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When you fish a particular "home" water long and consistently enough, one can become familiar with the same trout - sometimes catching him multiple times to the point you have names for 'em. I'm sure many of you have experienced this. Back in the late 80s I caught the same 19" brown from Fisherman's Paradise seven times in one four month period. Trout spots are like human fingerprints and can clearly prove a fish to be the same one if you have photos to match 'em. A unique and interesting thread developed last summer when 3wt7X posted a photo of a beautiful 20" brown from Falling Springs. Sure enough, the fish was recognized by Squaretail and he posted a photo of the same trout from 2008. Everyone agreed it was a beauty! Here's the thread:

http://www.paflyfish.com/modules/newb ... php?topic_id=8473&forum=8

Anyway, 3wt was justifiably proud of this fish and inquired into whether I'd paint a life sized portrait, which I was happy to do.
Well, last week I was out with Benny on Falling Springs and caught the fish myself. While I didn't mean to specifically target this fish, I hapened to know where he'd been caught last summer and he was still there. In the past, I've caught other trout in FS multiple times but often they moved up or downsteam. Others stay in the same run or cover for years. Guess this guy's a homebody.
In any event, I highly doubt I'll ever catch a trout again that I had ALREADY painted before I'd seen him in real life. 😃
I'd also imagine that this is probably the only trout known to have been caught by three different forum members in three consecutive years. Hopefully our friend will thrive and continue to grow for years to come.

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JW Brown09.jpg (38.50 KB)

FS on 2 Feb.jpg (203.83 KB)