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Bobby Sadpal Sighn [00:00:10] I'm fishing actually very long time, so. About ten or twelve year. But I'm guiding about six, six, seven years.

Bobby Sadpal Sighn [00:00:28] No, actually, sir, I'm, I'm a very small, that time, I'm I'm going in school. I see fishing on the TV. I use a hand line, and that kind of stuff. And some former guides coming into my river for fishing, and I looked at guides to help, but [unintelligible]. And finally one, Misty [Dylan], you know, Misty is very famous. One of the guides come to my river for fishing, and I met there is Misty. And, I'm talking about Misty, about fishing, and everything [trails off, unintelligible].

James Thull [00:01:04] Wonderful. So you started, you were almost self-taught originally. Just something that you had an interest in doing from a young age?

Bobby Sadpal Sighn [00:01:13] Yeah.

Bobby Sadpal Sighn [00:01:19] Yes. Before I come here, to any fishing guide, me's don't know about everything. How to rod and reel. I learned everything with Misty. And two, three year, I work here, for twenty fishing guide. And I work everything in the camp. And now, finally, I can come from guiding.

Bobby Sadpal Sighn [00:01:45] Actually, sir, I spin, about 2-3 years. I, now it's mostly fly fishing. Because. Fly fishing, you know, more exciting fishing, and, you know, what do you do, you feel everything on fly fishing. You know what you're doing. And sometimes situation on the river, you know, many fish, lot of fishing on the river, and you go fishing. And tough fishing. Not eat plug, spawn. So that's why, if you can come for the fly fishing, you have many option to, you can catch fish. You use many different flies, or many different techniques. And you have to learn everything, every day, is something you can learn from the fly fishing. So that's why I have to come from the fly fishing. And fly fishing, you know, very good sports. So. That's why I have become fly fishing.

Bobby Sadpal Sighn [00:02:43] Actually, had that fish I caught, and, I think, middle of May. And I go fishing with the one of two, with us, 20 fishing guides. I go fishing on the junction. Above on the junction, actually. And weather, not really nice that day. Finally I fish about 4 days, and in the evening, I can go fish, with Sanjay and Goshen. So that fish hook up, and I feel not really big fish. But fish take long, long runs. Long, long fight, and I'm very exciting. Fish take line about 250 yard. So that's why I feel inside, okay, I think a big fish sometime feel, I think, small fish. So. Finally I land that fish, take time, about one hour. And I land, I saw that fish, I'm very happy, that was very happy. So finally, I land, had good fight and everything.

James Thull [00:03:48] and how big was the fish again?

Bobby Sadpal Sighn [00:03:52] That's a 55, and a half, sir.

James Thull [00:03:53] Kilo?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:03:57] No. Pounds.

James Thull [00:03:57] Pounds. Fifty five and a half pounds. Ok. Okay. And do you remember what type of fly you caught it on?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:04:07] I used two flies of minnow patterns.

James Thull [00:04:07] And a wet fly then?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:04:07] Wet flies yeah, fast sink. Use deeper.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:04:28] Sometime he was quite quite big flies come time quite small flies and sometimes nothing. So basically you can, you can hook Indian trout with wet flies.

James Thull [00:04:42] When they strike do they strike hard? Are they good fighters?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:04:46] Yeah. They are in good fight and sometimes jump outside the water. They are good fight, but you know small fish. But good fight.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:05:06] I also fish brown trout. Strong fight. And they are to jump outside of water.

James Thull [00:05:13] Is it a very beautiful fish?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:05:16] Very nice fish yeah.

James Thull [00:05:16] Do you prefer to fish those with wet or dry? Or?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:05:26] Actually, It depend. I like usually dry fly is very nice or sight fishing you see everything.(unintelligable) Dry fly is very goodyou see everything. But sometimes in a situation you have a big fish so you use wet flies. I like dry flies and you learn lots of things on dry flies and more confidence. But wet fly for big fish.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:06:06] So I choose two places. One is Alaska. And one is Norway. Norway for Salmon.

James Thull [00:06:36] Yeah yeah. And what would you fish for in Alaska?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:06:38] Salmon. Atlantic salmon.

James Thull [00:06:42] Atlantic salmon. They also have very good trout fishing in Alaska.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:06:54] Actually I really like about fishing. I met new people. And all over the world many different different guides come here. And I have to learn something then you learn something from different guides. So that's why I like guiding. Because you can meet new people and more experience with fishermen you can learn everything. So that's why I like guiding. And fishing is my passion. So I'm very lucky do my job. The fishing guide sometimes not matched to. You can. Yeah. You can work different company.

