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To Fish & Golf for a Living

💪 By Henry Waszczuk

I think back 30 years ago when I decided to retire from playing professional football in the CFL and I was teaching science in a Hamilton, Ontario high school; I came home and told my

wife. "I was going to fish for a living", she looked at me like I was totallv crazy. But I did it! Maybe I should say, we did it, as my wife Mary has supported me through thick and thin in making my passion, my career. Thanks Mary and thanks to all of you for your support along the way.



e have been involved in more than 2000 TV productions hosting, producing, editing and so much more. As a company, we have received many accolades over the years but the top awards and recognitions have come from you, our fans and loyal followers over those three decades.

As I have always said, " accolades are earned through hard work and dedication of each and every person involved in our productions, this magazine, social media and more. And how about this special edition magazine, it's double the size of previous issues and we have our partners, sponsors and friends to thank for their support.

This year, we celebrate our 30th Anniversary on TV and our Fins + Skins Magazine has been a big part of that celebration. So why is this milestone of any importance to those that love to fish and golf? Quite frankly, it was the foresight of a very close friend of mine that worked at Remington Arms. He knew that I loved to fish and one weekend back in 1984, he said, "just do it, Henry you have a passion for the outdoors, so do it, fish for a living". And I did just that, with no background, no manuals, nobody to get answers from, I just did it. As the fishing industry grew, there was a need to satisfy the growing thirst for knowledge that permeated throughout the outdoors and I guess now that I look back, the timing was right. Then came golf, a great game enjoyed by the masses. Mix the two together and here we are today.

As we reflect back on the past 30 years of knowledge we felt it was important to go to print on the top fishing and golf destinations in the world, so Fins + Skins Magazine became reality. So today, as you explore this issue of Fins + Skins; I hope it will entice you to put one of these incredible hot spots on your bucket list.

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HITCH HIKER

Either this frog has a passion for orange or is getting a free ride.





BLOBBY BUDDY

Poor, poor blobfish, voted the world's ugliest animal back in 2013, this deep sea creature has risen to iconic fame, not in the way it probably hoped. With very few muscles, it basically sits on the bottom of the ocean with it's mouth open waiting for food to come by, inhales it and slithers a bit further to do it all over again.



PERFECT SHOT

But how is this marlin going to eat his prey, maybe share it? (credit Doug Perrine)



PIKE ATTACK

In the springtime, pike are very aggressive in their feeding habits, really?.

THE MYSTERY EYE

The mystery has been solved as after this eye washed up on the shores of Pompano Beach, Florida, experts indicated that this softball sized blue eye was from a swordfish and that a fisherman probably discarded it after cleaning his catch



RAY MIGRATION Rays of up to 10,000 migrate each

Rays of up to 10,000 migrate each year to their feeding grounds. Most migrate twice yearly in the spring and then late fall. There are 70 species of stingrays in the world's oceans.

EVERYONE IS INTO FISHING

Even without a rod and reel, this snake had a good hook set on this poor old catfish.





DIDN'T MAKE HIS Tee time

Actor Harrison Ford was a bit battered but OK, after the World War II training plane he was piloting crash landed on a California golf course, he was too shaken up to play his round of golf.

SKY GOLF He's just showing off his swing

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The most expensive golf club in the world was sold at an auction for \$181,000. The "Andrew Dickson Long-Nosed Putter" is the oldest manufacturer-verified club dating back to the 1700's.



The Masters Tournament logo has never changed, so a shirt from 2007 is going to look like a shirt from 2015, and still, patrons stand in line for hours and leave with arm-fulls of merchandise



3 YR OLD, ONE ARM GOLFER

Meet 3 year old, Tommy Morrissey who can drive a ball 100 yards despite being born without a portion of his right arm below the elbow. He may be only 3, but he knows you need to let the big dog hunt!





Elizabeth Dickson, 28, sued radio host Kevin Klein for \$500,000 plus damages after he whacked her in the behind during a stunt gone wrong at a golf tournament in California. Back to the driving range for Kevin.





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HANK'S TOP FISHING DESTINATIONS IN THE WORLD

TROUT ROCK LODGE

Trout Rock Lodge under Enodah Wilderness Travel has catered to anglers from all over the world for more than two decades. Their mission is plain and simple; to offer the most incredible northern pike fishing in the world. That's why anglers come to Great Slave Lake with very high expectations and they never

leave disappointed. Monster Pike are everywhere! Hooking 60 northerns a day in the month of June is practically automatic; 40 will be over 36", and 10 will be over 40" with two pushing the 50" trophy line. The pike fishing here is truly amazing in every way. The lodge location in an archipelago formed by thousands of islands which protects some of the most expansive northern pike habitat on earth. There is an abundance of bait fish, no fishing pressure, great catch and release policies which were established by host Henry Waszczuk on his first visit over 20 years ago. The northerns here indeed have a perfect habitat, thousands of unexplored islands and shallow weedy bays, and a world famous lake that is 300 miles long. That's Great Slave Lake, and Trout Rock



has captured this incredible fishing mecca as the best of the best! The pike hot spots are very close to the lodge, so there's no time wasted traveling to the fishing grounds. In fact, there are two incredible phenomenons here, don't be surprised to hook a northerm in the mid 30" class and have

another northern nail it on the way to the boat. Another frequent sight while retrieving your line is to see two to three fish chasing your lure to the boat. This is also the perfect place to have fun with a fly rod, whether you cast a top water fly or a streamer, these northerns are very aggressive and will make your fly fishing experience a memorable one. Trout Rock Lodge offers great accommodations in either the main lodge or cabins with hearty home cooked meals .The main lodge features satellite telephone and wireless internet service, fully licensed lounge and a fireplace. Trout Rock Lodge employs professional guides from all over Canada. They are masters at preparing a northern Canadian shore lunch of filets from the morning's catch with all the fixings.

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The resort offers various packages from fishing to diving.

BELIZE

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BELIZE

Belize has always been known as the worlds' premiere flats fishing destination combining remarkable fishing in crystal clear waters. The ability to sight fish for bonefish, permit and tarpon on any given day and then catch all three to accomplish a Grand Slam is every angler's dream. Even tough bonefish are the primary objective of many saltwater anglers. Here you have a lot more options on the flats. Always roaming are large barracuda looking for the next bonefish meal and let's not forget the hard-fighting triggerfish running the shallow water bars for food. Belize also offers incredible reef fishing for big jacks, mutton snapper, African pompano, grouper and more. Last but not least is the wily permit. One of the smartest fish in shallow water, the permit, whether they are 10 pounds or 40 pounds, the permit is every fly angler's dream catch.

There are numerous great lodges that we have filmed at over the years but our vote goes to Turneffe Island Resort. This Hot Spot is a private Caribbean island located 30 miles off the coast of Belize at the southern end of the Turneffe Atoll. It's part of the second largest barrier reef in the world. The exclusivity, charm and subtle hospitality have created an environment that needs to be experienced to truly appreciate it. The location of this resort provides quick access to fishing for permit, bonefish, barracuda and more. Watch the sunsets from your private cabins, which are nestled in the coconut palm trees. The air-conditioned rooms are beautifully manicured with great ocean views. And at the end of your great day, you can relax at the pool and fun bar to tell the tales of catching the big one. From family style Belizian meals to the great waterfront BBQ's, this resort needs to be on your bucket list. And don't forget, Turneffe Island Resort also offers some of the finest diving you can experience.



Louisiana is a legendary fishing territory, braided with thousands of acres of productive waterways. The state's bayous, rivers, lakes and marshes are a paradise for fishermen. The fish here practically jump into the boat after your lure. It truly is amazing. Add the Gulf of Mexico with its bountiful offshore fishery, you have the best of both worlds for inshore and offshore fishing.

Venice has always been known as the target point for fishermen, some come to fill up their coolers; others just to experience some of the greatest fishing of all time. You can trailer your own boat and experience the fishing on your own or book an inshore or offshore charterboat captain to take you to the fishing hot spots.

There are a couple of places that Henry recommends. One is the Lighthouse Lodge and Villas, which offers the perfect getaway on the shores of Venice. Not far down the road is the other, called Cypress Cove Lodge. Interesting enough, both have over 60 rooms in the hotel and the location is about an hour from New Orleans.

The list of fish species is too long to mention, but here in Louisiana you have one of the classic great fisheries and definitely one to add to your bucket list. Venice is where the Mississippi River spills into the Gulf of Mexico. This means that millions of tons of nutrients flow down the river right through Venice. Think of it as a massive fish feeder. The result, this rich resource of shrimp and more bring the largest migration of pelagic fish in the Gulf of Mexico. And as far as redfish and trout, look no further. This is your hot spot too!



