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// FISHING REPORT



As the end of the season slowly approaches on this frosty morning... while the sun warms the water up I can see myriads of mayflies hatching, and the river, all of a sudden, comes alive. This daily miracle that I never get tired to admire!

Memories of an intense season with all its variations come to mind. Those browns we caught in the 30+ inch range, those wonderful hefty resident rainbows and browns that will take flies on the surface. Those situations we've encountered having to "match hatches". Days of profuse hatches as well as those hatch-less ones. How productive fishing with attractors and foam flies has been. Days of incredible nymph fishing. And the gorgeous fish that took our streamers. All the things we've learned and those we keep learning. (You always learn new things, regardless of how long for you've fished a river, it's one's state of mind more than anything else...) Weather changes, wind variations, water condition shifts, all challenges that we permanently keep facing, figuring out and adapting.

So, considering all we've experienced this season and seasons past, and focusing on what's next, we've come to think that we may like to put some "innovations" to work, which is no less than going back to classic and traditional patterns that for certain arbitrary reasons happened to go out of fashion, so to speak. This means going back to those patterns that worked wonders 20 or 30 years ago and back, such as wooly-worms, bitch-creeks, muddler-minnows, Brooks' blondes, marabou-muddlers, matukas, fuzzy-wuzzies, Mickey Finns, "classic" wet-flies, Montana-nymphs, irresistibles, skating spiders and more!

ACTUALLY, WE'VE BEEN TRYING AND "RE-DISCOVERING" THESE OLD PATTERNS LATELY, AND TODAY'S FISH GENERATIONS WILL GO AFTER THEM LIKE THERE IS NO TOMORROW: THEY'VE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE! IT'S AMAZING!



All things considered, despite the various factors and conditions we've had to go through, I will say "consistency" may perhaps be the word that may most accurately sum up this season's fishing experience on the Limay. (For example, unlike the rest of the rivers in Patagonia, February and early March for us were just outstanding this season.) No other river in the area has been as consistent.

All in all it's been a really great season on the Middle Limay. Now we are already thinking of next season and we can't wait!

Cheers!

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