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PennKev,

1. I'm not saying I'm deficient in the skills you are aiming at. I'm not sure that I'm competition quality, but I do ok.

And yes, I do find those skills to be important. I'm not downplaying that. It's just that, to me, it's only a part of what it takes to be a good overall fishermen.

If 2 guys take a fishing trip to central PA, with the same home base. Guy #1 goes to Penns Creek all day, and nymphs up 4 during the afternoon, then catches 8 more during the evening hatch. Guy #2 goes elsewhere, and catches 5 brownies and 15 brookies during the day, then winds up at Penns Creek for the evening hatch and manages 5 more.

Who's the better fisherman? Side by side, when facing the same situation, guy #1 caught more fish. And this may be more or less repeatable. But, guy #2 caught more fish and overall had a better day, because he could predict what streams would fish best at various times of the day. This too may be more or less repeatable.

IMO, guy #2 is the better overall fisherman.

Yes, fishing is very much like a golf course where you can play any hole you want. That's the reality, is it not? When you plan your "for fun" fishing days, are you held to go to an exact spot at an exact time? Heck no.

You can choose anywhere you want. Within your alotted time, you can adjust times too. Say, go here at this time, go here at this time. And your decisions will play a HUGE role in your success on that day, will they not?

Hence, a large part of being a good fisherman is putting yourself in situations to succeed. Where you go may depend on the season, weather, hatches, flows, etc.

Being a good fisherman is 70% about managing a billion variables and putting yourself in the best situation to succeed. It's 30% about succeeding once you get there. These comps only measure the 30%.