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With numbers like 120 releases in a single day, by one boat, it's clear that Guatemala's Pacific coast offers the highest concentrations of billfish found anywhere worldwide. It's very real! At Casa Vieja Lodge, they take exceptional pride in assuring you world class boats, run by highly respected sport fishing captains with day end returns to the highest quality accommodations imaginable. The other nice thing, the lodge is located less than a mile from the marina entrance where the boats depart from. After a day on the water you can be back in the Casa Vieja's pool in 5 minutes enjoying a refreshing drink and some great fish tales.

Since 1994, the fleet has averaged raising more than 20 billfish per day per boat – YEAR ROUND! The larger sailfish, up to 150 pounds, are usually taken during the fall, but for pure volume of 80 – 100 pound fish, December through June tends to be the rule. During this time you'll be tantalized with 20 – 40 bites per day and, on some of those exceptional days, more than 100! Throughout the year there are lots of football size tuna and dolphin in the 20 – 40 pound range. The charterboat captains can also put you on yellowfin tuna and even marlin in the 400-pound class.

Casa Vieja Lodge is 90 minutes south of Guatemala City, on the Pacific coast of Guatemala. The lodge is a classically styled sportsman's retreat surrounded by landscaped gardens and tropical foliage providing the ultimate in privacy. The bedrooms have either a king size bed or two queens featuring luxurious linens and pillows. The centerpoint of Casa Vieja is their large palapa where all the guests dine and socialize overlooking the lodge pool. And while a trip to Casa Vieja Lodge is definitely a four-star experience, the total "cost-per-fish-released-ratio" makes this one of the finest values in the entire world of bluewater fishing.

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Andros Island Bahamas

The Bahamas have always been known as "The Bonefishing Captial of the World". The beautiful flats are renown for both size and abundance of fish. Interesting to note that over the years, we have produced almost 40 TV programs on the various islands in the Bahamas. All had exceptional fishing, yet, we still found another sleeper hot spot, its' called Tiamo (which means I love you in Italian).

This resort is a fresh destination with unique luxury cottages on Andros, the largest island in the Bahamas. The ten beach cottages, with stylish interiors and earthblended amenities, dot the secluded white sandy beach and give privacy, comfort and seclusion. Each cottage has its own unique setting. They all face the beach and most have a private veranda and pool. At the center of the resort is the main great house with fabulous water views where you enjoy your daily meals, a relaxing drink or socialize. Every evening brings incredible sunsets, each different; unique and beautiful.

Now, the fishing here is second to none with numerous large schools of bonefish. In fact Henry hooked his largest career bonefish ever here with an estimated weight of almost 17 pounds. But there's more. The fishery truly is amazing. You have a lot of options with the well-seasoned fishing guides. You can enjoy fantastic mutton snapper fishing in the channels and cuts. There are some great shark fishing spots or you can choose to go offshore for everything from wahoo to dorado, grouper to amberjack.

If you want to escape to a secluded island paradise with fantastic fishing opportunities, then Tiamo Resort on south Andros Island is for you. It will be your your slice of Caribbean heaven.





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The Dominican Republic ranks as the number one tourist destination in the Caribbean. Although its charming colonial capital, Santo Domingo, has long attracted worldly travelers, such as Christopher Columbus, Punta Cana has emerged as the country's hottest spot among twenty-first-century travelers, including international A-Listers.

Punta Cana is not a city; rather it is an ever-expanding swath of pristine beaches on the Dominican Republic's easternmost cape. Beaches such as Bávaro, Juanillo, and Macao boast sugar-white sands, crystal clear seas, and protected coral reefs. Add in abundant amenities like world-class golfing, incredible resort hotels, and the Caribbean's most well connected international airport, then Punta Cana equals one hot ticket.

What's really great about this destination,

only minutes away from the airport is the Puntacana Resort & Club and everything you need is here.. Yes indeed, this is home to the Caribbean's ultimate fishing and golf experience. Just think about this, you have incredible waters teeming with fish; then add 45 holes of championship golf, set on 15,000 acres of land, no wonder that this destination is a favorite among sports enthusiasts. The hotels in the Dominican are numerous too. You have the AAA Five Diamond Award winning boutique hotel called Tortuga Bay Hotel, The Westin Puntacana Resort & Club, and the Four Points Sheraton at the Puntacana Village. If you want a little more privacy and an exclusive feel then Tortuga Bay should definitely be at the top of your list. This unique hotel exudes an inviting tropical charm, with pastel-colored guest bungalows nestled along the five miles of beautiful private sand beach and waterfront.

Nature takes center-stage at this boutiquesized enclave, part of the Puntacana Resort & Club development. Talk about a private preserve, this leafy setting was inspired by recently deceased fashion designer, Oscar de la Renta, who created the plantation-style masterpiece. Beautiful as these serene spaces are, guests are tempted by a myriad of activities, and at the end of an active day, the Six Senses Spa beckons; many of the treatments are allnatural, making it a great fit for this special place. Oh, the one thing about staying at any of the four hotel properties, your dining experience can be at any one of the five fine restaurants.

Besides being the Cigar Capital of the World, the Dominican Republic rules as the Caribbean's premier golf destination. Considered to be among the top twenty international courses, Corales is a very exclusive eighteen-hole, Tom Fazio designed course. The last three holes, of which have come to be known collectively as the Devil's Elbow are



amazing. No question, Corales has one of the most opulent, lavish layouts and very special oceanfront holes. You'll feel like you are golfing a "Caribbean Augusta Course". Your caddy will prep you on each shot to make your game most enjoyable and rewarding. Another thing, nine of the country's golf courses are included in Golfweek Magazine's 2010 list of the top 50 courses in the Caribbean and Latin America. Former U.S. presidents Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush, plus sports champions and golf enthusiasts from around the world come to enjoy 28 golf courses designed by golf legends such as Pete Dye, P.B. Dye, Jack Nicklaus,





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Now as far as fishing goes; there are numerous charterboat operators that offer complete package plans and all the fishing gear for a great day on the water. This particular coast offers some of the finest fishing in the Caribbean. One of the unique features of these waters is the fact that there is extremely







deep water very close to shore. So no long boat runs and you are fishing within a few miles of leaving the dock. These waters hold a lot of trophy sized dorado (mahi-mahi), wahoo, yellowfin tuna, as well as billfish. You also have fabulous reef fishing for barracuda, grouper , snapper and more.

Without question, Punta Cana has become a generic name, a country brand - the most recognized Dominican brand in the world. Currently, Punta Cana is the most highly visited Caribbean destination and is easily accessible from all over the globe. With dozens of world-class designer golf courses surrounded by magnificent unspoiled nature, breathtaking coastlines and lush green fairways, the Dominican Republic is the new "in" destination for golf. As far as fishing goes, the waters from the reef to blue water offer some great fishing for a variety of fish species.

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Canada's Luxurious Ocean Playground

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the fresh and salty scent of the sea and the sounds of waves washing upon shoreline rocks. You play an incomparable round of championship golf, an ideal blend of Scottish links and traditional parkland play. You head to one of the large ponds and hook up on some feisty rainbow trout and then you escape to the pampering luxury of the Spa and Wellness Centre. It doesn't get any better as your attention now turns to the warm hospitality of the rich accommodations and the incredible local flavors of the gourmet menus. This incredible destination is Fox Harb'r, "Canada's Most Luxurious Ocean Playground."

The charming Fox Harb'r Golf Resort & Spa is as much a rustic lodge as it is a resort for members of society's upper echelon. No question, this resort



is a five-star, first class destination in a very tasteful and quietly elegant way. Beautiful gardens greet you at the entrance as you await the gate to slowly open welcoming you to the property. Manicured gardens line either side of the winding driveway en route to the clubhouse and golf course. As you enter the gates of Fox Harb'r, you'll find twelve manor-style guesthouses, where each suite possesses its own individual character "The course record, by the way, was set in 2009 by a guy named Tiger Woods. He shot a 63 during a private Nike event held at the resort."

and personal charm. Distinctive amenities, heated granite bathroom floors and the finest bed linens are but a few of the things that help us fulfill your needs. Without question, this is a unique, world-class retreat. In addition to gracious accommodations, challenging golf, a serene spa and enticing dining, you'll discover even more incredible facilities and services. There is also a sporting lodge on the property which features skeet shooting, sporting clay as well as fly-fishing. Here's another fact, Nova Scotia is home to more than 7000 lakes and rivers so there's plenty of waters to wet a line. From spending a day on a boat in search of lobsters, to combing the beaches for oysters, to wading the shallow waters while fly fishing, the Northumberland Strait region promises to deliver exceptional fishing experiences one after another. Keep in mind that there are two ponds right at Fox Harb'r, which are stocked with rainbows up to six pounds.

