

## **Fishing Report for week of 14 to 23 October, 2005**

**Guests:** John Salkeld, Hugh Murray, Blake Pottinger, Marco Fiori, Tom Macy, Vern Olson, Andy Murray, Joe Daniel and Roy Tanami

**Weather:** Hi 6; Lo -5C. Cool wet weather. Rain and snow. Snow line and freezing level to valley bottom.

**Rivers fished:** Bell Irving, Nass, Damdochax, Meziadin

A very busy week to end our 2005 season. We were delighted to have 5 time returning guests John and Hugh back again on our “benchmark” week. Our season can often be measured by the success that John and Hugh enjoy during their annual visit to Bell 2 Lodge. It was another good one!! We entertained first time guests but very experienced anglers in Tom, Blake and Marco. Our friends from WILD ON THE FLY were back again with master casters Vern Olson and Andy Murray of HARDY. Filmers/Photographers extraordinaire Joe and Roy were here to work – yeah right !!

The Bell Irving had been fishing well but water temperatures had dropped substantially in the last few days. The start of the week was slow on the Bell. The fishing improved as the week went on and most anglers had a fish per day over the last 5 days this week. We had the enjoyment of filming Vern battling a 20 pound steelhead from tug to successful landing. We fished 30 kms of water and hooked fish in all sections of the river.

The Nass was as sweet as it gets this week. We averaged 3 fish per day per rod and had a number of fresh fish pushing the 20 pound mark. Those HARDY reels sure can sing!!! Fish were landed everywhere along our 4 km float. We fished new water on the Upper Nass and explored seldom, if ever, fished runs and pools.

It was a pleasure to host WILD ON THE FLY for the second time and use new HARDY rods and reels. The guys say they “nailed it” as the steelhead gods shown down on us once again. With two impressive hogs and fish on 3 different rivers look for a new TV program featuring Bell 2 Lodge and the Damdochax River Lodge on your digital cable network soon.

We hooked 69 steelhead with 36 rod days on 4 different rivers. Highlights included 3 fish days for Tom and John and plenty of winter weather for everyone. Top rod (once again) was John Salkeld who had 17 steelhead in 8 days of fishing. Thank you all for visiting us on the Upper Nass this season.