



La Villa de Estancia María Behety Fishing Report
(January 13 - 20, 2024)
By Diego Motter - Head Guide

Our second week just ended, where we had a great group of 4 repeat guests and 2 new guests.

The fishing was rather slow this week. We saw a lot of fish moving, but they weren't much interested in our flies. Only in the last hour of the day did the fish get active and grabby and wanted our big flies (Sunray Shadows, leeches, and Intruders) – "The Magic Hour".

The big run of fish has arrived, they are settling into the pools, some moving straight up river without stopping.

The river is low and clear, and we are using light lines, long leaders and very small flies. 59 fish were landed for the week, 15 fish over 15 pounds, 4 fish over 20 pounds.

Sunray shadows, EMBs and green machines were the best, fished with floating and sinking lines. Top rod of the week was Paul Pritchard with 16 fish to the net, the biggest 20 pounds.

Water Conditions:

Water color and visibility: clear
Water temperature: 6 Celsius to 12 Celsius
Water level: low water.

Weather Conditions:

Wind speed ranges: strong winds blew from the northwest most of the week.
Air temperatures: 3 Celsius to 16 Celsius.
Weather observations: cold week.

Fishing Conditions:

Flies that are working the best: Different sized Sunray Shadows, small salmon flies, nymphs (red tail, emb, prince, pheasant tail), green machine and for the last hour (intruders, leeches, and sunray shadows)

Sunray Shadows, embs and green machines were the best flies for the week, fished with floating and sinking lines. Dead drifting nymphs, moving the fly and stripping, depending on the depth and speed of the water worked well.

Sinking lines, T-14, T-18, in deep pools. The fish didn't move too much on our flies during the daytime.

Fly lines (tips, heads, lengths, densities, etc): Skagit heads with different lengths of T-17, 14, 11, as well as Scandis with poly-leaders.

We recommend bringing two rods, one to use with a Scandi and another with a Skagit line.

Length and strength of tippet and leaders: 7 to 12 feet. 15 to 20 pounds.

Most of the fish were in the lower and middle part of the river.
Most of the fish are fresh.

Fish Catch Statistics:

Number of anglers for the week: 6
Total number of fish landed for the week: 59
Weight of the biggest fish: 21 pounds
Number of fish landed over 15 pounds: 15
Number of fish landed over 20 pounds: 4
Average weight: 8.5 pounds.



Val Atkinson Photo