This incredible golf course is another Graham Cooke design, claiming numerous accolades since 2001. Cooke recalls the first visit to the potential land development as, "one of the more exciting walks I've made in my life". The rocky, rugged coast and its high red sandbanks once met thick forest, soggy marshes and open land. Now one of North America's most spectacular golf tracks winds through the trees and parklands before running link-style along the open coastline. Golfers frequently comment on how the diversity of the course landscape blends so harmoniously with Mother Nature.

The golf course measures 7,253 yards from the back tees and is really a "tale of two nines". The outward nine is parkland style featuring tree-lined fairways and wetland areas. It is not until you make the turn that you experience what a great ocean side course this is as the Northumberland Strait can be seen on every hole. The three finishing holes in particular are especially memorable. When you get to the 16th hole, walk to the back tees to the rocky outcrop that juts out into the strait. Take a few minutes and enjoy this moment in time. You are on rarefied ground as there aren't too many other





(top) another gorgeous hole (above) the beautiful sporting lodge (right) a beautiful rainbow caught right on property.

golf courses in Canada, or anywhere for that matter, that provide you with this kind of ocean golf experience.

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The clubhouse, with its marble floors, rich dark woods and granite, spiral staircase connecting the two levels, has all the fine trappings of an exclusive country club. Large windows give those enjoying some fine dining a view of the exterior stone decks, the course and the ocean. Now if you love great food and fine wines, Fox Harb'rs award winning team of culinary experts cater to every taste with seasonally inspired menus showcasing the best of the best. The menu is extensive, anything from melt-in-your-mouth Atlantic lobster to a flavorful Tatamagouche rack of lamb, plus some incredible wines.

Last but not least is their extensive spa and conference center with a junior sized Olympic swimming pool, right next door to the clubhouse. It's a



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→ Top notch golf resorts with great access to freshwater fishing often lay far away from major cities and once there, the choices for both are usually limited to what the property itself has to offer. Ask any golfer who has played in the area and they will tell you that there are so many choices of great courses, it's nearly impossible to pick a favorite.

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→ But why pick just one? There are several that are so strongly designed and maintained that it will always come down to personal preferences and, perhaps more likely, an appreciation of the seamless way the courses fit so comfortably into the granite of the Canadian shield, its forest and flowing waters.



t seems that this rugged terrain holds a special affinity to Canadian golf course designers. Doug Carrick and Thomas McBroom undeniably have had the strongest influence on golf course architecture in and around the Hunstville, Ontario region. Their courses are so outstanding they top most lists of "must play" destinations.

The resort that originally put Muskoka golf on the map still is one of the best. Deerhurst Highlands typifies the terrain characteristic of the region with massive drop-offs from tee to fairway and challenging greens. Tom McBroom and Bob Cupp combined to create this impressive 7,011-yard challenge. Their joint efforts showcase McBroom's penchant for multitiered greens and Cupp's trademark integration of water into the finishing five holes.

Perhaps unique to the region, the Highlands makes the effort to emulate their Scottish cousins over a three-hole loop. Numbers four through six open up into a links-style offering complete with thick fescue and rolling fairways that beckon a different style of play from the other 15 holes. While some sections of the course can be intimidating, there are multiple teeing grounds that can serve to assuage those fears somewhat.

At the northern tip of Lake Joseph is another Thomas McBroom layout aptly named Rocky Crest. To create the 6,943 yard track, McBroom had to bring in more than half a million metric tons of sand in order to provide enough substrate to support the fairways and greens. Hewed from the forest, each hole of this par 71 design is bound by old-growth hemlock and other native species lending an air of privacy to every tee shot and approach.

For his efforts, McBroom garnered Golfweek's ranking as Canada's number 6 course and the par five sixth hole is one of the reasons for its elevated status. A forced drive over a ravine leaves a second shot from a rolling fairway where an uphill green teases some bigger hitters to go for it. Wiser players know that only the perfect shot will be rewarded but a layup and well played wedge can also yield the same results. The entire course is fraught with such decisions.

Doug Carrick has designed some of the Toronto region's top tracks as well as a Scottish gem at Loch Lomond but when he opened the Muskoka Bay Club in 2008 it garnered top marks as Golf Digest's best new course in Canada. Since then, the accolades for this course continue to roll in and most recently Score Golf named it the best course you can play in Ontario and the ninth best course in the nation. Such critical acclaim puts the Muskoka Bay Club on every golfers bucket list.

As the course winds its way through dense forest, the tree-lined fairways create an atmosphere of solitude while the massive elevation changes from the five sets of tees provide spectacular views of the lakes region. Carrick's design opens with a medium length par 4 to provide players an opportunity to get a feel for the undulating turf and the shot-making challenges that lie ahead. After four holes, the warm-up screeches to a halt and a grizzly 547-yard par 5 bares its teeth. Any lapse in concentration guarantees bogie or worse on this aptly rated number one handicap hole.

The back nine reflects the style and strategy of the opening half but holes 14 to 18 include some of Carrick's most vicious yet and visually appealing challenges, starting on 14 with a very long par 5 and finishing on a stretched out par 4 that measures 461 yards from the "Tour" tees. A true pleasure to play in an inspirational setting, the Muskoka Bay Club has to be considered as the apex of the top-tiered courses in the Muskokas.

Perched atop a cliff overlooking the eighteenth green sits the 17,000 square foot clubhouse with amenities such as tennis, fitness, dining and other recreational opportunities designed to supplement and build upon this unique golf experience. To fully appreciate the splendour of this resort, a play and stay package is the best way to get full value and experience the fine hospitality that the Muskoka Bay club has to offer.

Not far away, in Port Carling, is the Lake Joseph Club where McBroom cut a brilliant masterpiece from rock and forest. Here the concept of "Muskoka rough" was born. A euphemism for the loose rock, brush and granite outcroppings that line the fairways, the Lake Joe golf club showcases this characteristic, typical of the entire Muskoka region. The five tee decks stretching from 6,995 to 5,081 yards make it easy for all players to find their sweet spot. Typical of the elevation changes, the number 8 hole is a par 3 that can make proper club selection the deciding factor between making par or one of those dreaded "others". The drop-off can make a three-club difference but add the swirling



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wind in the valley to the narrow elongated green and it becomes virtual guesswork. Fingers crossed and play away.

Carrick and McBroom's successes have led others to emulate their vision and the area has seen dramatic growth in other top-tiered tracks that build upon what nature provides in both the beauty of the landscape and the topographic diversity upon which golfing memories are made. Three other designers have outstanding offers that makes the Muskokas a golf mecca.

With former Masters Champion Mike Weir as its ambassador, the Taboo golf course is located on Lake Muskoka and bears some similarities to Rocky Crest. Designer Ron Garl had a sculptor's inspiration and took what the land provided to create this work of art. A little chip here and there to take the edges off and nature's design was lovingly enhanced by Garl as he carved this gem. There are some outstanding views of the lake and the water on the course is both challenging and unforced. From the tips, Taboo measures 7,174 yards and, playing as a par 71, golfers are likely happy to have some of the downhill tee shots and perhaps even hope for a few good bounces off the rock faces that dot the landscape.

The final two courses on the Muskoka golf trail are both designed by PGA Tour greats Nick Faldo and Mark O'Meara.

Faldo has sculpted his offering on the shores of Lake Rosseau and the tree-lined fairways are a shot-maker's delight. Keeping the ball in play off the tees is mandatory but the sloping greens and natural hazards mean that approaches and putting can eat up more strokes than anticipated even with a good drive. Given the technical challenge of the course, its 6,649 yards from the tips may give the average golfer a false sense of confidence but "Sir Nick" would recommend that the average under-10 handicapper should step forward to the gold blocks (6,140 yards). Golfers simply out for a good time should likely play from the green tees to ensure they enjoy the scenery and keep the stress levels down.

Mark O'Meara partnered with Brit Stenson to create the Grandview Golf Course and its popularity has been on the rise since hosting the 2002 Telus Skins Game featuring a victory by Sergio Garcia over Vijay Singh, John Daly and Mike Weir. Spectacular views of Fairy Lake can easily distract even the most focussed player. However, there is plenty to capture the interest of both competitive and recreational golfers. O'Meara chose to include some risk-reward holes that viewers of the Skins event may recall. Most notable is the 17th hole where a 280-yard par 4 entices many to go for the green from the tee. The safe shot is an iron to avoid the hazard lining the entire left side and the rocks to the right of the green. On the other hand, threading the needle can be exciting and there is a sure birdie in store for those who succeed.

