



Member Handbook

A Short History of the Club

The Creamton Fly Fishing Club was founded as the Creamton Fishing Club in 1939. The founding was led by three men. Garfield Thomas, a Carbondale jeweler, Fuller Blickens, a Carbondale undertaker and James Naizby of Waymart, who at the time was the fireman for the Fell Brewing Company in Simpson. They were soon joined by other men from Waymart and Carbondale. The complete list of early and subsequent members can be found in the Club archives. Names like Roswell McMullen Sr. , a Carbondale mining engineer, his son Roswell Jr., Lester Stanton, a Waymart lumberman, Dr. Raymond Wilson, of Waymart, a physician, Dr. Kenneth Wilson of Waymart, an optometrist, Charles Decker, a Waymart businessman, Dr. H.R. Bell and Dr. Walter May. Many of the early members seemed to have family connections in the mining and lumber industry. Early meetings of the Club were held in the Board Room of the First National Bank of Carbondale. The club stayed in the 25-30 member range until after WW II, when it expanded to the 35-40 member range. The members in those days were basically minnow and worm fishermen that were not adverse to the use of a fly now and then.

Circa 1940 the Club made arrangements with Henry Mead to lease the property where the Club cabin now stands. At this time a dam was constructed on the spring run in front of the cabin. The pool that formed was to be used for the raising of trout.

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Unfortunately a 100 year flood in 1942 destroyed the raceways. The remnants of these can still be seen in front of the cabin. About this same time Dr. Raymond Wilson donated what is now the old section of our cabin (kitchen) to the club. Previously this was his "hideaway" on Lake Idelwild in Susquehanna County. Using a lowboy truck the cabin was moved and, with the help of a bulldozer, slid down the hill on railroad ties and track from Sullivan Road to it's present location. In those days, the area around the cabin was active pastureland and there was not a lane down to the cabin. You had to walk down from Sullivan Rd. dodging cow droppings on the way. Down was easy; back up after late evening card games could be a challenge.

The new section of the cabin was built in the early 1950's. At that time many a fine poker game was enjoyed in the new section. It was about this time that our first Riverkeeper, Bill Schaffer was hired. Bill was a local trapper, fur dealer, and woodsman. Bill was an early investor in Xerox stock and became a VERY wealthy man while he worked for the club.

In the late 1970's and the early 80's and now in 2013 the club embarked on a series of land purchases and today we own 5 parcels of prime trout fishing water in the valley. After a few false starts in the 70's and 80's, the club became a "fly fishing only" club in 1993.

In the late 90's and early twenty-first century the club formed a master plan for river and corridor improvement that at this time is ongoing with annual projects. In 2002 the club received the first of what is hoped will be many grants for corridor and trout habitat improvement.

Club Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines

- 1) Although the Creamton Fly Fishing Club is a private Club a Pennsylvania Fishing License with a Trout Stamp is required to fish. All Fish commission laws apply.**
- 2) Always sign in and out at the Cabin.**
- 3) Please do not leave the Cabin with open beer containers.**
- 4) If you have a guest that brings a car to the club use only one car while fishing.**
- 5) If the Club seems busy, please respect others and limit your time in a pool as if you were waiting to fish it.**
- 6) If you wish to kill fish please use discretion as to the number you take from a pool.**
- 7) When parking at Mead's Bridge pull to the front. Second one in pull to the right side. Limit 2 cars..**
- 8) Only one car may park at Fitze's Pool at a time.**
- 9) Please drive slowly. Especially on Sullivan Rd. to the cabin. WATCH THE DUST! NO U-TURNS PLEASE..**
- 10) Be a good neighbor. Farm people wave or give a beep hello. Give one first !!**
- 11) Please use the outhouse at the cabin. Please be discrete in other areas.**
- 12) If you meet someone on the stream that is unfamiliar to you introduce yourself. If they are not a member or the guest of the land owner contact the Riverkeeper. DO NOT attempt to chase the person from the property.**
- 13) The Club may not be used for commercial guiding.**

14. The yearly membership fee shall be payable by March 1. A member may not fish until payment is made, and if not paid for by May 1 the membership is terminated.

15. The Club ownership share price may be paid in 3 consecutive yearly installments.

16. Spouses and children under 21 can fish an unlimited number of times with no fee while accompanied by a member. Parents, grandparents, children 21 and over, spouses of children, and guests living more than 100 miles from Creamton can fish up to six times at the daily rate when accompanied by a member. Any other guest, including those on the waiting list, is limited to 3 visits per season at the daily rate of \$20.00 and must be accompanied by a member.

