



# GRAND LAKE STREAMER

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## Dear Friend of Weatherby's,

## Winter 2015



2015 is our 13th season as owners of Weatherby's, and one thing we can tell you is there is nothing routine about running a sporting camp in the Maine woods. We find challenges around every corner and everyday brings a new adventure. One of our highlights this season was Molly, our English cocker having puppies! I think we can safely call this issue of the Grand Lake Streamer the "Puppy Issue." Seven of the little rascals. Born on March 26 in New Gloucester and whelped in the kitchen and back porch at Weatherby's. Complications post part em when Molly ate Carson's sock required emergency surgery and put her on the DL. Jeff came to the rescue and bottle fed the puppies for two



weeks - four times a day - while Molly recovered. Good news was everyone was healthy and six families are celebrating the new year with their new family members (we kept one female, named Curley Fry). Puppies went to NY, CT and four landed in Maine. We plan to breed again soon and should have pups again mid summer 2015. These are world class field dogs with numerous champions on both sides. If you are interested in a fine bird dog or family companion that weighs under 30 pounds, let us know.

Tropical Storm Arthur hit Grand Lake Stream pretty hard in early July knocking down trees and power for several days with 30 people in camp. We can live without lights, but no water was another story. After hauling water from the lake to wash dishes and flush toilets for several days, we decided to invest in a new Generac on demand generator that will keep the water flowing and the lights on if the power goes out in the future. Good news for the clients and staff, piece of mind for Jeff.

# COVEY RISE

Earned media was a little lighter this year than in the past but we did see another article in **Eastern Fly Fishing** and outdoor writer **King Montgomery** made another appearance on behalf of **Covey Rise Magazine**, a premier upland publication in October with former camp manager Frank Lepore.

For early 2015 we have a planned visit with **Maine magazine** for an article that will be published later in the year. We were again able to host military veteran group **Project Healing Waters**, as well as the **New England Writer's Guild** in early May. Social media has been important in growing our business and for sharing information and photos with our existing clients. Our **Weatherby's page on Facebook** has grown in popularity and is where we post current

photos of fish and action in Grand Lake Stream (and Iceland) so if you are not following us on Facebook, make sure you do soon. You can find us on Facebook as weatherbys.sport-

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ing.lodge. We were also published in **50 Best Places to Fly Fish in New England** in 2014 and this year will be writing a piece for **25 Best Places to Fly Fish in Maine**, both authored by Bob Mallard and published by Stone Fly Press. And finally, George Smith will be publishing a book about **Maine sporting camps with Downeast Books** later in the summer that will feature Weatherby's.



Help us make this season our lucky 13. Fish local. Support our guides. Enjoy a Maine tradition that has been shared by generations since the 1800's. Fly fish, spin fish, canoe, swim, bird watch, hunt. We can help you make it happen. We are holding steady our lodging rates again this year and fishing guide fees are up slightly to meet the regional standard.

We are excited for the upcoming season and look forward to seeing you soon, our valued clients and friends.



Best Fishes for 2015,

**The Gang at Weatherby's**



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# 2014 20" Club Hall of Fame

The 2014 fishing season brought another proverbial boat load of big fish to the net. Although no records were set, you should have seen the ones that got away! Remember the anglers listed below **only claim** to have caught these fish. Often times there are no photos nor witnesses. These are real fish stories told by real

fishermen. Fish of special notice this season include Jerry McKnight's 29 inch chain pickerel, although with Roland as guide we can deduct 4 inches; and two 15 inch bass caught simultaneously on one lure by Olga Tychynska.