While the golf in Muskoka is memorable, the fishing here is exceptional. Largely warm-water species dominate here with a strong population of largemouth and smallmouth bass. Pike and walleye are always plentiful but the smallies find perfect conditions along these rocky shores reaching monster proportions. Clear waters and visible structure make sight fishing the preferred means of angling. Guides in the area can not only put you onto productive water for these feisty fish but they can bring some native brook trout into play with just a short drive.

A trip to the Muskokas will reward anglers and golfers alike. If you go, plan to spend a few days there. Even better, an extended stay will allow enough time to enjoy the great food, wine and entertainment that abound in the greater Huntsville region. Very few places on earth can offer such a concentration of superb courses and fishing opportunities in such a small area.

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ost people that visit the course for the first time, cant believe that it exists in the State of Florida." There are certain areas of the golf courses that look like Scotland, Ireland or even the Midwest. It's fantastic, it really is," says Scott Wilson, the Director of Golf at Streamsong. "It's nice to get away from the cities."

Far beyond a guintessential golf and spa destination, Streamsong Resort ushers in a new era of luxury in central Florida. Extraordinary is a way of life here. Surrounded by nothing but nature in every direction, Streamsong Resort is situated just under 50 miles southeast of Tampa, enveloped by acres of rolling greens and glittering lakes. The 216-room main lodge houses custom-built guest rooms and suites that are modern and sophisticated, with views extending over the horizon, fostering a true sanctuary vibe. Spaces are no less than 530 square feet in size, and feature floorto- ceiling windows, walk-in showers, double vanities, and boutique amenities designed to accommodate every detail of your stay. Take advantage of the lodge's complete fitness center and outdoor lakeside pool, or spend some quiet time relaxing in the serene loft/ lounge area. Perfectly set with lakes on its sunrise and sunset sides, Streamsong Resort takes full advantage of its splendid setting with plenty of scenic observation spots, and the lack of city lights makes for incredible starlight views, especially from the rooftop lounge.



Without question, this is Florida's newest premier golf resort with 36-hole golf layout designed by golf industry's leading architects – Tom Doak's Renaissance Design (Streamsong Blue) and Bill Coore & Ben Crenshaw (Streamsong Red). Streamsong Resort was awarded – "The #1 Best Public Golf Course in Florida in 2015.) Not only are the two courses very linksy, but also they're walking only, unless you have a medical dispensation or it's summer, when it's just too hot and humid for most mortals to walk.

You don't have to take a caddie, but it's highly recommended, especially if it's your first time. A smart caddie, in this case, will certainly help you navigate the course and read greens. While there isn't an overabundance of blind shots, there are some, and the caddies have good advice on laying up, where to miss or what part of the green to hit to avoid an impossible putt. By the way, whether you're going out to Streamsong for a day or for an extended weekend, you're going to want to play both courses.

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At the resort it's valet parking only, because when you get there, you won't need to be driving anywhere – and there's also no parking lot next to the resort. While the courses aren't next to the hotel (it was done that way intentionally), there's a shuttle that will take you back and forth any time you need it. And since there's nothing close by, it's not like you're going to want to get in your car and have dinner somewhere else. Fortunately, the four restaurants at Streamsong Resort are way beyond adequate, so you won't want to venture off campus to eat. Dining ranges from terrific seafood and aged steaks at the clubhouse Restaurant Fifty-Nine (named for the elusive score accomplished only by six PGA Tour pros) to the rooftop Fragmentary Blue, the perfect spot for watching sunsets.

Renowned architect Alberto Alfonso designed both the clubhouse and The Lodge. The architecture meant to blend in with the surroundings, offers simple but elegant functionality.



The Fishing From freshwater and saltwater fishing to deep-sea and fly-fishing, Florida has long been known as an angler's paradise. It has the highest number of saltwater anglers in the United States and leads all states in economic impact for its fresh and saltwater recreational fisheries. It's also home to the International Game Fishing Association, the world's foremost global authority on record-breaking fishing, which is only fitting since Florida has more world-record fish catches than any other state or country. So when it comes to freshwater, the largemouth bass becomes the angling catch. No wonder Florida is considered the "Bass Fishing Capital of the World". And believe it or not, one of the very best bass fishing areas in the entire state can be found right her at Streamsong. The pristine streams and lakes offer unparalleled fishing, where bass here average a hefty 6 lbs. in weight—and if you're one of the fortunate ones to catch a bass of 10 lbs.

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Streamsong?" you might ask. After all, it seems to be in the middle of nowhere, and it is, sort of. You can actually fly into Tampa-St. Petersburg or Orlando; Tampa, however, is a little closer. Either way, you should plan on at least a 90-minute drive to get out there from either. The drive out will provide perspective as to how this place developed. The resort is located on tens of thousands of acres owned by The Mosaic Company, which has for decades mined for phosphate. The result of the transformation is one incredible, luxurious, world-class golf and fishing experience.

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Flying into Aucklands makes for an easy trip north to Kauri Cliffs, about four hours by car from the airport. The resort is located near the Bay of Islands and the scenery is spectacular. A good way to break up the drive is by catching your breath at some of the Northland wineries, but if you wish to go straight to Kauri Cliffs the wineries will be there waiting for you later. There are five near the town of Kerikeri, which is on the doorstep of the resort, so a day trip is well within reach.

Kauri Cliffs is set on 6,000 acres of pristine land near Matauri Bay and from the main lodge there are panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and the Cavalli Islands. Twenty-two cottage suites and a two-bedroom owner's cottage provide luxury accommodation with a porch overlooking the golf course and a fireplace in each. The spa is nestled into the trees a short walk from the rooms and there is a fabulous infinity edge pool near the main lodge, where a sunset view and the ocean combine to sooth the senses and prepare you for an evening of fine dining and the taste of great wines.

Golf at Kauri is spectacular. Hosting the 2008 and 2009 PGA Tour challenge, the par 72 Championship course measures just

can choose to bite off as much of this beauty as you dare but the first time out playing from the middle tees is recommended. There are some very interesting carries across chasms and the views from the course are so visually stunning that you'll want to drink it all in. The finishing hole is a great example. A forced carry to the fairway and an uphill journey to the green culminate in a sense of accomplishment. After you reach down to pull the ball out of the hole look up to see where you have just been. You will be mesmerized for an instant by the wild beauty of this spectacular view.

Fishing at Kauri is best done right at the shoreline. Having looked down onto the pink sand beach from atop the tee boxes, the tables have turned and the views back up the cliffs that give the resort its name are just as breathtaking. There is no one else on these private beaches to worry about. Just try to keep your focus on the line as there are great eating fish well within reach. Snapper is a delicate fish commonly found here and if you wish, the chef will prepare it to your liking for dinner.

While it is painful to leave Kauri Cliffs, the Farm at Cape Kidnappers is always at the top of any golfer's bucket list during a trip to middle earth. It is a long drive from the Northland to Cape Kidnappers near Hawkes Bay so breaking the trip up by stopping in Lake Taupo for some fly-fishing and golf is virtually mandatory.

There are a couple of great golf courses in the area. Wairakei and Kinloch are two top-tiered tracks with Kinloch in the top 100 courses of the world and is a great Nicklaus design with

immeasurably.



accommodations on site. Wairakei has won accolades of its own as a top destination for golfers and both are close to tons of fishing. Lake Taupo has hundreds of tributary streams flowing into this crater lake. Each is filled with brown and rainbow trout that are very accessible from the road that rings the lake.

From the center of the island to Cape Kidnappers, it is a smooth ride along the ridges of mountain parkways to the shores of Hawkes Bay. Arriving at the gates of the Farm at Cape Kidnappers you will follow a wooded lane leading upwards to beautiful cottages perched atop the ridge overlooking the working sheep farm and the blue ocean waters beyond. The lodge itself is a stylistic farm house but with a difference. Rustic elegance doesn't really describe how well appointed it is. From a library room lit by a large fireplace, to a visually stunning dining room overlooking the farm, only the quality of the service, food and wine overshadow the embrace of the stone and timber structure.

Day trips to swing flies in trout-infested waters are easy to arrange and there are even helicopter trips available to get the full New Zealand fishing experience. Spinning gear is also often allowed on the rivers, streams and lakes and there are over 20 of them within driving distance from the property. There are lots of trophies to be had but it's really tough passing up the myriad of chances for average catches for that fish of a lifetime.

