Meanders in the Meadow

Before Rockwell Springs Trout Club existed there was a Rockwell Spring. When the area was first settled in the early 1800’s, the spring was recognized as a source of power and the early settlers harnessed that power to operate a mill. The mill was located very close to where the Conant Room in the Clubhouse is now. The men who developed the mill constructed a mill race, or a ditch, that ran from the source of the spring, which at that time was about 150 yards east of where it is today, to a location where there was enough change in elevation that the water could be dropped over a mill wheel, producing power. Of course it was most cost effective for them to dig this ditch in a straight line from the water source to the site of the mill.

Those of you catch and release fishermen who frequent the Sadler’s Meadow area have seen the remnants of the original mill race. While there are bits and pieces of the old race ditch that survived the 2001 Sadler’s Meadow stream project, the largest unaltered section was the 300 yards of stream directly east of Northwest Road. We used the past tense because it is now in the process of being altered. On October 1, Parker Excavating began construction of three pools with connecting streams running roughly parallel to the old stream and just south of it. When the new pools and streams are completed, the water will be diverted to run through it and the old stream will be filled in. While the current stream has steep banks on both sides that make it very difficult to land a fish, let alone release it properly, the new stream will have gently sloped banks on both the north and south side to facilitate proper catch and release techniques.

The project also includes the construction of a mound, roughly four feet high, and roughly paralleling the new stream. Over the next year or two the mound will be planted with a variety of vegetation to screen the area from the road. The overall effect should be to give those fishing the area a little more of a feeling of being “away from it all”, at least as much as is possible with a road just 50 yards away. In addition to providing a sense of separation, the plants will also provide some beauty in the way of flowers and well as some habitat and food for songbirds and other wildlife. It may even provide some pie filling, as we hope to include some elderberry plants.

While there have been frequent minor changes to the stream over the Club’s 112 year history, this is the fifth significant stream improvement after the construction of the original streams around 1903. In the mid 1960’s the East Branch, Battenkill, Gunnison, Brule, Maple, Wilson Pool and the Castalia Pools were added. In the late 1980’s the Little Sandy, East Hickory and Castleman were added. In the late 1990’s the Willoway Pool was constructed on the site of the original Clubhouse. In 2001 the three pools and oxbow stream at the east end of the Sadler’s Meadow area were built and in 2012 we are putting the finishing touches on the Sadler’s Meadow area.

The project should go fairly quickly, we hope to have all the earth moved by October 13 and we plan to seed the area yet this fall. We will not stock fish into the new stream until next spring, but there will be no barrier to keep fish already in the stream from migrating into it. Be sure to schedule time to get out to the Club a couple more times this fall and when you do, meander on over to Sadler’s Meadow and check it out.
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Current Fish & Stream Statistics

Average flow for Sept. 2012:  1,378 gpm
Highest Sept. 2012 flow, week #36:  1,496 gpm
Lowest Sept. 2012 flow, week #38:  1,289 gpm
   21 year average Sept. flow:  3,639 gpm
21 year highest Sept. flow, week #38,’92: 10,582 gpm
21 year lowest Sept. flow, week #39,’99:  569 gpm
Fish caught and kept in Sept.:   697
   Average size of fish caught in Sept.: 19.0 ounces
Fish stocked in Sept.:   700
   Average size of fish stocked in Sept.: 19.8 ounces

Current Membership Information

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<td>50 invited to join: 0</td>
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<td>26 posted last month: 3</td>
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<td>45 posted this month: 2</td>
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<td>43 new members in 2012: 34</td>
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Current fishing member initiation fee: $3,000.00
Current Social member initiation fee: $750.00

2012 Annual dues

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Club Operations Schedule

- Beginning Mon., Sept. 10, 2012, through Sun., Nov. 25, 2012, the Club will be open Tuesday through Sunday and closed on Monday.
- Beginning Tue., Nov. 27, 2012, through Sun., March 31, 2013, the Club will be open Wednesday through Sunday and closed on Monday and Tuesday.
- Beginning Tue., April 2, 2013, through Sun., May 26, 2013 the Club will be open Tuesday through Sunday and closed on Monday.
- Beginning Mon., May 27, 2013, through Sun., Sept. 8, 2012, the Club will be open 7 days a week.

Fall Room Specials
Book your rooms now!

For the month of November
you can stay at the Club on both Tuesday and Wednesday or Wednesday and Thursday for the price of one night’s stay.

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Thanksgiving Reservations

Thanksgiving Day is still about eight weeks off, but it’s never too early to make plans for that special day. All the details will be in next month’s newsletter, but we are ready to take your reservation if you would like to ensure the seating that you prefer. Just call the Club at (419) 684-5339 to reserve your table. There are quite a few overnight rooms still available and for the month of November we will be running an overnight special, so if you want to stay both Wednesday and Thursday night at the Club one of the night’s lodging will be free. Just one more thing for which to be thankful!

The trout special for October is: Harvest Trout walnut panco breaded trout filets, pan fried and served with a maple, brandy and butternut squash sauce

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Rockwell Springs Trout Club  
Member Services Committee  
1581 County Road 310  
Clyde, Ohio 43410

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Carah Liebold, daughter of Club employee Michelle Liebold, proudly displays the rainbow and brook trout that she landed at the same time on a white Krystal Bugger during the recent employee picnic.

Congratulations to Carah on a feat that none of us have heard of before. A fly fishing double header while fishing a single fly.