy
ELITE SALMON FLY RODS

Specification		
Code No:	HRAD100	HRAD090
Length	15'4"	13'4"
Line Weight (AFTM) #10		#9
No of Pieces	3	3
Action:	Progressive Tip	Progressive Tip
Weight:	11 ⁷ / ₈ ozs (335gms)	9 ³ / ₈ ozs (276gms)
Packaging:	Cordura tube (blue)	Cordura tube (blue)

Following the success last year of the Elite series of trout rods, we now announce the Elite Salmon range. The multi-modulus construction provides rods with progressive tapers and slim appearance. The rod action allows great control at short or long range with deep power into the butt. The rods are finished in a deep translucent blue and complemented by the highest quality high arch snake rings. The double aluminium oxide stripper guides help to provide exceptional line flow and 'shootability'. The new Dr Hamish helical reel seat is hard anodised to 40 microns and has a two start quick release thread which allows the whole housing to be moved up and down. The woven carbon spacer completes our latest Salmon range which comes in a matching Cordura tube. Two rods designed to provide effortless Spey or overhead casting for those enthusiasts focused upon the pursuit of the King of Fish.

Hardy
SOVEREIGN 2000 #12/13 REEL



The Sovereign 2000 is a combination of engineering excellence and artistic innovation.

Built to take big game punishment, the new #12/13 can fight the most powerful of fish, from river or sea. The drag system is controlled by a micro focus adjustment knob, applying pressure on an AVCARB drag pad.

Incredible corrosion resistance makes the #12/13 well suited for blue water fishing or for DT11 or DT12 lines.

Technical Specification			
Diameter	Weight		Line Capacities
	ozs	gms	
4"	12.25	347	DT12 + 175yds



Hardy

BOUGLÉ MKIV REEL

Another first from House of Hardy. The Bouglé Mk IV represents our first bar stock, fully anodised, click check reel. The original Bouglé reels produced in the early part of this century captured the angling world's imagination with its innovative design and unique features. The Mk IV builds upon this heritage and incorporates modern contemporary processes and materials. This freshwater reel series comes in five sizes from 3" to 4" and is finished in a lustrous pearl silver which complements all known rod colours.

The reel's features include:-

- sweet sounding, wide ranging, reversible check mechanism
- protective anodised spool, frame and plate
- revolving pillar line guard
- nickel silver left hand locking screw
- plate runs on 12 stainless steel ball bearings (15 on 4")
- ground stainless steel spindle
- interchangeable spare spools
- nickel-plated brass reel back fixed with stainless steel screws
- naval brass spindle bush
- permali handle
- nickel silver contrasting small parts

Technical Specification			
Diameter	Weight		Line Capacities*
	ozs	gms	
3"	4.8	136	WF#3 + 75yds
3 1/4"	5.1	144.5	DT#4 + 80yds WF#5 + 100yds
3 1/2"	5.4	153	DT#6 + 60yds WF#7 + 80yds
3 3/4"	7.3	207	DT#8 + 80yds WF#9 + 100yds
4"	9.5	269	DT#10 + 175yds DT#11 + 130yds

*All capacities are based upon 20lb backing, except for Salmon which uses 30lb backing - add 15% on for micro backing. All capacities are, in our opinion, ideal for fishing purposes i.e. the reels have not been filled to the maximum, to allow for the variances in the tension of line retrieved.

Frame, spool and plate material: Bar stock 6262 series Aluminium
 Protection on above: Polished, anodised and sealed
 Colour: Pearl Silver
 Lineguard: Nickel Silver
 Spool Perforations: 3 hole series (1903 hole pattern)



(THE FIRST 500 REELS OF EACH SIZE WILL BE SERIAL NUMBERED-EARLY ORDERS ARE ESSENTIAL)

Hardy
ACCESSORIES



HARDY LINE SNIPS (1)

The Hardy Line Snips is an essential tool while on the stream. This tool is made of the highest quality heat treated stainless steel. With it's unique loop spring design, it features a protected, enclosed eye pin used for clearing hook eyes. All Hardy Line Snips are hand finished to a razor sharp edge and have the ability to be re-sharpened. This is the best value clipper on the market. Hardy Line Snips have superior steel qualities compared to other tools, yet at a modest, economical price.

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This all stainless steel tool combines Knot Tyer Tip, Line Snips, Hook Eye Cleaner, Hook Sharpener and D-ring for easy attachment, all in one sturdy package. The Knot Tyer Tip ties a variety of "nail" knots in a matter of seconds. The Line Snips are hand finished to a razor sharp edge and has the unique ability to be re-sharpened. The Hook Eye Cleaner can be used for removing debris from the eye of hooks and is also handy for untangling wind knots. The Hook Sharpener is used to hone fly or lure hooks.

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Specially formulated to lubricate and protect your Hardy reel. A quick application will ensure a silky performance in every fishing situation.

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Reduces the surface tension of water enabling leaders, nymphs and wet flies to sink easily. Sinkant gets your fly down to the fish quicker!

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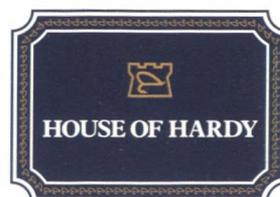
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A5 Durham Lined Sage	34" - 52"	£119.00	£101.28	A107 Navy	Large	£18.50	£15.75
Mediumweight Jackets				A114 Black	Large	£18.50	£15.75
A110 Bedale Sage (childs)	XS - XL	£79.00	£79.00	A199 Rustic	Large	£18.50	£15.75
A111 Bedale Navy (childs)	XS - XL	£79.00	£79.00	A411 Northumbria - Sage	Large	£18.50	£15.75
A100 Bedale Sage	34" - 52"	£135.00	£114.89	A88 Olive	Large	£18.50	£15.75
A103 Bedale Rustic	34" - 52"	£135.00	£114.89	Hats and Caps			
A104 Bedale Black	34" - 52"	£135.00	£114.89	A115 Sports Hat - Sage	S - XXL	£18.50	£15.75
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A125 Gamefair Rustic	34" - 52"	£129.00	£109.79	A109 Sports Hat - Rustic	S - XXL	£18.50	£15.75
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