Golf at the Farm is exceptional. Tom Doak designed this test and in doing so he took full advantage of what the land had to offer. This is a spectacular case where nature presented an opportunity for man to nurture and through that partnership achieve the pinnacle of pleasure for golfers and naturalists alike. At times, the course feels like the fjords of Norway with its fingers reaching out to the ocean and greens precariously set along cliffs that plunge to the rocky shores below. Yet it is exactly these features that make the footprint of the course so magical and renowned. In fact, this is the number 33 rated track in the world but this is a serious understatement.







Left: Cape Kidnappers has been hailed as one of the great modern marvels in golf. *Top*: Amazing fly-fishing streams and rivers for big trout like this.

Bottom: The Lodge at Cape Kidnappers, quaint and luxurious.





Southward bound and 90 minutes from the Nelson airport on the north end of the south island lies the best five-star fly fishing lodge in the country. Owen River Lodge is situated in the middle of some of the top trout rivers on the island and arguably some of the finest trophy waters in the world. With access to more than 25 rivers and streams holding big browns and feisty rainbows, there will always be an opportunity to find fish that will reward beginners and pro's alike. Helicopter fishing is also available for those seeking the most pristine and remote areas but New Zealand is a sparsely populated country with very clean waters that are never crowded so taking a short drive to wet a line often provides the best value.

The lodge itself provides guests with their own cabins atop the ridge overlooking a pastoral meadow and the namesake Owen River. The cabins are well-appointed with large bathrooms, king beds, and verandas where you can relax and take in the scenery of the Kahurangi National Park. As an all-inclusive destination, the food and wine is an epicurean delight with wines largely from the nearby world-famous Marlborough region topping the list. And all-inclusive also means you don't have to bring any gear if you don't wish to. The resort carries some of the best equipment available including Simms wading apparel and Sage rods and reels. If you care to bring your own then 5- or 6-weight rods are recommended.

If you can tear yourself away from the enchantment of the Owen River Lodge, the next stop should be Christchurch to enjoy some great golf at some of the best that the south island has to offer. A day-long scenic drive along the eastern coastline is dotted with places when the mountains meet the sea that will literally take your breath away and forever carve this rugged island beauty into your memory.

Just north of the Christchurch airport lies Clearwater Golf resort, home of the NZ Women's Open Championship for 2015. Designed by Bob Charles in 2002, the par 72 layout has five teeing grounds that allow each player an opportunity to enjoy their day and take on as much challenge as they care to. The greens are large and accommodating but there are some intimidating water holes, particularly on the par threes. Meandering throughout the course is a clear water stream that golfers need to be wary of but anglers can appreciate. It's not unusual to spot a 15-inch trout lying under a bridge or in the shady part of the stream's edge.

Other golfing opportunities in the area include the Pegasus Bay Golf Club, a parkland par 72 layout, and the Christchurch Golf Club right in the heart of the city. Both are a pleasure to play and are well suited to all levels of skill.

Otahuna Lodge is, by far, the best place to call home while enjoying golf and the fishing opportunities provided by the rivers flowing eastward to the ocean in the Canterbury region. Salmon fishing predominates here and access to great waters is easy and close at hand but trout fishing is also available. Access to the streams of the west coast mountains is always an option if you wish to travel by helicopter. The lodge can make these arrangements but local guides are always a great way to find productive fishing spots, if heli-fishing is a bit too adventurous.

The lodge itself is a Victorian mansion built in 1895 and reflects all the luxury of a bygone era through its faithful restoration of furnishings and art works. From this "little hill among the hills" (The Maori translation for Otahuna) the Southern Alps line the horizon with their snowy peaks and rugged profile. Beyond the stunning visual sensations, the lodge offers a culinary experience to please your senses of taste and smell. The chef's preparation of delicacies from local farms and gardens is paired with wines from the nearby Waipara valley, carefully chosen to compliment the kitchen's epicurean delights. Seven large suites with fireplaces and antique furnishings ensures that each guest will get the royal treatment but it also means that early reservations are best if you are to secure a room in this nirvana.

With so many places to fish and golf in New Zealand it is hard to fit it all into a single trip. Undoubtedly a return visit will be rewarded and with a few silver ferns to light your path it won't be hard to find your way to paradise once again.

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LIAM NEESON

Neeson has always been a respected actor in Hollywood, with an Academy Award nomination for his work as the titular character in Schindler's List and a slew of other acclaimed roles to his credit. However, Neeson has enjoyed resurgence in popularity in recent years, becoming an "old guy action star" with films like Taken, Unknown, and Non-Stop. Here's a beautiful trout that Liam's guide is supporting.



▲ TOM CRUISE

Tom Cruise has announced he is officially finished with Hollywood and is opening a new guiding service based out of Alcova, Wyoming. "Nicole and Katie would never let me go fishing and it wasn't until my most recent divorce that I realized I was wasting my life making lousy movies." The new guide service will be named The Church of Flyentology and will offer guided trips that are guaranteed to be a bridge to total freedom and larger trout.



▲ JAMIE LEE CURTIS

The daughter of film star Tony Curtis, Jamie Lee Curtis launched her big screen career with Halloween in 1978 and since that time has been in more than 20 major films including "A Fish Called Wanda" and "True Lies". Known also as an author of children's books, Curtis takes the time when she can to fly fish.

► HARRISON FORD

Harrison Ford is a noted fishing hobbyist. Ford has said a few times that he doesn't fish as much as he used to. After all, the actor has been surprisingly prolific in recent years, appearing in four films in 2013 alone. However, we'd gladly pull Ford out of retirement if only to have a chance to catch fish with Han Solo and Indiana Jones himself. Thumbs up for another nice fish release!



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The Tuna is one of the strongest fighters an angler can hook, with battles usually lasting several hours and fish weighing several hundred pounds regularly being brought back to port.

migratory species, the Bluefin Tuna follows the stream of warm water flowing from the Gulf of Mexico in search of food. This gulf-stream passes just off the coast of P.E.I., making the waters a prime location for some big-game fishing action.

The Tuna is one of the strongest fighters an angler can hook, with battles usually lasting several hours and fish weighing several hundred pounds regularly being brought back to port. Throughout the 1970's and 80's Prince Edward Island was a Mecca for Tuna fishermen. In particular, North Lake, located on P.E.I's easternmost tip, was once known internationally as "The Bluefin Tuna Capital of the World". Large numbers of Tuna, some tipping the scales at over 1,000 pounds, were caught year after year at this remote location. Then, seemingly out of the blue, the Tuna completely disappeared.

The late 1990's saw the gradual return of the Giant Bluefin Tuna to Island waters. In 2000, the fish were caught in numbers so great that North Lake could once again claim its place as the ultimate destination for Tuna seekers.

What makes the Bluefin Tuna so valuable to the P.E.I. fishing industry? Quite simply,

Japanese fish markets pay big, big bucks for even a single fish. Though anglers pay to catch the fish, it is the captain of the boat who retains selling rights for this catch. Once caught and brought back to port, the tuna are cleaned and dressed, packed in ice and shipped to Japan. There, appraisers judge the firmness and quality of the flesh before making a bid for the fish. They are then sold to private restaurants and used to make sushi, a traditional Japanese seafood delicacy. If the flesh is of proper quality bidders pay tens of thousands of dollars for just a single fish! Suffice it to say that Tuna fishing in P.E.I., assuming the stocks are plentiful; can be a most lucrative business for Island fishermen.

Fishing for these Tuna is a rare privilege for the avid big-game fisherman.

This Atlantic Bluefin Tuna is also known as the Northern Bluefin Tuna. Even though the Bluefin Tuna is over-fished in certain parts of the world, Prince Edward Island is heavily regulated and fishermen are only allowed to catch one tuna for the year commercially, which is why catch and release is the main theme with one of the top fishing adventure charters in PEI. These tuna are regularly seen and can grow up



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It's characteristics like these that have seen PEI as an award winner by The International Association of Golf Travel Operators (IAGTO). PEI also has the distinction of being the first Canadian province to host the Golf Channel's "Big Break" while our world-class greens have also hosted masters like Mike Weir, Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson, Vijay Singh, Fred Couples and Prince Edward Island's own LPGA professional, Lorie Kane.

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The Azores Archipelagos are so far removed from the rest of the planet that it is one place where you can find peace and quiet while having the pleasure of incredible adventures.

By Robert Dankowsky

ying between North America and Europe, just five hours by plane from Toronto, these nine Portuguese islands - São Miguel, Santa Maria, Terceira, Faial, Pico, São Jorge, Graciosa, Flores, and Corvo - are the westernmost point in Europe, about nine hundred miles off the coast of Portugal. Many of their inhabitants over the years have been fishermen, whalers, and seafarers, and beginning in the mid-nineteenth century, some began to venture out from their islands. Even if the Azores archipelago was not the remains of the sunken Atlantis, one cannot help but be fascinated by the islands' stunning landscape, rich wildlife and fascinating history. Whether you are looking for nature experiences, catching a huge marlin, a game of golf or just want to escape urban stress, then these islands are the perfect destination.