17. Ensure the cabin is clean when you leave and take all of your garbage, including recyclables, with you.

18. Active duty members of the Armed Forces are eligible for 4 years of dues exemption for years during which they cannot access the Club.

19. In order to stem the spread of invasive species and organisms in our water, members are encouraged to either keep a pair of waders or wading shoes specifically for our river, or, to use appropriate cleaning measures, such as the Clorox wading shoe bath, at the cabin before and after fishing. Members are responsible for their guests to follow these procedures.

20. Fly fishing only on all water except from Carey property to end of McAndrews. This includes children.

Creamton Club Hatch Chart

Common Name	Hook Size	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Tiny Blk Stone	18-20	█							
Early Blk Stone	16-18	█							
Early Brn Stone	16-18	█							
Little Blk Caddis	18-20		█						
BWO	18-20			█					
Blue Quill	18-20			█					
Quill Gordon	12-14			█					
Light Hendrickson	12-14			█					
Dark Hendrickson	14-16			█					
Dark shad Fly	14-18			█					
Light Shad Fly	16-18			█					
Large Sulpher	12-14				█				
Sulpher PED	16-20				█				
March Brown	12 3x Long				█				
Grey Fox	14 3x Long				█				
Green Caddis	16-18				█				
Dark Blue Sedge	14-16				█				
Spotted Sedge	16-18				█	█			
Green Drake	12 4x Long				█				
Brown Drake	14 4x Long				█				
PED	14				█				
Light Cahill	12-14				█	█			

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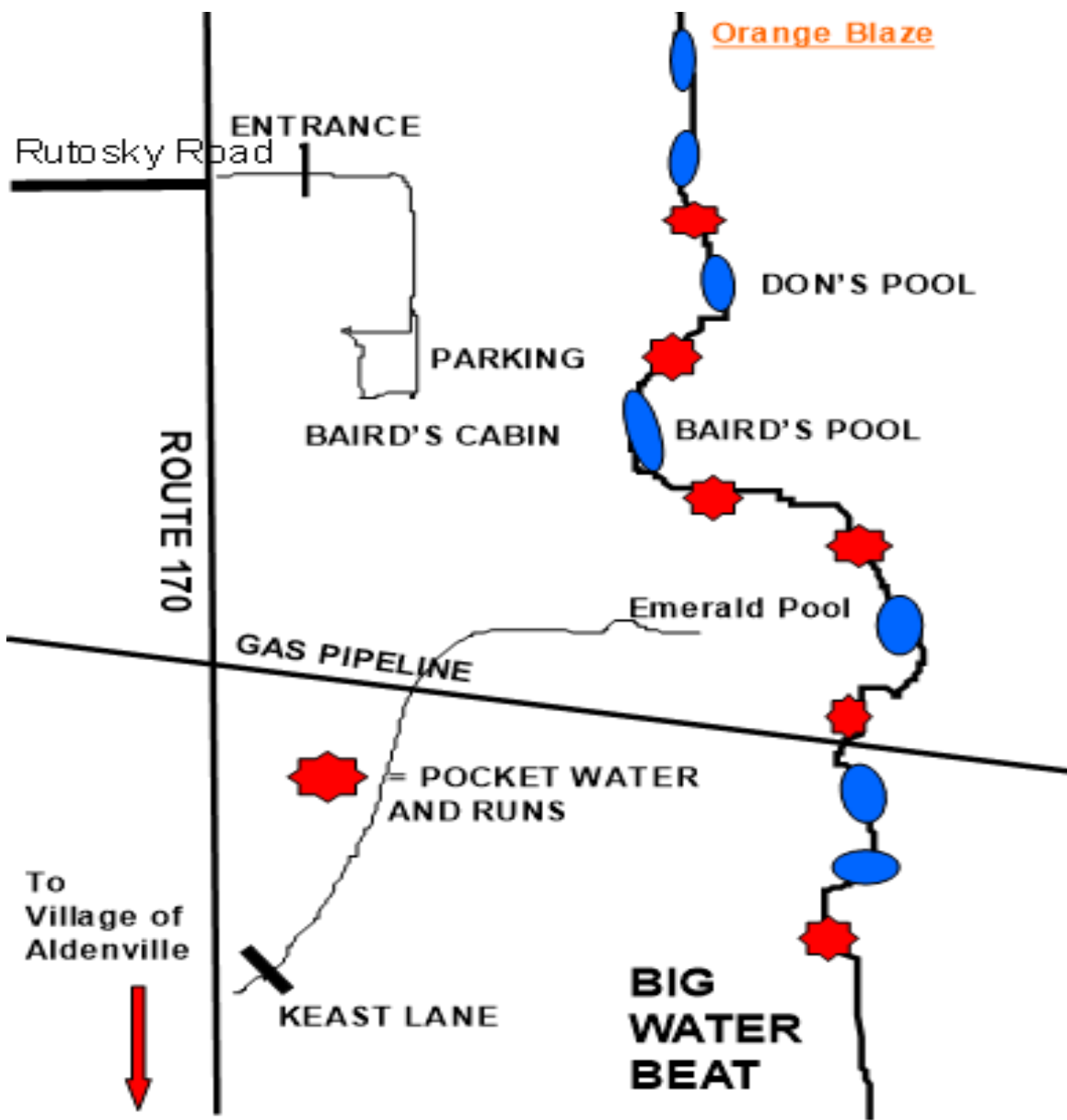
Common Name	Hook Size	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
BWO	14-16			■					
Tiny BWO	20-28			■	■	■	■	■	■
Little Tan Sedge	16-18			■	■	■			
Light BWO	18-20			■	■			■	
Mahogany Dun	16-18			■	■				
Ginger Quill	14-16			■	■	■			
Trico	24-26			■	■	■			
Great Brown Stone 8-10 4x Long				■	■	■			
BWO	16-20			■	■	■	■	■	■
Yellow Drake 12 4x L				■	■	■			
Isonychia 12 4x Long				■				■	
Black Ants	14-18			■	■	■	■	■	
Beetles	14-16			■	■	■	■	■	
Hoppers	14			■	■	■	■	■	
Crickets	14			■	■	■	■	■	
Ginger Caddis	10-12			■	■	■	■	■	
Giant Autumn Sedge 8 -10				■	■	■	■	■	