You can work different players or you have to. Come from guiding. That's a no. I like fishing. And then I like guiding.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:07:46] Yeah I do. Kayaking as well also. Rafting as well.

James Thull [00:07:52] So is it for you is it about being near the river. Do you like being on the water and in the nature is that something special to you?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:08:02] What, sir?

James Thull [00:08:02] To being near the river being in nature is that part of what you like about fishing and part of what you like about kayaking is being in nature?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:08:11] Yeah.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:08:18] Actually here, sir, you can see. First thing you can come you can see crested kingfisher any kind of Kingfisher and you'll see otters. You see cormorants on the river. And sometime you see tigers also. Also leopards but leopard, you have to chance. The less. I see tigers with guest. And many sable deer, bucking deer, peacocks, many things here with guest.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:08:40] I like to catch snake but I have no experience about what one is poisonous or not poisonous so thats why I like to catch snake but it is a little scary sometimes i catch sometimes no but I like to catch snake but am very scared about snake.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:09:19] We have had it is actually here. Most of the time hatches like may flies. mayflies. That kind of hatches are down here. And that time fishes more feed more active so you have to come is a good time and great fly fishing.

James Thull [00:09:34] And then do you try to match your fly to what is hatching?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:09:39] Yes. Yes.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:09:46] Yes and I also. Trying to learn tie flies I tie flies not very nice but one of Misty's top fishing instructors in India teach me fly tying so he is my help, so easier for me, it's difficult for me, so Misty teach my fly tying .

James Thull [00:10:16] And the Misty we're talking about is Misty Dylan he is the owner of the lodge?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:10:18] Yeah. He's the owner.

James Thull [00:10:20] And he is also I believe the only. Certified FFF Certified caster in India.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:10:27] Yes.

James Thull [00:10:27] It's very great. Yeah. Very interesting.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:10:35] Actually sir before a fly tying I think very difficult for me because I'm never tied fly. But I caught the fish on the river and Misty many times tell us ok what flies I am tying finally Misty give advice for us to tying flies and I go on the river

fishing and I fish on the river, and I caught some fish and I am tying flies I come back to the camp and I tie flies and then I go fishing tie my own flies i use those flies and I am successful I caught a very very nice fish so thats why you know before not a real interest in fly tying but I hook a fish with my own flies thats a feel inside is a very nice and what I do feel inside is yeah you do good so thats why I really like to tying flies.

James Thull [00:11:35] Something special about catching a fish and a fly that you tied.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:11:53] And mostly I caught that big big fish mostly I tie that fly thats why I am really happy and I really like to tie flies.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:11:54] Actually fishing Not popular in India. But now is popular in India. Everyone know what is fishing so everyone know fishing so that's why everyone. Many foreigners come and catch and release. That's why everyone catch and release and good for fishing so because if fishermen catch and eat fish so that's a very bad because little if you go to the village and say you guys stop not eat fish because I eat fish. So that's why. Catch and release everyone start now is catch and release. So.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:12:39] Actually. Now is a. New government about rivers Less poaching on the rivers. And because government have Guard on rivers. So everything now start the government to do good things about rivers and about natural.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:13:03] Yes sometime that kind of problem about cleaning and that kind but now government have a lot of force about that kind of thing.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:13:30] Yes.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:13:30] Yes. Of of my favortie flies is minnow patterns they are my favorite fly almost every river they are success.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:13:31] Yeah now is government do everything about the rivers.

James Thull [00:13:48] The government. Are there conservation organizations that also help?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:13:52] Yes.

James Thull [00:13:53] And do you know of any of them that that you think are doing good?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:13:57] They are doing good but we do not know exactly I think they are doing good.

James Thull [00:14:03] Okay . No I think you mentioned earlier a masheer conservation organization.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:14:08] Yes Masheer Converation they are doing good job

James Thull [00:14:11] Yeah. And they've been active.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:14:13] Yes.

James Thull [00:14:15] Right.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:14:24] And on the river also like I go on the on (unintelligible river name) there are also some Masheer conversation there. Trying to stop poaching on the river.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:14:25] Yeah. Yeah. Very important to say education is that important.

James Thull [00:14:33] So do you feel that they're doing a good job with that in India?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:14:37] Yes. Yeah.

James Thull [00:14:38] Yeah. Excellent excellent.

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:14:46] Actually. I like to trying to stop poaching on the river. So they add maybe. I have children I have sons so maybe. They are one day they are in charge of masheer conservation. Yeah. That's my thinking stop poaching. and that kind of thing.

James Thull [00:15:08] Will you teach your children to fish?

Bobby Sadpal Signh [00:15:09] Yes now we have no children but in the future i will teach definitely.

James Thull [00:15:16] Yeah. All right wonderful.