



## Patagonian Basecamp Report

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**“Well, after a few wet years** down in Patagonia, it looks like we’ve lapsed back into the expected dry weather pattern! The daytime temperatures have been nothing short of spectacular, with balmy afternoons and light breezes. Because of this, the dry fly fishing has been accounting for nearly all the action, and should continue to as long as the weather holds. As always, the streamer fishing is also superb...but with the dry fly fishing being what it is, very few people want to “sling the meat”, putting in the work to chuck big coneheads against the streambanks all day long. And as

is always the case, most of the dry flies being used are in the #6-#10 size range, so they float well, and are easy to see on the water. What’s not to like about that?! We look forward to more of the same in the immediate future, so make sure and bring the sunscreen..”

*Mike Mercer*

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**SPRING** SLID smoothly into summer and Patagonia has turned into a tropical destination! We haven't seen rain in over three weeks now, and daytime temperatures are reaching the high 80s. Nights are still cool, while river levels are dropping to very low for this time of the year. Dry fly fishing turned really spectacular this week, with at least 80% of the fish caught on the surface. Rio Figueroa, Rio Palena and Lago Rosselot were on fire, with many days of high numbers of fish being landed. Numerous browns over 20 inches were caught, as well as rainbows up to 23 inches. The biggest brown of the week was Axel's beautiful 25-incher from the Palena, followed by a 24-incher caught by Sally on the Figueroa. Axel caught his fish on a Gypsy King, while Sally landed hers on a size 6 Fat Albert.

**Water conditions:**

- ▲ Water color – all rivers are in normal and good shape
- ▲ Water level – low for this time of the year, but still a perfect flow
- ▲ Water temperature – between 48° and 58° F

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**Weather conditions:**

- ▲ Wind speed – winds were down this week, with an afternoon breeze on some of the rivers
- ▲ Air Temperature – 75° TO 85° F
- ▲ Cloudless blue skies all week

**Fishing Conditions:**

- ▲ Fishing was the best between 10:30am and 1:00pm, often followed by a slow 2 to 3 hours when the sun was high the sky. After 4:00pm

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fishing was amazing again. Fish are focusing on the surface and big beetles produced great. Also, the Morrish Mouse provoked a lot of attention and took some big fish.

- ▲ Fly lines – 80% of our fishing has been with a floating line, but streamers were also effective, fished on a 24' 200-grain sink-tip
- ▲ Biggest fish landed for the week – a 25-inch brown trout, on a dry fly!

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