



Weekly Fishing Report for 03-10 November, 2002

Guests: Richard & Cecile Arkauer

After a week of very cold temperatures and little or no fish action, the expectations certainly were not high at the beginning of the week. Mother Nature smiled on us however. The skies gave us a fresh dusting of snow and then the temperatures warmed up. This was a true blessing. The steelhead were seriously turned on as the water level increased by 2" and the freshet of snow warmed the water by 1C. It was my pleasure to spend the week with a delightful couple from Holland.

Both Richard and Cecile had been fishing the rivers in Scotland for many years. Both were very good anglers with superb spey casting technique. Exactly what was needed to get your fly to these tanked up fish. Richard had two very memorable days as he landed eight steelhead each day, which now represents his best days of fishing ever. Cecile was certainly not left behind in the fish count as she landed an 18 lb buck (largest of the week) as well as having four multiple fish days herself. This was a very special week as we hooked 75 steelhead with 3 rods (us guides have to fish sometimes). We will certainly be offering this later date again to adventuresome anglers in 2003

We not only enjoyed some fantastic fishing but also great food, lots of laughs and super company. We were completely alone on the river which added a degree of exclusivity to a super wilderness experience. Although we did not see the prized moose (Cecile really wanted to see one), the beavers, otters and eagles were busy preparing for winter and offered some great entertainment when the fish did not. We will look forward to welcoming the Arkauers back again next year to battle our BC steelhead.