

April 2005

What a fantastic season we have had, after last season's wet weather, this summer was simply sunny!

Highlights – big fish, lots of fish, stunning weather, clear streams and eager trout.

Tim Golden – Investigative reporter for the New York Times spent a few days staying and fishing with us. Tim landed his biggest trout to date – at just on 8.5 lb.



Alistair McGlashan – famous Australian photo journalist came over to write a story on the fabulous fishing on offer. Al really wanted to see some dry fly action, well he wasn't disappointed!



One particular memorable day on the Matakītaki saw Al & his guide spot 23 brownies & land 12 – all of them on the Cicada!



Late February saw the lad's from Millbrook Lakes return for their 4th visit! Dash, Mark & Philip Weigall (along with 5 of their friends) had a **HUGE** time (they did some fishing too).



In their 5 days of fishing team Australia landed over **230** of the region's finest brown trout. The boy's had a couple of days Heli fishing in the Karamea river system as well as some memorable fishing on the lower Buller.



March rolled on by – and so did the sunny days – Michael Buchheit from New York landed this lovely 6lb brown on one of the region's smaller feeder streams.



The rivers are still running low & clear – making for some exciting fishing as the brown's feed up big in preparation for their winter spawning.



I would like to thank all those wonderful guests that stayed with us and experienced our little slice of heaven this year.

And don't forget - you are a stranger only once at Owen River Lodge.

Felix, Jude, Cheryl & Amanda