There's no rational explanation why such lush, tranquil islands exist amid such bracing, turbulent seas. The surrounding Atlantic plunges to depths of 10,000 feet, yet farmers pass the days in velvety pastures rimmed not by fences but by neat rows of azaleas and hydrangeas. Mighty sperm whales breach offshore as beachcombers tiptoe through serene tidal pools made of hardened black lava. And the subtropical breezes are as calm and fragrant as when Christopher Columbus stopped by after his maiden voyage to America.

Seismic rattlings, hydrothermal upsurges, and the occasional magma hiccup continue to shape and reshape these islands, and some say this is partly why so many Azoreans put so much faith in God. Prayers for good weather are certainly answered on Terceira, which is the sunniest and perhaps friendliest of all the islands. It also has the most action. That's not to suggest it's Ibiza, but its prosperous-looking main town, Angra do Heroísmo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, still attracts an international crowd as it did when whalers, traders, and treasure hunters roamed its cobblestoned streets.

The deep water cuts and channel between these beautiful islands make this one of the most exciting places in the world for the fishing enthusiast. The most prized fish in the Azores is the Atlantic blue marlin with an average weight of over 500 pounds "YESTERDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2014, THE SEVEN BOATS FISHING OUT OF THE AZORES CAUGHT 26 BLUE MARLIN OUT OF 51 STRIKES, WITH EIGHT OF THOSE FISH ESTIMATED AT OR ABOVE THE

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and many weighing over 800 pounds. Many world records have been caught in the Azorean waters. These include a 1310 pound blue marlin; a 974 pound bluefin tuna (woman's world record); a 573 pound blue marlin caught on 4 lb line, world record bluefish, hammerhead and a number of others. So when it comes to Invitational Marlin Tournaments, anglers all head to the Azores for Mr. Big.

Presently there are three different golf courses in the Azores, one in Terceira and two in S. Miguel. Another golf course is under construction in Pico and a project is underway for a golf course in Faial. The newest course is in Batalha, along the northern coast of the island of São Miguel, about ten minutes from Ponta Delgada. It consists of 27 holes, with long "fairways" and excellent "greens". Beautiful views of the north coast of the island highlight the blue of the Atlantic ocean and the contrasting beautiful green pastures. Batalha is one of the largest golf courses in Portugal. The Furnas Golf Course is the Azorean golfers' favorite 18-hole course and anyone who admires rolling green pasture, you know, you breathe the purest, most refreshing air ever.

These nine islands definitely offer some world-class fishing and unique golf experiences with amazing landscapes and a lot of peace and quiet.





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The Football Football Years

These were the football years! A great college career at Kent State University put Henry as the first round pick with the Hamilton Tiger Cat Football Club in the CFL (Canadian Football League).

The sindeed, it was all about playing professional football, but that fishing passion was still instilled in his blood, thanks to his dad. Henry fished practically every day for salmon on Lake Ontario, until 3 pm and then head to practice. Most of the time, he brought 20 to 30 lb salmon right into the training room and set them near the whirlpool area and covered them with ice until practice was over.

However, here's the story that started his big fishing career. Henry signed up for the St Catharine's Big Salmon Hunt Fishing Tournament near Buffalo N.Y. In the first week, he caught a monster coho salmon weighing 21 pounds 8 ounces . He took the fish in to the reporting station, weighed it, the committee took photos of it, they clipped the cheek to verify the fish had been caught and tagged it, all was good; Henry thought. Well, with the fish being on ice for a couple of weeks on, Henry decided not to eat this fish, so he cut off the head, and mounted it on a board like his dad used to do, and dry it in the sun. After the six-week tournament was over, a committee member called and said, " congratulations Henry, your fish held and you won first prize winning a boat, motor, trailer and goods amounting to almost \$15,000. Just bring your fish to the press conference tomorrow". I guess he didn't read the fine print in the rules. Henry stated, " Well, I have the fish





head, is that OK?" The guy on the phone yelled out to the committee, "You won't believe this, this Henry guy ate the fish!" Henry exclaimed, no, no I didn't, but it didn't matter. The next day across Canada, the front page of every sports section showed an illustration of a football player sitting in front of a table with his football uniform on, #50 on his jersey, a fish skeleton on the plate and instead of salad under the fish were \$100 bills and headline exclaimed, "Hungry Cat Eats Fish", because Henry played for the Hamilton Tigercats. Well from then on, everyone was booking his charter boats to go fishing with the sideline statement, "Hey Henry, don't eat our fish, OK?"

On a side note, the committee couldn't give him first place but he did get second. After his 10 year All Star career with the Ticats, he decided to retire and fish professionally.

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These were the ground breaking years in the Canadian fishing industry. Henry wrote and self published his first book, "1000 Tips From The Pros" which sold over 50,000 copies before it was translated into French as well. It covered all the popular freshwater gamefish in Canada, easy to use, with lots of great tips and tactics.

The Early Years

Le also brough tin various species of fish, 100 chairs were set up in front with five seminars daily. He also brought in various species of display with tackle tip sessions, merchandizing and so much more. It worked! It got to the point that he could have been booked every weekend but decided to do 10 major shows per season.

In 1985, TSN, The Sports Network, now owned by ESPN, became the major sports network in Canada and Henry went to them and asked if they wanted a Canadian fishing program and they of course said yes, and that was the beginning of Canada's #1 rated outdoor program called Canadian Sportfishing.

As President of the company, Henry traveled the country promoting the top fishing lodges and the great fishing Canada had to offer. His creativeness in video production also brought new standards in the outdoor field. He didn't stop there, writing a total of eight fishing books in that time period and came out with a magazine under the same name.

Change was coming as Henry was sold on saltwater fishing. He traveled to Florida numerous times a year not only to film a variety of fishing experience in the salt but also as family vacations. He was also involved in a lot of celebrity golf events and in a televised Skins Game, famed PGA golfer, Nick Price recognized Henry and asked him to join him on a fishing adventure to Africa, which he did. It was there that Nick said to Henry, " Do you realize how many golfers like to fish and visa versa. You should do a show that involves fishing and golf together" and within weeks, Fins & Skins was born.

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FINS&SKINS Classic It was time for change, Tiger Woods took the world of golf by storm and the timing was perfect to introduce a brand new fishing/ golf competition to the airwayes. It was not low handicaps and record fish; it was about fun, taking the celebrity into a field of relaxation so the viewer could get to know more about them.



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t was about showcasing the golf course and having a fun competition with a birdie, par and bogie here and there. It was about having the celebrity enjoy their fishing day on the water, and creating a handicap system that would make each and every match a close one.

In fact, PGA celebrity golfer Nick Price was Henry's first guest, filmed in Florida. The show was definitely unique and created quite the buzz. The Fins & Skins Classic Adventures TV Series certainly lived up to its reputation as one the most entertaining shows that has a unique mix between the sports celebrity guest, some great fishing and a Skins Game in golf. The show brought the former CFL All Star, Henry Waszczuk together with another big name celebrity in a fun fishing and golf competition. In addition, the destination, the resort and amenities were featured in each section of the TV special. So besides enjoying a fun match, the viewer found a new adventure that he might want to experience himself. Finding a golf course to play was pretty easy but to find great fishing nearby was the challenge but Henry with his vast experience always found the perfect fishing/golf destination to film.

The program format has always emphasized the fun with two great sports available at the selected destination, Fins for fishing and Skins for golf. There are golf profiles and celebrity cameos intermixed with profiles of the resort. Over the years there have been well over 100 top sports celebrities and actors featured in this TV Series. Previous personalities who have participated include: Actress Jane Seymour, Actor James Keach, (MLB) Wade Boggs, (PGA) Nick Faldo, (Olympian) Catriona Le May Doan, (skater) Kurt Browning among others. As always, Henry leads you on unforgettable journeys to the best fishing and golf destinations in the world!

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From his first visit to the Florida Keys back in 1985, Henry has always had a passion for saltwater fishing. From bonefish to tarpon, redfish to snook, Florida just offered so many exciting and strong fighting fish and so a new TV series was born called Fishing the Flats. It is still one of the countries top watched saltwater TV series.

t has consistently been the top ranked show in the outdoor block of various networks including FOX SPORTS, TUFF TV and TSN, The Sports Network, and there are many reasons for that. The education, the entertainment value, awesome destinations and hot spots with a variety of fish species makes this TV series so unique. Each episode focuses on the strong fighting shallow water fish in the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean. Locations include Florida, Belize, Bahamas, Mexico, the Cayman Islands and more. Viewers have been treated to visiting some of the most incredible fishing lodges and resorts in the world.