Date	Angler	Species	Size	Guide
9-May	Greg Johnson	salmon	20	Jeff
10-May	Barbara Stone	salmon	20	
14-May	Bob Pelletier	salmon	20	
14-May	Doug Medina	salmon	20	
19-May	Gary Freed	smallmouth	20.5	JR
19-May	Jerry McKnight	salmon	20	Roland
20-May	Jerry McKnight	pickerel	29	Roland
20-May	Jerry McKnight	pickerel	21	Roland
21-May	Jerry McKnight	pickerel	22	Roland
22-May	John Marra	salmon	20	
23-May	John Marra	pickerel	21	John
26-May	Robb Vossler	salmon	20	
25-May	Chris Vossler	salmon	20	
27-May	Richard Parsons	smallmouth	20.75	Bill
28-May	Richard Parsons	pickerel	24	JR
28-May	Richard Parsons	pickerel	25	JR
28-May	Dave Ulp	pickerel	22	Bill
28-May	Jim Bennett	pickerel	22	Bill
1-Jun	John Miller	smallmouth	20.5	Brett
3-Jun	John Miller	Togue	22.5	Brett
5-Jun	Byron Braun	pickerel	20	Steve
5-Jun	Byron Braun	pickerel	21	Steve
6-Jun	Emerson Cannon	pickerel	24	JR
6-Jun	Art Sell	pickerel	24	JR
7-Jun	Bob Kerton	salmon	21	Roland
13-Jun	Paul Wagner	smallmouth	20	
14-Jun	Garry Crago	salmon	20	
14-Jun	Garry Crago	salmon	20+	
15-Jun	Henry Whittemore	salmon	20+	
15-Jun	Jack Higgins	salmon	20	Roland
16-Jun	Don Zent	salmon	20	Roland
16-Jun	Jack Higgins	salmon	20	Roland
20-Jun	Bob Harvey	salmon	20	Roland
20-Jun	Jack Higgins	salmon	20	Mike
24-Jun	Kerri Russell	salmon	20	Roland
24-Jun	Kerri Russell	salmon	22	Roland
24-Jun	Ben Fero	pickerel	22	Ray
6-Jul	Tony Kilbridge	salmon	20	Mike
8-Jul	Ksenia Melnikayte	pickerel	20	
24-Jul	Joan Wessel	pickerel	22	
24-Jul	Keith Eaton	smallmouth	20	Mac
25-Jul	Dawn Sunday	smallmouth	20	Sue
25-Jul	Rob Wessel	pickerel	22	Bob
25-Jul	Keith Eaton	smallmouth	20	
25-Jul	Allison Averbuch	smallmouth	20.75	JR
26-Jul	Allison Averbuch	pickerel	22	Bill
28-Jul	Owen Techet	pickerel	20	JR
28-Jul	Connor Shelly	pickerel	23	Kim
1-Aug	Olga Tychynska	pickerel	24	
23-Aug	Keaton McEvoy	pickerel	22	
29-Aug	Jay Del Turco	smallmouth	20	Bob
7-Sep	Duncan McHale	smallmouth	20	Mac
23-Sep	Rory Parlin	salmon	20	Roland
30-Sep	David Talmanson	salmon	21	
2-Oct	Larry O'Quinn	salmon	21	Roland
3-Oct	Jen Drake	pickerel	20	Jeff
4-Oct	Will Robinson	salmon	20	
12-Oct	Bob Flis	salmon	21	Roland
15-Oct	Les Birmingham	salmon	20	
19-Oct	Owen Freas	salmon	20	Roland



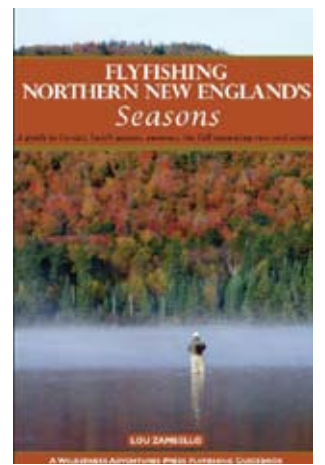


## Recommended Reading 2015

### Flyfishing Northern New England's Seasons

By Lou Zambello

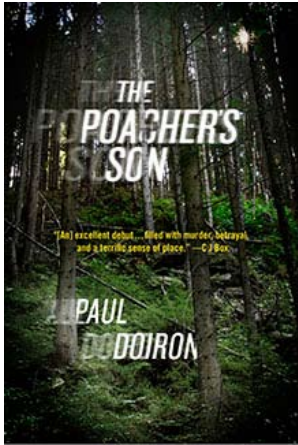
Much has been written about the many famous American flyfisheries, but relatively little has been logged regarding the glorious brook-trout and landlocked salmon water of northern New England. Thanks to long-time fishing guide Lou Zambello, we'll soon be enlightened. Covering Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and western Massachusetts, Zambello relates years of flyfishing and guiding experience through observations, instructions and anecdotes. From ice-out through summer, fall spawning runs and back to winter - for lakes as well as rivers and streams, all conditions and strategies are covered. You'll learn the proper conditions to try new tactics like dead-drifting a streamer versus twitching dry flies, and much more. He relates stories from such famous waters as the Kennebec, Penobscot, Grand Lake Stream, Rapid, Presumpscot, Androscoggin, and Deerfield Rivers, and Rangeley, Moosehead and Sebago Lakes, and many more throughout the region. Even if you're an experienced northern New England angler, you'll find many useful morsels of information throughout this guide. And certainly if you're a rookie, you'll want this book.