The best mid summer fishing is 6-9 PM

The "Big Water"

To reach what we call the "Big Water" turn left at Creamton Corners (Route 170) and go about 1 3/10 miles to Rutkosky Road on your right. The entrance to the "Big Water" is on your left. The chain across the lane is not locked. You may park at the bottom of the lane at the cabin. This area is owned by the Baird Family and has been leased to the club for years at no cost. The family is there at different times during the season. The cabin is used by the 2nd, 3rd and now the 4th generation of the Baird family. When the family is there it is best to ask permission to park at the cabin. Otherwise park at the top of the hill and walk down. THERE ARE TIMES THAT THIS AREA IS CLOSED TO OUR FISHING. PLEASE WATCH THE TABLE AT THE CABIN FOR NOTICES.

From the main pool area we may fish about 300 yards upstream. Watch for an orange blaze on a tree on the right . This is about 300 yards up from the pool. On Tues, Wed, and Thurs, we may fish on up to the open fields on your left. On the other days of the week we may drive down to the Muroka property and fish up from there. As of 2010 we may now fish all the way up to the end of the Fries property. Please see the Riverkeeper for more information on this. Down stream from the main pool we may fish all the way to the village of Aldenville. In this lower area you will find pocket water and a number of smaller pools including the larger Emerald Pool. If you wish you may drive to the village of Aldenville and park at the back of the Aldenville Cemetery and fish up stream. If you wish you can park at Baird's Pool and our Riverkeeper will drive you to the lower aea.