There is never a dull moment and the excitement in stalking each and every fish makes the show entertaining, add the incredible aerial footage, underwater action and great music, it doesn't get any better. With this TV Series, Henry uses techniques that vary from fly-fishing to conventional gear, all on light tackle mind you for the most exciting fights one can experience. The series is graphically enhanced in a magazine format covering places to stay, weekly fishing tips, fish recipes and so much more!

The logo was created by good friend Steve Gauder back in 2001 and has been a mainstay not only with the TV Series but also in merchandising. Henry's sun apparel line from Mojo, branded with the Fishing the Flats logo has excelled in sales each and every year.





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HERE COMES FINS & SKINS MAGAZINE & THE FISHIN GUY APP

Even though social media and internet driven properties were gaining momentum, Henry still felt that there was a need for a fishing and golf destination magazine, so in 2005, Fins + Skins Travel Magazine was born. 2015 is the 10th year for Fins & Skins Travel Magazine, a premier source for exceptional golfing, freshwater and saltwater fishing vacation packages around the world. Remember, Henry and his team have been at all the featured destinations and they know them well! When it comes to facts, they know when and where the fish are biting and what golf courses are likely to please the reader most. It's all about giving the proper information so it insures one has a flawless vacation plan. In other words, reduce the stress of going somewhere unknown and still increase your enjoyment! We all are visiting fishing and golf resorts in record numbers and it's easy to see why. People of all ages, abilities and budgets are discovering the real term for Fins & Skins (fins for fishing) and (skins for golf). World renown resorts that offer great fishing and golf all at one location are the real winners, and what a way to bring them to reality by featuring them in this annual magazine! Henry matches up the destinations from TV series of the same name, Fins & Skins Classic Adventures and then add the great leads from editorial staff and those that yes, just love to fish and golf as well, it just doesn't get any better.

In addition, Henry has taken all his resource information and created one of the top selling fishing APP's in the marketplace today. It's called, "The Fishin Guy". Wonder how the name came about? Well, Waszczuk (waschuck) is not a difficult name to say once you have heard it once, but if you look at it for the first time, it might be a tongue twister. Well, Henry does travel a lot and is recognized quite frequently, whether it be a restaurant, an airport or an event and the first thing one would hear, "Hey Henry, you're the Fishin Guy on TV". So that became the name of the APP. It covers everything from Fish Species, descriptions, tips, techniques, top lures, hot spots and more; all on one device.


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I thought I would answer this personally as I get asked for advice on this subject far more than any other question concerning fishing. Many anglers, dream of a fishing career and so they ask, how did you start? How do get you get sponsors? How do you connect with the networks? And so much more! Fishing for a living was my dream, and I know there are lots of other people who have or had the same dream.

he advice I have is from my own experience, a blueprint if you will. It has been a hard road to travel, but perhaps it might answer some questions you have. Back 30 years ago there was no template, there was no book with answers, no google, nothing. It was all exploration and decisions that made sense at the time. Basically trial and error.

One of the sayings that I'm most fond of regarding a fishing career is, "If you have the passion, stick with it. The grind will be tough, but it will be worthwhile". Unless you're rich, money will be a major factor in how you approach a fishing career.

For me, my dad got me instilled with fishing at a very young age, around four and I just loved it. When I say that I loved it, I mean it. Fishing became everything to me, even when I was playing professional football. Any day off and I went fishing. When I fished, I was focused and wanted to learn as much as I could to be successful every time I was on the water. I was able to learn at a rate that I never knew in school and for the first time ever, I had a passion, an unrelenting desire to gain as much knowledge and experience as possible in the shortest amount of time. But every year that went buy, I did learn, I met more anglers in the industry, and with their knowledge, I grew to be a better angler myself.

Nothing was going to stop me...nothing. As I had commitment, and back 30 years ago, there wasn't the competition there is today, there was no "youtube", no affordable cameras, in my time, we're talking big investment for little return.



Not only was I willing to sleep in a car, rent cameras, travel on my dime, work 18 hour days, ask stupid questions, clean boats, hang around tackle shops until they wanted to kick me out, work for free, and so much more to make it happen, but I did all of those things with a giant smile on my face. Because, for me, I was going to make it!

I of course, like you, asked for advice and got very little, and anything I got, never really helped. My dream became reality because of hard work and good business sense. I am sure that some people probably gave me some great advice or contacts that may just not have made sense to me at the time. The fact is that my story of how I was able to become a professional fisherman is a little different than others, but my driving force was the passion to succeed, work hard and do the better than just OK.

Want the secret? Well, here you go. First, determine what you want. You say that you want to work on a charter boat, others say they want to be a flats guide, an offshore guide, a trout fishing guide, a youtube fenom ... you name it. The method is all the same. Just do it. That's it. Just go out there and do it.

You are not happy with your job, your life, your situation? Change it. However, when you make your move and you guit your regular job, the key two words that will come to fruition will be" hard work". There are three skill sets needed to suceed, public speaking, marketing and sales experience to gain the sponsors needed to put a new TV series together for the air waves.

Oh, to answer the question asked in the beginning, yes, I still want to

fish for a living. Yes, I still have the same passion as when I started 30 years ago, so is it that time, time to retire. Retire to what? I already play golf and fish for a living. Time will tell but when we see each other on the water, please wave and say hello. Remember, we are angling friends forever

And last but not least, I thank my wife Mary, for being at my side for almost 50 years in full support of my endeavors, through all the ups and downs; I could have not done it without her!





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How to:

1. Preheat grill to high (about 550°F). 2. Brush tuna steaks with 1 tbsp. oil and season with Amazing Steak Spice, gently pressing the spices into the fish to adhere. 3. Place seasoned tuna steaks on grill and sear for about 15-30 seconds on one side. Remove tuna from grill and place centered onto plank, raw side down. 4. Reduce grill temperature to medium-high (about 450°-500°F). 5. Pack cold mashed potatoes around tuna steaks, creating a tight wall around the tuna and leaving the tuna exposed in the middle. 6. Shingle scallops over tuna, sprinkle with green onions and drizzle with remaining 1 tbsp. of oil. 7. Place plank in grill, close lid and grill-bake for 15 to 20 minutes, checking periodically to insure plank is not on fire and fish and potatoes are golden brown but not burning. 8. Remove plank from grill, brush potatoes with melted butter and serve immediately with extra butter for dipping.







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Fry single eggs to desired style, toast buns buttered side down for 15 seconds .

To serve: Place fish on bun, spread mayonnaise and hot sauce if desired on fish, add egg, tomato slice and bun top.

Pig Candy

Preheat barbecue to 350 with indirect setup, combine brown sugar and cayenne in a small mixing bowl, mix well. Lay bacon out evenly on baking/cooling rack and sprinkle half of the sugar mixture over bacon.

Cook bacon for 10 minutes. Flip bacon over and sprinkle the remaining sugar mixture on bacon. Cook for 10 more minutes or to your liking. Cool bacon for 10 minutes before sampling, bacon will firm and crisp up as it cools.

Bio

Steve Adams is a three time Canadian BBQ Champion and has represented Canada in various International Championships. Steve is also a featured chef for the grill recipes on the award winning Fishing the Flats TV Series.



