Live Auction

ITEM 1  G. H. HOWELLS BAMBOO FLY ROD

A wonderful example of Mr. Howells’ work, serial number 4704, indicating a 1980 build date. The 7’ 6” rod is rated for a #5 line, and according to the label affixed to the matte silver finish tube weighs in at 3¼ ounces. The mortised cork reel seat is fitted with an aluminum cap and sliding ring, with a Delrin disc, screwed to the base. With a 5½” western style grip that is lightly soiled, standard brown wraps tipped yellow and snug ferrules (requiring light cleaning to seat fully), this beautiful rod is inked on two of the flats with “G. H. Howells – 7½’ – 3¼ oz., #4704. With all three pieces equal length and straight, a great rod from the western-influenced Howells, who trained with Lew Stoner and Doug Merrick while at the R. L. Winston Rod Co. Comes in the original red bag and matte finish tube, with a label that indicates this was built for R. Gresham.

ITEM 2  WINSTON PURE 9’ 5WT. FLY ROD SPECIAL EDITION

Winston Rod Company in Twin Bridges, Montana, gave us this beautiful, one-of-a-kind, 9’, 5w., Pure Fly Rod and inscribed it with A River Runs Through It 30th Anniversary.

The advanced boron III light line rods of the Pure series (2-5wt) won IFTD’s Best of Show for freshwater rods in 2018, and for good reason: The ability of these medium-action rods to present flies in a delicate and accurate manner is unmatched, making them perfect for technical waters like the Henry’s Fork, spring creeks and backcountry beaver ponds filled with wary brookies. From dry fly fishing on bigger western rivers, to light nymphing and small streamers the 5 weight Pure will provide the classic Winston feel in a taper that adds more accuracy and line control.

Details:
Action: Medium
Grip Design: 6” cigar
Reel Seat: Tiger Maple Reel Seat with uplocking Nickel Silver hardware
Guides: Chrome nanolite stripper guide/chrome plated, light wire snake guides
Sections: 4
Storage: Premium Graphite. Tube and Logo Rod Sock
Manufactured: Designed and Handcrafted. in Twin Bridges, Montana

Donated by the Winston Rod Company
ITEM 3  
**FLY FISHING IN NORTHERN COLORADO WITH THE TU EDITORIAL TEAM**

TROUT Magazine Editor-in-Chief Kirk Deeter and TU’s Senior Visual Producer Josh Duplechian will bring two guests on a two-day trip out of Steamboat Springs to fish and capture new photos for TROUT Magazine and new video for the TU website. The guests will have a great fishing experience and will be assured of memorable times and awesome photos from the trip. The trip will include two days on the water and two nights at a lodge in Steamboat Springs (transportation to Steamboat not included) Date range for the trip to be mutually agreed upon between April 1-November 30, 2023, conditions permitting. Note that optimal conditions in the Steamboat Springs area are July 1 through October 15.

*Donated by Trout Unlimited*

ITEM 4  
**TWO RODS AT THE DELPHI CLUB, ABACO**

Experience 3 nights and 2 full days of guided fishing for two anglers sharing a room at the Delphi Club in Abaco.

With a team of highly experienced guides and a fleet of Hell’s Bay skiffs, the Delphi Club offers one of the most diverse fishing programs in the Bahamas. Its Abaco location provides access to the huge expanse of the Marls and the dynamic ocean side mangrove flats. Anglers will fish some of the most pristine and prime bonefish, permit, barracuda, and triggerfish water that Southern Abaco has to offer. The club itself is a luxurious 8-bedroom colonial style lodge surrounded by verdant forest and a large wrap-around veranda with panoramic ocean views. A stunning deserted beach, charming pool garden, superb food and a well-stocked wine cellar make this the perfect tropical hideaway.

Terms and Conditions: Dates are by mutual agreement when the club is open (November 2021 to June 2022). The winning bidder will also have the option to extend their stay and fish at a special discounted rate if they wish. Convenient flights to Marsh Harbour can be booked from all NY airports via Nassau and most FL airports.

*Donated by the Delphi Club*
Fly Fishing for Two Rods at Cayo Frances
Farm and Fly, Belize

Bonefish, permit and tarpon await you for 3 guided days of fishing and 5 nights at the off-grid and eco-friendly fly fishing camp, Cayo Frances, located on the North Leeward Side of Ambergris Caye. You’ll also enjoy local, fresh food and a bar that’s open nightly. Guided fishing will be courtesy of Lori-Ann Murphy and her team at Reel Belize. Your transfer to and from San Pedro Town, shuttles to DIY fishing zones, use of paddle craft and camp gear, and three meals are all included. (Tips, taxes, and alcoholic beverages are extra.) Stay is based on availability through November 2023.

Donated by AMFF Trustee Bill Hespe, Cayo Frances, and AMFF Ambassador Lori-Ann Murphy, Reel Belize
Approximate Value: $  

C.D. Clarke Commission

An opportunity to commission an oil or watercolor painting by CD Clarke, one of the country’s leading sporting artists.

In a very personal way, C.D.’s method of painting captures the light, color, and, most importantly, the feeling of landscapes, such as sparkling bonefish flats, misty Scottish salmon rivers, raw, windy marshes, icy Chilean Andes, warm, sunny Argentinean pampas, and other sporting destinations. Then, working from watercolor sketches and photographs of the sportsmen and their equipment, C.D. accurately depicts the sporting scene in oil paintings and larger watercolors completed in the studio under more controlled conditions. The boats, planes, dogs, rods, and guns, as well as the anglers and hunters themselves, in addition to the landscape that they inhabit, are all true to life.

C.D. has traveled the world capturing the favorite destinations of those with a passion for hunting and fishing. (Framing and any travel and accommodation expenses will be paid by the purchaser)

Donated by C.D. Clarke
ITEM 7  LUNCH WITH ROBERT RUBIN AT THE ANGLERS’ CLUB OF NEW YORK

Four guests will enjoy lunch at the historic Anglers’ Club of New York with Robert Rubin, avid fly angler and former AMFF Heritage Award honoree. Seventieth U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Rubin served for four and a half years, until July 1999, during which he was involved in balancing the federal budget; opening trade policy to further globalization; acting to stem financial crises in Asia, Mexico, and Russia; helping to resolve the impasse over the public debt limit; and guiding sensible reforms at the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Rubin is the author of In An Uncertain World: Tough Choices from Wall Street to Washington (with Jacob Weisberg), which was a New York Times best seller as well as named one of Business Week’s ten best business books of the year. He has also written op-eds on the U.S. economy and other topics in such publications as the New York Times and the Washington Post.

Mr. Rubin is chairman emeritus of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Date to be mutually arranged through November 2023.

Donated by Robert Rubin

ITEM 8  YOUR OWN ANTIQUES ROADSHOW WITH NICK DAWES IN NYC

You and your guest will spend a day of art immersion with Nicholas Dawes, senior vice president of Special Collections for Heritage Auctions. Nick can help plan the day, visiting a gallery or museum, with lunch at Salmagundi, New York’s oldest artists’ club. Founded in 1871 and located in the oldest house on Fifth Avenue, Nick is the Club’s chairman and CEO.

Nick, a former vice president and auctioneer with Sotheby’s, is a frequent lecturer on a wide variety of topics and has been a faculty member of Parsons School of Design in New York since 1984. He has been an expert appraiser for Antiques Roadshow since the first season.

Date to be mutually arranged through November 2023.

Donated by Nick Dawes