



## Stonefly Lodge - Newsletter May 2015

### Roundup of 2014/5 season (A TROPHY SEASON)

The hype last year was about whether 2014/5 would be a "mouse year" (See our April 2014 newsletter or click [here](#)).

We can now say with a high level of confidence and experience that the expected mouse plague within the native beech forests surrounding Stonefly Lodge and the subsequent trout frenzy feeding on the mice was accurate. We experienced our record year for big brown trout with 9 trophy trout larger than 10 pounds caught in a period of 9 weeks. Needless to say there were many, many trout caught in the 8-10 pounds bracket as well.

#### Some days to remember:

**Jan 2015,** A group from ORVIS came back with stories of 2 trophy trout and a bevy of 7-9.5 pound trout landed on the one day, with each pool fished stocked with trophy trout and many got away.

**March 2015:** A day when all the planets and stars lined up for two regular repeat anglers from Hawaii, - on the one day they landed, a 6Lb, 2 x7Lb, 8Lb, 10Lb, 10.5Lb, 13.5Lb trout. ( a total of 62 Lb landed on one day), and the surprise was the amount of additional trout of the same condition they cast to that were not landed! Their expectations for their next trip has now been lifted!

Our season has extended into May this year as the mighty Motueka river is one of only a few rivers in the top of the South Island that can be fished all year round.

The exciting news coming from the above is that because of our strict catch and release policy in this region these well conditioned giant trout will be ready for the challenge in the 2015/6 season. They may loose a little condition over the winter but certainly will be much larger than normal coming into next season because of the mouse year. This fits with all the reports from experienced guides who often mention that the benefits of a mouse year extends for at least two years.

After a 6 month break without angler pressure some anglers prefer the early part of the season to try their hand at trout that are less spooky and will tolerate a less than perfect cast. We do have our specials for the start of the next season with limited space available - see our special on the side column. Remember all repeat clients now get a 10% discount off normal prices. Now is the time to book for a chance at a trophy trout in New Zealand.

All packages in this newsletter are subject to availability, and for bookings made from 15th May 2015.

View our [website](#) for many more specials available and a list of all the exciting activities available from Stonefly Lodge for the non angler partner.

### Orvis Fly Fishing Lodge Endorsement

Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Lodges represent the best fishing experiences in the world. As an Orvis Endorsed property, Stonefly Lodge is committed to excellence and the high standards of this exclusive fly fishing program. Orvis sought out the best fishing lodges, outfitters, and guides in the world, all of whom are located in exceptional fishing areas, and who have a reputation for superior client service. The result was the Orvis Endorsed Lodge, Outfitter, Expedition and Guide Program. All participants share the ideals of excellent service, great fishing, and an experienced staff. All operations are continually reviewed by the Orvis staff and must continue to meet their rigorous requirements.



### Exceptional Lodge and Experience

*"My son and I chose Stonefly Lodge for our New Zealand fly fishing trip in April of 2015. Simply put - this place is magnificent. Five star in every category. The owners/hosts, John and Kate Kerr are true professionals in the field of hospitality. The impressive lodge, situated above the bank of the Motueka River, is thoughtfully appointed and extremely comfortable. Beautiful rooms and views. The food prepared by Chef Dean was truly impressive every single day. As for the fishing - utterly superb!! These fish are big. So many world class brown trout fishing options each day. Our guide, Richard, was perhaps the best gentleman I have ever fished with. This place is among New Zealand's finest. Highly recommended"*

*Ben, Phoenix Arizona, USA*

Tight Lines,  
John and Kate Kerr  
February 2015

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### PACKAGE DETAILS

STAY 7 NIGHTS FOR THE PRICE OF 5

#### Package includes:

- 7 nights accommodation
- Breakfast and dinner each day
- 5 days guided fishing
- Use of all fishing gear

**Cost: NZ \$4862.50 p/p twin share.**  
Valid: 14th October - 14th December 2015  
15th March to 30th April 2016

STAY 5 NIGHTS FOR THE PRICE OF 4

#### Package includes:

- 5 nights accommodation
- Breakfast and dinner each day
- 3 days guided fishing
- Use of all fishing gear

**Cost: NZ \$3512.50 p/p twin share.** Valid: 14th October - 14th December 2015  
15th March to 30th April 2016

To make a booking inquiry, call John on +64 3 5224479, or email [info@stoneflylodge.co.nz](mailto:info@stoneflylodge.co.nz)



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