



The Fly Shop News

PATAGONIAN BASECAMP



Patagonian Basecamp Report

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Well, if you like dry flies, *this is the season to be in Chilean Patagonia! All of our lodges down there are experiencing unseasonably warm weather, making for low water conditions and provoking superb terrestrial action, a combination our guests have found quite to their liking. At Patagonian BaseCamp, virtually all of the action this past week was with oversized dry flies, and I can't recall a week where so many large fish were brought to the surface...many browns and rainbows well over the twenty-inch mark. As*

well, a few people started experimenting with skating mouse patterns, dragging them off downed trees and cutbanks, Kamchatka-style, and it is really producing some outrageous takes, and hookups!

– Mike Mercer



WITH ONLY THREE DAYS of rain over the past several weeks, and daily temperatures in the 80's, most client's waders returned back home just as dry as they came in. Shorts and short-sleeved shirts were the rule. Dry fly fishing was even better than you can imagine. The rivers in general, and in particular sections of the Rio Figueroa around the TempleCamp have produced incredibly, with several 50 fish days including browns of up to 26 inches. The biggest fish of the week, a monster brown, was taken by John from England. The Rio Palena was also doing great, with another 26-inch brown which fell for a Tan Fat Albert. Rio Rosselot stayed behind in respect of "traditional" dry fly fishing, but when a Morrish Mouse crawled out of the fly box, the party was on. Takes were spectacular to the skated mouse pattern, with numerous huge browns and rainbows crashing the mouse on the surface; hooking and landing fish is, however, sometimes two different matters! But what fun to see those big fish go nuts for a noisy rodent fly skittered across the surface.

Water conditions:

- ▲ Water color – all rivers are in great shape
- ▲ Water level – low for the time of the year but still a perfect flow
- ▲ Water temperature – between 48° and 62° F

Weather conditions:

- ▲ Wind speed – winds were down this week, with an afternoon breeze on some of the rivers
- ▲ Air Temperature – 75° TO 90° F
- ▲ Three days of rain during the past two weeks, but for the rest, blue skies

Fishing Conditions:

- ▲ Fish seem to have acclimated to the higher temperatures and fishing was good throughout the day, with no specific slower time.
- ▲ Fly lines – all fishing was with floating lines in the #5-#6 class
- ▲ Biggest fish landed for the week – two browns of 26-inches, followed by a number of 24 inchers (Charlie, Rich, John).

Marcel Sijnesael

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There are still a few spots remaining at Patagonian BaseCamp, during some prime 2012 weeks. If you are interested in visiting, please let us know by giving us a call at: (800) 669-3474 or shooting us an email and we will get right back to you.

Until the next report, tight lines and all the best fishing.

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