River

To Club House

Pa. Rt. 170

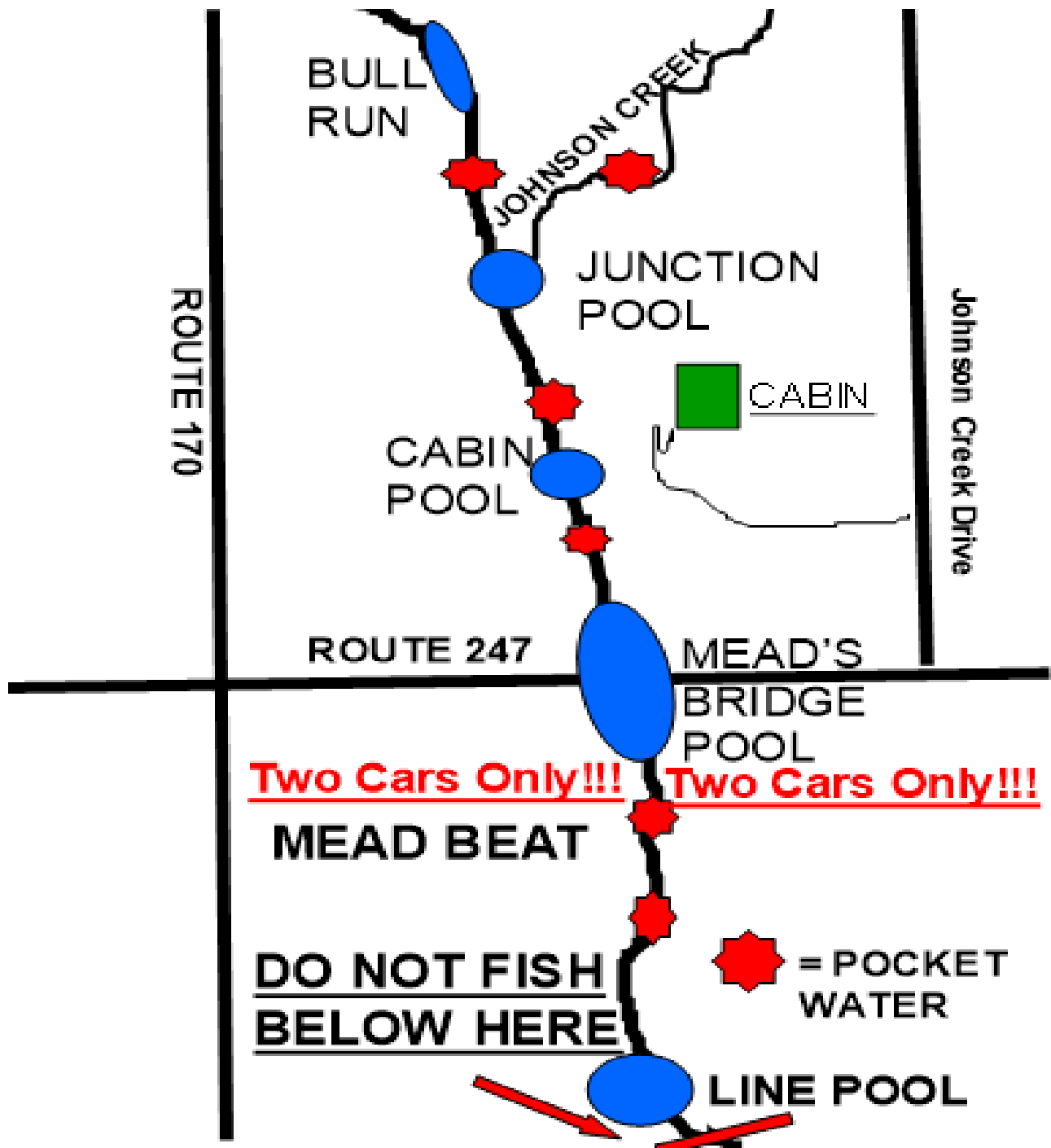
Park

Enter

Baptist Church

Mead's Bridge Area

The Mead's Bridge area of our Club is on land owned by the Mead family. We have leased this land including where the cabin is from the family since our founding in 1939. Clyde & Doris Mead live in the home on the corner and were the 3rd generation to farm this land. Their daughter Debbie and her daughters Jen and Ammanda along with help from Clyde now farm the land. Debbie's husband Don was killed in a tragic farm accident in 2003. That's 5 generations on this land. This lease is from about 400 yards down from the bridge to just above the junction where the Johnson Creek enters the main river. From the lower end of this lease we own or lease the next 6 + miles of river. The pool below and just above the bridge hold many large and SMART fish. There is a very good pool at the lower end of this lease. Above the bridge about 125 yards you will find the "Cabin Pool" that is always good for a fish or two. Above this you will find the Johnson Creek entering. We may fish that upstream for a few hundred yards. You will find some nice holes in this area. One of the larger fish ever caught by a member was caught "Up the Johnson." When parking at the bridge pull to the back. Second in to the right or along road . Limit 2 cars.



ROUTE 170

BULL RUN

JOHNSON CREEK

JUNCTION POOL

CABIN

CABIN POOL

Johnson Creek Drive

ROUTE 247

MEAD'S BRIDGE POOL

Two Cars Only!!!

