



NIMBO FORK FISHING REPORT OCTOBER 2008

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT:

- New Season opens with many nice trout caught.
- Nimbo's first spawning run successful!
- Health Spa Services now available!
- Trout catches man!

Season Opener

The new season has been a busy time here at Nimbo. Prior to the opening weekend, we hosted a corporate conference, a great country wedding and a magazine photo shoot!



Bridal group from a recent country wedding at Nimbo Fork

The opening weekend itself was great, with quite a number of fish over 15" caught on the property. Weekend storms muddied the water a little on the Sunday and Monday but we continued to catch some nice fish.

River levels have been volatile for the last few weeks with the Tumut River running at a high 7500 ML per day due to irrigator demand downstream. As a result the Nimbo Fork of the River is running well, and a number of nice trout have been taken there.

Mornings here have been crisp but the days are getting very warm now, but thankfully not as hot as last year.



"Tumut River at Dawn" – taken by one of our guests

Lessons for newcomers to the sport have dominated the first four weeks of the season and many sizable trout, both rainbow and browns, have been taken on the dry fly in our ponds. Bigger browns have been eating heavily weighted mud-eye patterns on the bottom.

Caddis hatches and mayfly hatches have been prolific recently, and the first hoppers of the season have arrived in the last few days.

With another boat commissioned this year we now have three drift boats commissioned and the high river water levels provide the ideal setting for an armchair ride down the beautiful Tumut Valley.



A novice flyfisherman with his first catch on the fly!

SPAWNING RUN

During the off season we had plenty of fun chasing the more mature fish out of the creeks that join our artificial trout ponds. Much to the surprise of many they were in fact spawning and we now have a growing population of second generation Nimbo trout! They are all rainbows and are already 75mm long at just three months old. If they can avoid the large brown trout predators we should have a great self-sustaining population in future seasons.



One of our new season rainbow trout from the June spawning run!

This year we will be open through the New Year's period but book early as it will up quickly. Hopefully a clear night will produce an incredible sky for New Year's Eve.



A recent corporate guest meeting his first trout on the fly.



A fat 2lb trout taken on a dry fly!

The communal dining has been even more interesting with our chef's new a la carte menu and an expanded premium wine selection.

We continue to have rooms available throughout the rest of the season, apart from some short periods already booked for corporate events.

We have now had many return bookings and are looking forward to welcoming guests back for our third season.

Lookout for the photo shoot in Inside Out magazine Xmas edition in early December where you will spy some of Chef Aaron's greatest seasonal dishes!

SPA SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE

We are now offering a range of spa treatments for men and women. Need a massage after a long day's fishing? Looking for a facial or manicure? We now offer an exclusive range of Ella Bache treatments on site. Forward bookings are essential.

TROUT CATCHES MAN!



One of our international friends all caught up!

Yes, this actually happened (but not at Nimbo Fork). Take a good look at this picture and make sure you are seeing everything correctly. Never mind the decent rainbow trout, there is a hook lodged in the upper lip of a good friend of ours who also happens to be a great fisherman. This is Taylor's story.....

"Believe what you will for this is after all a fishing story (possibly my best), but I can assure you I'm not exaggerating. I suppose every fly fisherman hooks himself at some point- this was my first.

On Friday, I was invited to go fishing with Thomas and his father, who are both avid fly fisherman. Excited to inaugurate my new rod here in Chile, I couldn't wait to get going. On Saturday, I went over to Tom's house to organize gear for our Sunday morning departure. Once we gathered everything, his father showed me his giant fish freezers, his private fly tying room, and tons of pictures from past fishing excursions. The following morning, we

drove one hour south on the Pan-American Highway and then some distance east toward the mountain range. Mr. S, like every other person in Los Angeles, Chile, works in forestry and was pointing out all the plots of land that he managed. To access the river we drove on the forest maintenance roads, dodging fallen trees and giant pot holes. The first few hours of fishing were wonderful, however, the wind was fierce! And so on an unfortunate back cast a gust wind whipped Mr. S's hand tied Caddis pattern right into my upper lip. I had caught myself. Full of embarrassment and as helpless as the fish I had previously caught, I stumbled down river to where Tom and his father were casting. We managed to cut the line, but the barb was embedded deep in my skin and so attempting to remove it would have been difficult. Mr. S said we'd better drive back to Los Angeles and visit the medical clinic. I knew trying to remove it right then and there would only worsen my predicament, but a part of me wanted to keep fishing. Moreover, I felt awful that I was the reason for our early return. Not exactly sure how to express myself, I proceeded with the comic approach and said things like, "I was just really hungry..." and "looks like I caught the biggest one today, eh?". I spent the entire ride home outlining this entry in my head trying to restrain myself from touching my accidental lip ring. In the clinic waiting room, I couldn't do anything but laugh at the looks I received. Luckily, the removal procedure was quick and painless, however, with all this anesthetic in my lips right now I can't exactly speak, let alone roll my Spanish R's. I can't wait to try and tell this story in Spanish over dinner..."

Best Wishes from everyone at Nimbo Fork.

There's a spot for you at Nimbo Fork...