

## Simon Lake April 25<sup>th</sup>

Norm Neiderer [nnwneiderer@gmail.com]

Hi All,

Thanks George for these reports,

Norm

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From: **George Bowron** <[georgebowron@yahoo.ca](mailto:georgebowron@yahoo.ca)>

Date: Sat, Jun 3, 2017 at 8:43 PM

Subject: Fw: fishin with Jay and Jimmy

To: Norm Neiderer <[nnwneiderer@gmail.com](mailto:nnwneiderer@gmail.com)>

here's the first of several e-mails with info on Lakes near 100 mile.....I would appreciate you sending them out to those heading out to the Cariboo.....

thanx.....

george

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**From:** patanddoug <[patanddoug@shaw.ca](mailto:patanddoug@shaw.ca)>

**Sent:** April 26, 2017 8:37 AM

**To:** patanddoug

**Subject:** fishin with Jay and Jimmy

I got talked into shaking off the winter blahs by Jimmy who, after conversing with Jay and checking the weather decided that Simon Lake would be a great place to spend a Tuesday. The ice had been off around a week, the surface water temp was 45 F, and the day was sunny and warming when we got to the lake sometime after 10. Ron Bowron was there pulling the fencing and posts that surrounded the open water all winter near the aerators (it took him all day to get this done, quite a task).

After getting our gear in the boats and launching it was probably after 11. We decided to try where Jay and I had finished off the previous season in November, and anchored in about 8 feet

of water and dangled our leeches at about 5 to 6 feet below the indicators.



### **Jay Landing Keeper**

It seemed like only a couple of minutes before Jimmy was hooked solidly into a nice fish. Earlier Ron had jokingly said that the fish we released last year (just under 10 lbs) would still be there, only larger. It turned out to be very prophetic indeed. After a good long tussle I was able to slip the none to large net under his fish. After determining that the batteries were dead in my scale (it pays to check over all the equipment before heading out for the first trip of the season), we had to call Jay over with his to get the weight. After deducting the weight of the net, we

determined the fish was just over 12 lbs.



I was going to get a photo of him holding it, but it wrestled free of his grasp at the net and released itself earlier than planned. What a great way to start the season. With plenty of sunshine, light, variable breezes, and great company.

We decided to head a little farther west as Jay and another boat captained by Dennis Shewchuk (former president of the 100 Mile Fly Fishers) were into fish. Dennis had had at least 8 fish on by the time we got there, releasing another Fraser Valley trout of about 13 lbs in the interim (later in the afternoon, after returning to the same spot, he says he lost one estimated to be in the 15 to 16 lb range that broke him off after a 25 minute battle, when it ran under the boat and rubbed on the anchor rope).

I had a great day, landing 9 trout (all Pennask strain) to about 4 lbs, but the large fish of last fall were elusive. All were taken on my leech pattern in size 10 2X. Jimmy landed one or two more, and I think Jay got 4 or so before leaving early in the afternoon, but not before he devoured one of Jimmy's custom venison sandwiches. We were off the water around 4, just as Ron was bringing his last load of fencing into shore.

I think we will return soon with fresh batteries in my scale and a renewed enthusiasm for the 2017 season.

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