

River Haven Lodge

2010/2011 Fishing Season Highlights
Leya & Scott Murray



Rod & Reel Magazine Visits River Haven Lodge

We started this season off with a bang! The first week of October, Ruhan Neething landed a 10.5 Lb brown! A week later, John Ward of Australia landed a 10.2 lb. brown. Then there was Jeremy Herrmann's three 10lb+ around the new year; 10.1, 10.5, and an 11.5 lb browns!

The last week of April, who else but John Part, landed a 12.25 lb. brown to finish the season with a bang! Overall the season produced a higher average of fish landed. Even with the floods in the new year, the fishing came back dramatically within a few weeks and started showing higher numbers of fish between 1 to 3 lbs. Looking good for next season.



Jack Billhardt with Guide, Scott Murray, with one of the thirty-nine browns landed during he and his mate, Ralf Kreizebeck's, visit .

"I just wanted to thank the both of you for making my first couple of days in New Zealand everything I'd hoped they'd be....
Scott: After leaving you I fished with four other guides. All of them were very good and put me onto fish. Those guys can all be proud of themselves.

That being said, you are the best guide I've fished with... anywhere! When I think back on everything, I am now certain of what I suspected while fishing with you: It was an honor and privilege to be fishing with Scott Murray. ...somewhat because of your impressive reputation, but mainly because of your performance when it was just me, you and the fish. Day after day, river after river, proved to be a true Master every time. Thank you for the experience."

Theirry Bombeke
Associate Publisher
Shooting Sportsman
& Rod & Reel Magazine

Theirry landed over 20 fish in only 2 days while taking photos and notes for his article!





Bick & DeDe Cardwell having a bit of fun letting their hair down and their trouts have a wee smooch! After a TWENTY fish day, no wonder they're all smiles!

Yet Another First Time Angler, Has Success at River Haven Lodge!

As River Haven grows to become one of the finest fishing lodges on the South Island, our client base continues to grow as well. However, we don't cater to only fishy folks, but have become a destination for those just wanting some luxury, while relaxing on holiday.



Greg Howat came to River Haven Lodge having never held a rod before. As you can see, he was very proud to land a trout his first day out on the river! Then a day of rest and contemplation of the rest of the week to come....



Johnny Part (Right) strikes again in late April, with a 30" fish weighing 12.25 lbs.! John presented Scott Murray, River Haven's owner & head guide, with a very heart felt book he had made to thank Scotty for 10 brilliant years of fishing together! Not many anglers can admit to landing over 40 two-digit fish in just 10 years!



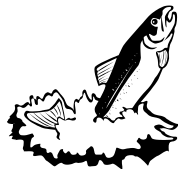


**“ We Just Don’t Get Tired
of Coming to New Zealand!”**

**Who Says “You can’t land a fish
your First time to New Zealand!”**



Tem & Nancy King (Left), have been coming to fish New Zealand for over twenty years! Another guest asked if they ever get bored or tired of New Zealand. Why not try another place? Nancy simply stated, “We just don’t get tired of coming to New Zealand!” The 6.75 lb. brown Tem is holding, is just cream on the cake. “We don’t care if we land anything!”



Haley and her father Terry Wouldt, proved you are able to land a fish your first trip to New Zealand with Haley’s 5.25 lb on her first ever, day of fly fishing! Between the two of them, they landed over a dozen fish that day between 2 and 3 pound.

River Haven Anglers Just Can’t Help Landing Large Browns!

Well, our “Wall of Fame” in the River Haven Bar continues to grow! Bobbie and Dallas Gay showing the 7.25 lb brown that Dallas landed. Then, if that wasn’t enough, the following day they BOTH landed an 8 lber EACH!!



Merchas Grinnell of California lands a 9.25 lb. brown!

2010/11 Season was Delightful with Some Wonderful Adventures Everyday!.....



Hugo Marchelle of Belgium lands another wopper! It's not the 10 lber but what a 9.75 lb brown!.. Hugo fishes all over the world, but always returns for a fish in New Zealand...

Vicki Linville of America had a glorious time on the day she landed this 5.75 lb. Total for the day was 18 landed! She says it's her only other love besides her husband!



Christine and John Dayton from America having a relaxing, adventure. It was wonderful having them at River Haven Lodge and the eighteen fish day on the "fly out" was a real standout! Pete Carty, who guided Christine, said "she's got what it takes, keep up the practice"!



Dick (alias Robin Williams look alike) & brother, Jim Riordan of Alaska travel all this way to enjoy our challenging browns. This is their second season , landing 54 fish in five days this year.



Guy Blakeney of England had some terrific fishing with Greg Gardiner, and topped his trip off with a nice 8.5 lb brown!

More Fishy Stories of The Season...

Lady Angler Lands Record Fish!



Keri Modder of Los Angeles, lands our ladies record brown at 10.25 pounds! The fish was nearly bigger than Keri!



Who loves flying helicopters more than Alan Rozignosky (better known as "Rozzo"). His flying talent developed over the years, has saved many a fishing day...

River Haven's warmth and charm, just add to the whole holiday experience...



Looking for a "different kettle of fish"? How about landing a meter long eel!



Leya Murray lands her first large brown at 9 3/4 lb., the end of the 2010 season!



After a brilliant day on the river, enjoy River Haven's exquisite cuisine. Don't miss out on the home-made bread with honey from Bees & Trees! What a way to start the day....

More Fishing Stories of the Season...



Pete Carty, Guide
Extrodinaire, assists Dallas Gay
from America with a nice 8.5 lber.

**John Ward lands the first two
digit fish of the season @ 10.2lb. After
chasing it for 800 meters, John landed
this monster!**



Let's not forget the fun we had with John Dietch and his film crew! With the help of Air New Zealand and Mike McLelland, an American film crew from Hook TV came to River Haven Lodge and filmed our gorgeous country and our lodge to be shown on "Great American Outdoors" this July in America. Huge thanks to everyone that made this filming happen.

***River Haven Guides
ARE
"Simply The Best!"***



Shown here, Greg Gardiner with a nice 12 lb brown trout. Greg joined the team last season and has proven to be one of our best acquisitions!



**Joe Modder with his wife,
Kerri showing the 7 lber. he
landed!**

The Up Coming Season!

The upcoming season is full of promise since the huge flood, the second of January, 2011. There's been a large influx of fish, in most rivers. These new fish are growing fast! My personal prediction, is that by next season, they could average two to six pounds easily, as they are feeding hard!

The lodge.... Just keeps getting better! Our gardens are growing faster than ever... Enjoy our fresh garde veggies, and wild venison, or lamb steaks.

Our gear is all updated with new Simms gear, as well as our new logoed Columbia shirts for purchase... Hope to see you next season!



Oops, Guy Blackeney goes for a wee swim to get his fish!

Not an Angler, No Worries, Enjoy New Zealand's Many Unique Treasures!

Some of our angler clients are married to one that is not especially into fishing...no worries! At River Haven, there are so many activities to experience... Famous hiking trails, hunting wild deer, goats or pigs, mountain biking, even bird watching or photography! Not many destinations in the world with the sea, mountains, penguins, seals, brown trout or rainbows, wild ferns, punga trees, swing bridges, kias....you name it, it's all here, just waiting for you to arrive....

There's definitely something for everyone with the Kahurangi National Park all around you!