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What You Need

Hand-held blender; Sharp-edged spatula

Ingredients

1 stick fresh sugar cane (approx.6 to 8 inches/15 to 20 cm long) 1 cup (250 mL) dark rum 1 cinnamon stick (approx. 2 inches/10 cm long) 1½ lb (675 g) fresh tuna loin

Grilled Pineapple Ginger Compote

1 fresh ripe pineapple, peeled ¼ cup (60 mL) honey Splash of dark rum (approx. 1 oz/30 mL) 1 tsp (5 mL) minced fresh ginger | Juice of ½ lemon Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste Pinch of hot red pepper flakes 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh cilantro

¼ cup (60 mL) crushed peanuts

GRILLED SUGAR CANE TUNA STICKS WITH GRILLED PINEAPPLE GINGER COMPOTE

How to: Using a sharp knife, peel the sugar cane. This might be a bit of work, but you want to expose the sweet inner flesh. Once you have it peeled, cut the cane into 4 equal skewers, each about ¼ to ½ inch (0.5 to 1 cm) square and about 6 to 8 inches (15 to 20 cm) long. Cut a point at one end of each of the skewers. Place skewers into self-sealing storage bag. Pour in the rum and add the cinnamon stick. Seal and let stand to marinate for 1 hour. The cane will suck up the rum and cinnamon flavors, giving you deliciously flavored sticks. **Cut** the tuna into sixteen 1½-inch (4 cm) square chunks. Skewer 4 chunks of tuna onto each rum-soaked sugar cane skewer. Don't throw that rum marinade out. You can enjoy it in a beverage or use in your Grilled Pineapple Ginger Compote. Fire up your grill to 550-650°F (290-345°C). Slice the pineapple into ten or twelve ¼-inch (0.5 cm) thick slices. Grill the slices for 2–3 minutes per side, until lightly charred and tender. Remove from grill. Count out 4 slices of grilled pineapple and set aside for garnish. Coarsely chop the remaining slices of grilled pineapple and place in medium pot. Over medium heat, drizzle the grilled slices of pineapple with honey, add a splash of dark rum and minced ginger and stir. Add the lemon juice and season with a pinch of kosher salt and black pepper. Continue to cook for 5 minutes, until just bubbling. Remove from heat and, using blender, purée the grilled pineapple mixture until it is almost smooth but still a little chunky. Stir in the hot pepper flakes and set aside, keeping warm. **Season** the tuna skewers with a little kosher salt and black pepper. Grill the sugar cane tuna skewers for 1–2 minutes per side for rare to medium-rare doneness. Remove from grill. Stir the fresh cilantro into the warm Grilled Pineapple Ginger Compote and spoon over the grilled tuna skewers. Garnish dish with a sprinkling of crushed peanuts and serve immediately.

Bio

Ted Reader is an award winning chef and food entertainer who's parlayed his passion for food into a culinary tour de force that includes shelves of food products, live culinary performances, TV appearances and more than a dozen books including his newest, Gastro Grilling!









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DR. BBQ'S FISH CHOWDER By **Ray Lampe**, Dr. BBQ

Serves 10

Ingredients

4 slices bacon, diced | 2 cloves garlic, crushed 2 Tablespoons olive oil | 1 medium onion, diced 1 green pepper, seeded and diced 1 cup diced celery | 2 cloves garlic, crushed 3 medium carrots, peeled and diced One 28 oz can petite diced tomatoes One 15 oz can vegetable broth 1 cup fish stock or clam juice One 15 oz can Cannellini beans, drained 1 cup water | 2 teaspoons salt 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning 1 teaspoon black pepper 1 and ½ lbs boneless fish, cut into bite size cubes **How to:** Heat a Dutch oven on the grill at 350f. Add the bacon and cook, stirring occasionally until the fat is rendered and the bacon is cooked. Add the olive oil and stir. Add the onion, pepper, celery, and carrot and stir well. Cook, stirring occasionally for about 10 minutes or until the vegetables are soft. Add the garlic, tomatoes, broth, stock, beans, water, salt, Italian seasoning, and pepper. Mix well. Close the Egg and bring to a simmer. Cook for 30 minutes. Add the fish and return to a simmer. Cook for 20 minutes. If the chowder is too thick just add a little water and bring back to temp. Check for seasoning and add salt, pepper if needed. Serve with oyster crackers.

Bio

Ray Lampe is one of the featured grill masters on Fishing the Flats. He has written six cookbooks and has been featured on a number of the Food Networks top show. He travels the country as the spokeschef for The Big Green Egg grill and smoker.



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Griddle Corn Cakes

2 1/4c unbleached flour sifted

Tomato Jam

3c fresh corn kernel | 3 eggs beaten

PAN SEARED COBIA WITH JALAPENO PARSLEY PUREE, GRIDDLED CORN CAKE, TOMATO JAM

Cobia Griddle Corn Cakes

How to: Mix corn, corn puree, and beaten eggs. In separate bowl mix baking powder and flour. Add flour mixture to corn mixture. Slowly pour in milk. Season with salt. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Tomato Jam

Place all ingredients in a non reactive pan and simmer for 30-35 minutes stirring constantly until thick. Set aside

Jalapeno Parsley Puree

Place all ingredients in blender and puree until smooth.

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4 tomatoes, ripe, coarsely pureed | 1 shallot sliced thin 2 cloves garlic sliced thin | 1 TB mustard seeds 2 TB honey | Lime juice of 1 2 large basil leaves torn in to pieces 1 sprig tarragon | 1/4c sugar | 2 tsp red pepper flakes

4 portions -6 oz Cobia Seasoned with sea salt, pepper

2c fresh corn puree (2c corn pureed with 1/4cream)

2 1/4c queso fresco or white cheddar grated

1¹/₂ tsp baking powder | 1c whole milk

Jalapeno Parsley Puree

3 jalapenos diced, seeded | 1c parsley, washed, stemmed 1/2c olive oil | Salt to taste

ds Chef Steve Phelps opened Indigenous restaurant in 2011, and since then has honed his reputation as one of the region's most inspirational and educational chefs, earning a James Beard Foundation semifinalist nomination for Best Chef, South in 2014. Indigenous has helped to put Sarasota, Fla., boldly on the map as a wonderful city in which to live, visit and dine. After moving to Sarasota more than ten years ago, Chef Phelps fell in love with the ocean's bounty. He is known to be either out fishing or cooking fish, and his concerns and involvement in sustainability have earned him praise from conservation organizations nationwide.



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n a professional career spanning over 20 years to date, Mark O'Meara has won 30 tournaments. 16 of them on the PGA Tour, including two majors. Born in 1957, Mark O'Meara turned professional in 1980. Having won the U.S. Amateur Championship the previous year. He was named rookie of the year and never looked back. Between 1984 and 1999 O'Meara was selected to represent the United States in no less than 17 team competitions including 5 Ryder Cups and 7 Dunhill Cups. At age 41 he became to oldest player ever to win two majors in the same year by taking the 1998 Masters and British Open titles and then finished off the year by beating close friend, Tiger Woods, in the final of the Cisco Systems World Match Play Championship at Wentworth. Consequently, he was named PGA Player of the Year for 1998. Mark spent nearly 200 weeks in the top-10 of the Official World Golf Ranking from his debut in 1986 to 2000. He was elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2014 and will be inducted in July 2015.

O'Meara is known for competing outside the United States more often than most leading American golfers, and has won tournaments in Europe, Asia, Australia and South America. A man with a genial demeanor, he is one of the most popular figures in international golf. O'Meara has begun to develop a golf course design practice and enjoys fishing in his off time. He is currently a brand ambassador for Pacific Links International.

Mark O'Meara won both The Masters Tournament and The Open Championship in 1998. He is also a past champion of the Big Cedar Lodge Legends of Golf, partnering with World Golf Hall of Fame member Nick Price, who also happens to be a passionate fisherman, to claim the 2010 edition of the tournament. O'Meara recently sat down with Champions Tour Media Official Dave Senko to discuss his love for fishing. How did vou get into

fishing? As I got playing high school golf, I got into bass fishing in

southern California. I was a big bass fisherman, and I'm living in Florida

all those years. In 1997 I went on my first fly-fishing trip to Utah and fell in love with it.

What advice would you give to a person that wanted to start fly fishing?

There's no right, no wrong in fishing. But I would say that if somebody was interested in learning to fly fish, they would be smart to either hire a guide or take a couple classes because it's more of a process of learning and developing but it doesn't take a lot of time to pick it up. It's better just to learn to cast a little bit and understand how the rod works, how to load the rod, and to have the right rod for the type of fishing situation.

Does fly fishing take the same amount of concentration as golf.

There are similarities from the standpoint there's a lot of touch and a lot of feel. In fly- fishing, you're trying to imitate the hatch that's on the river. You need to make a presentation or a cast to where your fly is floating the same speed as what's on the water.

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You know. I used to fish a little bit back in the days, but now, when I'm playing and I'm on the road, I'm focused on my golf and when I'm not playing then I'm focused on my fishina.

Where are your favorite spots for fly fishing?

If you want to catch a trout on a dry fly, I would highly recommend a trip to the Green River in Utah. Just amazing trout fishing!

Is there a particular fishing spot that was memorable?

British Columbia is my favorite place in the world to go to for steelhead fishing. The Bulkley River, which is about 900 miles north of Vancouver is amazing.

So, your favorite species?

Well, ideally I enjoy trout fishing, whether it's brown trout, cutthroat, or rainbow. That's what I do in the summertime just to pass the time until the fall comes around, and then once the fall is here, it's all about steelhead fishing.

Anyplace on a bucket list where you would like to go that you haven't been to fish?

I would like to go Atlantic salmon fishing in the northeastern part of Canada. There are some great salmon waters up there that I've never fished.



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