

Wentworth Heights B&B and Fly Fish Mataura Newsletter



Kia Ora and Greetings from Wentworth Heights B&B and Fly Fish Mataura.

Sitting looking out the window at the river in flood (600cumecs and rising!!) and in semi darkness at 5.00 pm, it seems a long way off until the start of our next B&B and fishing season.



Chris. Waipahi River

We have to start by saying “Thank you,” as for the 4th year in a row Wentworth Heights B&B has received a 5 star Trip Advisor Award, and for the first time Fly Fish Mataura has also received the same. This is huge recognition for us as it is based solely on guest feed -back and we are very grateful to those of you who have taken time and effort to write reviews. It was also totally unexpected this year as most of our clients these days are returning guests.

For the first time in several years we have reviewed our tarrifs. GST and bank fees are an increasing issue for us but we

have decided to leave our advertised prices unchanged for this coming season. We will always look after our returning guests as we really appreciate our loyal clientele base. For the same reason we will continue our policy of “no deposit required” We feel very strongly that if weather and river conditions are unfavourable no client should lose money (unfortunately it is part of the business) and we will always try to send fishermen up country and help them find clear water.

The town of Gore is still as great as ever and we have had such positive feedback from our guests over the summer months. We even had fishermen driven home one evening by a staff member at The Thomas Green Restaurant when a taxi service wasn't available.....This is GORE and why we love living here.

It is hard to believe that another fishing season is done and dusted. Each year seems to pass faster than ever. Mid- season we were discussing with one of our “regulars,” how long he had been coming to Gore and fishing with us. It was a bit of a shock after looking through old booking diaries to see that he first came in 2003.....time flies when you are having fun.



Mataura sunset



Regan showing his father how it's done!!

This has been a year of 2 halves so far, drought conditions in Jan/ Feb then more rain than we knew what to do with through the second half of April and most of May. Along with the persistent easterlies that tested us on numerous days, it has not been an easy end to the season.

On the plus side the fish were in excellent condition, in fact some of the best we have seen in recent years and in most cases, plenty of them. Unfortunately easterly winds are not favourable for mayfly hatches and as a result the dry fly fishing was patchy at best. Just when we started to get some really good hatches we had an early snow dump and heavy rain during the weekend of April 12/13. This blew the Mataura out for a couple of weeks due to runoff then snow melt. The snow was 2 feet deep near the head waters of the Waikaia River (only an inch around our house) and happened a month earlier than usual. On the odd occasion that we could fish the Mataura

during April/May we did find some small and short lived hatches around mid-afternoon. If you were quick enough you could get a shot at a handful of rising fish before they all put their heads down again.



Tom - what a great week!

NIWA are forecasting a colder than usual winter for us due to the El Nino effect. Predictions are for up to 8 significant snow falls for Dunedin City. (Probably not much different for us we would expect) They are also predicting a windier and wetter spring than normal. Hopefully they have it wrong!

5 June 2015



A nice end to the season on the Upuk

One thing to keep in mind if you are coming to N.Z. to fish this season is to get your Fish & Game licence on line well before departure dates. We have had some problems lately with overseas anglers trying to purchase licences once they get here. Not all previous licence sellers in Gore are still doing so and those that are seem to be having some problems with the new F&G computer sales set up. You could save yourself quite a bit of time on your first day of fishing if you purchase in advance. It looks

like there will be some new licences introduced next season, hopefully a weekly or fortnightly option for those who are not spending an entire summer fishing in N.Z.

For our Northern Hemisphere fishing friends, enjoy your time on the water. We intend to spend our usual few days fishing the Tongariro River in our off season, and then look forward to welcoming many of you back next season.

Tight lines
Diane & Barry.



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