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Re: HomeWaters Club- different name, same agenda

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JackM wrote:

I didn't remember that anecdote from so long ago, but I bet your buddy would rather fish Spruce Creek than Valley. Sounds like his guide on Spruce put him on some big fish, whereas when you guided him on Valley, you both came up empty. Anyhow, I am certain that the majority of Home Waters / Spring Ridge patrons are sufficiently skilled to catch trout in wild streams, even on those as reputedly difficult as Valley.

As along other socio-economic strata, there are some spending their money for privacy, status, ammenities, etc., but why not joining a Country Club with a golf course? Most of these guys like to FF. Surely mixed in are some poseurs, but it is likely a small minority. Just my opinion, as I am not of that ilk.

Jack,

The Homewaters homewaters are often stocked to the "gills" with large fish way beyond the normal carrying capacity of the stream. They are often fed pellets to supplement the natural food and to keep them from moving out of the private section. There are established "beats" (stream sections) that are "rested" (no fishing allowed) for days, a week, or more. When the "angler" and his guide get there, it's like the first day of trout season.....without all the people....Hee-ha! Not much of a sport IMO.

Question, if you won the lottery and money was no object, would you join such a club? I surely wouldn't....

BTW, I've fished Spruce in a private section (one time ...never again!) and often fish Valley Creek. No contest...catching one fish on Valley is much more rewarding than catching a bunch of hogs in Spruce.

To me, the challenge of FFing is a big part of why I enjoy to fish. It's not really about hauling in the hogs one after another...that gets boring. Fooling some tough (wild) fish in their natural surroundings gives me a lot more satisfaction.