### THE PRECIPICE

By Paul Doiron

Poacher's Son, The Trespasser, Massacre Pond, The Bone Orchard and now the Precipice - the fifth novel in the critically acclaimed series about Maine Game Warden Michael Bowditch and his propensity to find trouble. Doiron's last book, Bone Orchard is centered in Grand Lake Stream and features the Pine Tree Store and Weatherby's. The story ends with dinner at Weatherby's dining room. I wonder where in Maine The Precipice will take us?



### Fishing and Upland Hunting Web Sites Worth Visiting

[www.weatherbys.com](http://www.weatherbys.com) of course - check it out if you have never been there!

[www.facebook.com/weatherbys.sporting.lodge](http://www.facebook.com/weatherbys.sporting.lodge) - Weatherby's on Facebook

[www.flyfishinginmaine.com](http://www.flyfishinginmaine.com) - more than you care to know about fly fishing in Maine.

[www.midcurrent.com](http://www.midcurrent.com) - Fly Fishing at its Best

[www.fliesandfins.com](http://www.fliesandfins.com) - a little bit of everything fishy

[www.uplandjournal.com](http://www.uplandjournal.com) - a great New England bird hunting resource

[www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org) - Fly fishing for wounded veterans.

### Rake Fest 2015 - Join the fun!

Every Spring, we host a group of hearty anglers for a weekend of work /fishing and story telling . Scheduled dates for Rake Fest 2015 are May 2 and 3. We are always looking for new members of the elite club of Rakefesters. We even have our own private label beer named after the event. Give Jeff a call if you would like to be included in this year's fun. A little raking, a little fishing, a lot of food and beer. How can you go wrong? Although sometimes early for the best salmon fishing, often Rakefest Weekend offers excellent early season salmon fishing, typically with streamers and nymphs. The fish are hungry!



### Iceland 2015 - Atlantic Salmon and Sea-Run Brown Trout

Weatherby's offered its first international fishing trip in 2014 to fish the legendary waters of Iceland for Atlantic salmon and sea trout. The adventure, by all accounts was a resounding success with all anglers catching salmon and trout, and producing more fish than the season average by other anglers fishing the same water. We will be returning to Iceland again in 2015 to fish the same rivers - Haukadalsa for salmon and the Eldvatn for sea trout, and spending two nights in Reykjavik -



between rivers and prior to departing for the US. The dates of the 2015 trip will be September 3 through 11, fishing three days on each river for a total of eight nights in country. Total price per person all inclusive with the exception of airfare is \$3495.

We are offering this trip as inexpensively as we possibly can with very little margin. If you are interested in joining the adventure in 2015, please let us know.

Jeff and Carson headed over a few days early in 2014 to explore some other waters in northern Iceland that included the Laxa Myvatn, Akayuri and the Thvera, a tributary to the Haukadalsa. The outcome was fishy with fresh water browns, sea run arctic char, sea run browns and Atlantic salmon. The erupting volcano in east central Iceland added to the adventure although there was no real threat from the event, that is actually still ongoing.



### North Woods Grouse Camp 2015

Most grouse hunters put down their shotguns by the end of October, even though grouse hunting season runs through to the end of December. Typically early November can provide some of the best grouse hunting of the season with cold temps and good visibility in the woods. We will be hunting the first two weeks of November 2015, guiding small parties of hunters in the "big woods" of northern Maine.

Grouse populations tend to run high in this region of the state with some days producing 30+ grouse flushes. We will be renting some rustic spike camps in the Allagash region that will be able to accommodate a party of four adults. The hunts will be fully guided and outfitted 2:1, meals included. The cabins are clean, comfortable and warm. There will be no running water or electricity, adding to the ambiance of the hunt. This is a hunt for the hunter that loves grouse hunting and can live without all the modern amenities. If you are interested in joining us on a hunt, you will not be disappointed. The Allagash Country will lure you deeper and deeper into the wilderness and the rewards from hunting, comradere, wildlife sightings and overall experience will be first rate. We were challenged during our 2014 hunt with a couple of early snows but the wildlife sightings were good - including moose, Canada Lynx, coyotes, fisher, snowshoe hare, snow buntings, ravens, bald eagles and numerous other bird species. Consider joining us in 2015 for this unique wilderness hunting opportunity.



