

**Fishing report for week of 17-26 Sep, 2008**

**Guests:** Roger Baer, Joel Gorly, Water & Kevin Woodstra, Tom Roehrl

**Weather:** Seasonal temps – 10-15 C . Cool mornings. Little rain

**Rivers:** Bell Irving, Meziadin.

The first guests of the season enjoyed some great weather and good catching. Little did we know that the great start of the fall was just the beginning..... The Coho were the first to start on the bite with multiple fish days regular. The steelhead were elusive at first but by mid-week we had several multiple fish days. The guests this week fish without the helicopter but enjoyed a great experience on the Bell.



**Fishing report for week of 26-Sep to 03-Oct, 2008**

**Guests:** Bruno Sprecher, Tommy Grass-Talbot, Peter Effert

**Weather:** Temps getting colder . Cool mornings. Later in the week

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

Our first helifishing guests of the season enjoyed a spectacular start to the trip. The water on the Bell was in perfect shape and the fish were hot. Both Peter and Tommy were first time steelheaders and had no trouble finding aggressive fish with the floating lines. Bruno was a seasoned pro and quickly found the right combination to get him into several fish each day.

The Nass and Damdochax were spectacular this week. Fresh fish pushing into the upper Nass every day. Several double digit days and plenty of sunshine.

For only 3 rods we managed 48 steelhead hooked. A great experience for our guests from Austria.





### **Fishing report for week of 03 to 10 Oct, 2008**

**Guests:** Axel Wimmer, Nori & Kumi Yamada, Tony Hayes, Shawn McCann, Stuart Mowbray

**Weather:** Mixed bag. Rain to start. Cold (-2C) to finish the week

**Rivers:** Bell Irving, Meziadin, Nass, Muskaboo, Cranberry

We had some serious anglers in this week. 3 returnees with Axel, Kumi and Nori. The gents from NZ know how to fish as well. What a great week to put a beating on the Nass steelies.

The first day was quite slow with the river was recovering from some rain. We managed 5 fish on the Bell. This river continued to produce all week as conditions improved daily. We had fish up and down the river with numerous fish from the home pools around the lodge. Some great fresh fish in the lower reaches around Treaty.

The Nass was at it's best this week. Only once in past 6 years have we seen quite this number of fish stacked in this system. The combination of lower water and a large run size for the upper tributaries provided pool after pool of multiple hook ups. We had 2 days with over 20 hook-ups for 3 rods. Fish were taken on all methods from dry flies to down and dirty. Big fish of the season was 40x20 fresh buck landed by Axel.

One of the absolute highlights of the season (and the history of the program) was landing a steelhead and losing another on a NEW steam – Muskaboo Creek. Not even the Government biologists figured there were steelhead in this system. This a as pretty a place as anything we have fished and the ease of use for anglers of all types will make this a regular stop on the Nass helifishing program for years to come. What a week 114 steelhead hooked for 6 rods!!!





### **Fishing report for week of 10 to 17 Oct, 2008**

**Guests:** Joe Macy, Roger Urwin

**Weather:** Cold (-2C) to start the week. Warming and seasonal average temps later.

**Rivers:** Bell Irving, Nass

Joe Macy returns for his 7<sup>th</sup> trip in a row. This guy not only has a skill to catch steelhead - he loves it on the Nass. Joe was involved in the inaugural helicopter fishing trip to the Nass in 2002 and continues to pursue these fish year after year. We very much appreciate the support.

As for the catching, it was one of the best years we have had during this peak week. Quite often we find the numbers of fish per rod we have during this week is a great estimate of the season on the whole. All the rivers were fishing very well. The cold temps early in the week required extra patience in the morning to get those fish to move. The last part of the week was magical as the warming rains came which turned on the fish.

42 steelhead hooked for 2 rods this week. 3 fish a day on average which is above most steelheaders expectations anywhere ☺



**Fishing report for week of 17 to 24 Oct, 2008**

**Guests:** Ashton Breikreutz, Alex Oscar

**Weather:** Cold.

**Rivers:** Bell Irving.

Our last week of the season was a cold one. Anglers looking to come later in the fall need to be prepared for this type of weather and more challenging fishing conditions. Plenty of fish are in the system but many are stale and you need excellent technique and patience to get the hookups.

All anglers were able to land fish each day. Having a warm tent to get a hot meal and warm the bones is crucial on days like these. The boys still managed 36 fish in challenging weather. Great work to end the year!!