Four nights, three days guided hunting, double occupancy, all meals - \$1450 PP, minimum four guns. Call Jeff for more info or to reserve your space at 877-796-5558.

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# Learn to Fly Fish at Weatherby's



Have you always wanted to learn to fly fish like the pros but didn't know where to start? Come to Weatherby's and learn from the best! Our professional guides and instructors can teach you all you need to know to get started in the sport or teach you the skills you need to progress to the next level. We offer fixed dates for group schools and offer private instruction to individuals, couples and groups when it is most convenient for you. Call us to discuss options so we can plan a few days that will teach you what you need most. Consider our **Woman's School** scheduled for June 18-21, 2015.

**Four nights of meals and lodging and three full days of instruction/guided fishing:**

**\$1299 per person. Includes all meals and lodging for four days, use of equipment, instruction for three days, Does not include license, beer/wine, tax/gratuity. We offer a one time 20% discount on any Orvis product to all fishing school participants.**



## Drift the St. Croix River

In recent years, we have been exploring new waters within striking distance of Weatherby's and one of the options we offer now is a drift boat trip on the St. Croix River, fishing for smallmouth bass mid-season and landlocked salmon early season. We depart the lodge after breakfast and return in time for supper. The St. Croix is the international boundary between New Brunswick, Canada and Maine and is a National Heritage River for New Brunswick. It is wild, undeveloped and scenic - lined with tall white pines, spruce and fir. The water is pool-drop with endless options for catching smallmouth on the fly or spinning gear. Enjoy a lunch packed by the lodge on the river bank or share a cookout lunch with your family. We can also take double ended canoes or kayaks. Easy whitewater will greet you along the way providing a memorable way to spend the day.

Other options exist to canoe/kayak and fish several sections of the Machias River, Old Stream, Tomah Stream and others for wild brook trout and smallmouth bass. So if are looking for a variety of fishing opportunities that reach beyond the traditional fly fishing on Grand Lake Stream for salmon or smallmouth fishing from Grand Lake Canoes on Big Lake, West Grand, Wabasus, Machias, Grand Falls Flowage or any of our other traditionally fished waters, drifting the Croix or one of our other small streams makes for a great outing.



## Learn Upland Hunting at Weatherby's

Weatherby's, for the past several seasons, has introduced dozens of individuals to upland hunting and firearm safety thanks to Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the apprentice hunter's license. This category of license allows someone that has never hunted before to experience the sport under the tutelage of a Registered Maine Hunting Guide.

This license creates a tremendous opportunity for kids and adults to "try out" hunting without committing to a full hunter's safety course, which can be time consuming and a deterrent for bringing new hunters into the sport. When you stay and hunt at Weatherby's with a guide, we will teach you firearm and hunter safety. We will take you into the field to shoot rifles and shotguns, shoot clay targets and finally take you into the



woods with bird dogs to hunt wild grouse and woodcock. It is a win-win for all parties and folks can experience what hunting is all about. Give us a call to discuss options for you or your kids. Make 2015 your year to experience upland hunting at Weatherby's! Of course experienced hunters may always join us for a hunt in Grand Lake Stream for grouse, woodcock and waterfowl - guided

or unguided. Limitless cover, open access, excellent flush rates.

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**To See All of Our 2015 Lodging Specials**

**Make this the year to take your family fishing at Weatherby's in Grand Lake Stream! Kids 16 and under stay FREE in July and August**



## 2015 Rates

### American Plan

#### Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner / Day / Person

**Adult** \$189.00 May 21 - June 30 and Sept. 15-close

\$159 May 1-May 20 and July 1-Sept.14

**Children 10-15 yrs,** \$75.00 (Free July/August\*)

**Children 4-9 yrs,** \$55.00 (Free July/August\*)

**Guide service-** \$300/day/one or two people fish

\$475/day/one or two-person upland hunt with dogs

\$375/day/one or two-person upland hunt no dogs

**Boat & Motor Rental** - \$75.00 per day

**Fishing/Hunting licenses** - sold at camp

**Dog Charge** \$15/day (except Oct/Nov)

**Food & Lodging Tax** -8%

**Gratuity** - recommended 15-20%

**Canoe/Kayak** - No Charge

**Orvis Fly or Spinning Rod** -No Charge

**Orvis Waders** - No Charge

**Airport shuttle** available from Princeton or Bangor

**Housekeeping**

**Cabin only, no meals**

\$60/adult, \$25/child under 16, under 4 free : Minimum nightly charge \$150

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