MEAD BEAT

DO NOT FISH BELOW HERE

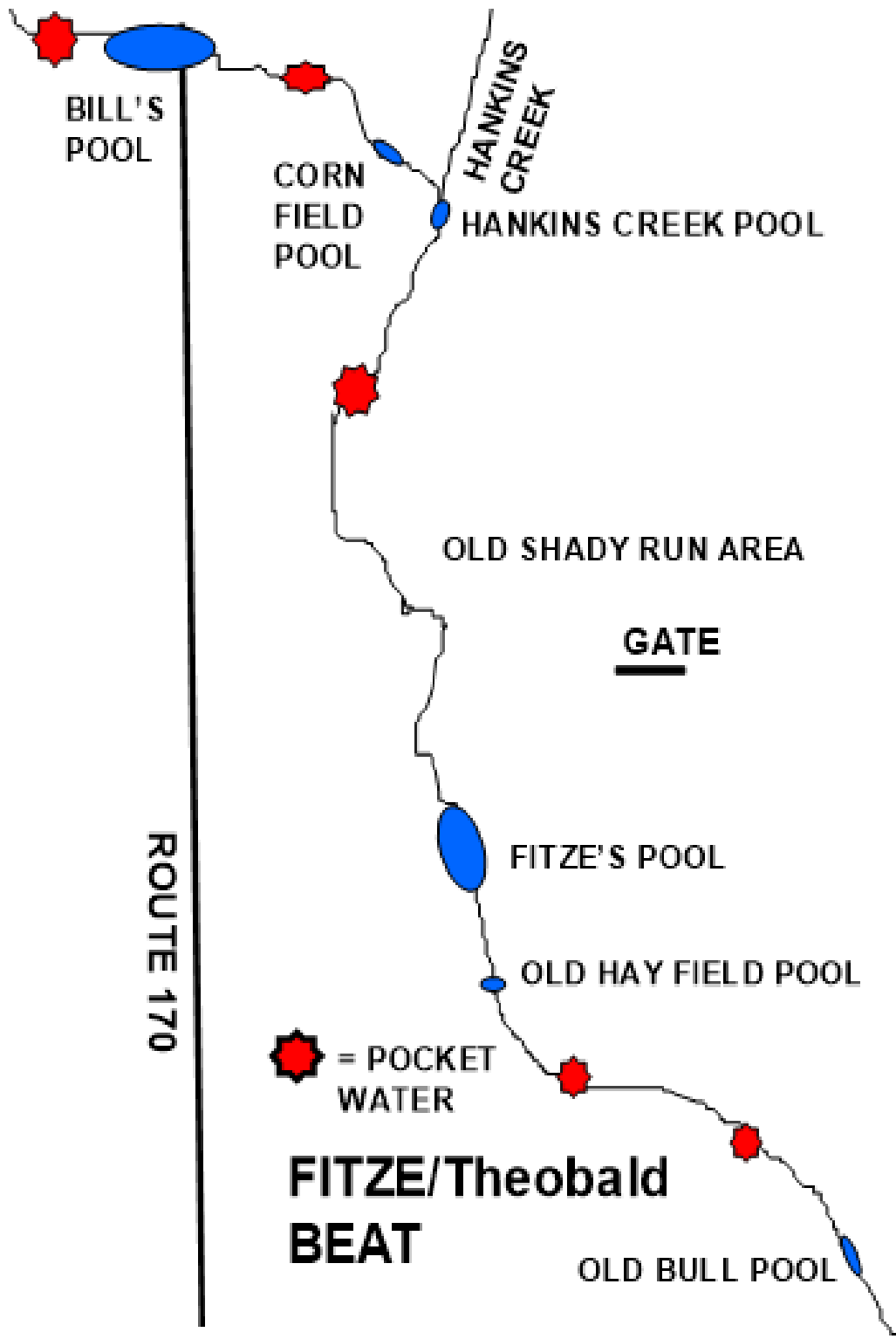
 = POCKET WATER

LINE POOL

Fitze-Theobald Area

The Fitze/Theobald area of our lease consists of two farms. The first farm is that of the late Dorance Fitze. His widow, Anna, in 2008 93 years young, still lives on the farm. The next farm up is that of Anna's son the late Clarence Fitze and is now owned and operated by his daughter and son-in-law Chuck and Amy Theobald. As you move upstream from the Mead farm at Junction Pool the first area is "Bull Pool". When water conditions are good this area will hold fish. As the water drops in the summer it will become less productive. Above this area to the "Hayfield" you will find pocket water and undercut banks that will usually hold fish. Above "The Hayfield" on the far side you will find a deep run that holds some very nice fish.

Above this area is "Fitze's Pool". You may park (two cars only please) at the top of the hill and go through the electric gate to fish this area. This area holds many fish and is usually a must stop during your fishing day. The area above the pool to just below Bill's Pool was heavily damaged in the 2013 flood. There are now many exposed gravel bars, the banks have eroded and there is not much holding water. These problems can be repaired without much expenditure of money but with some energy it can be done. ALWAYS OPEN THE ELECTRIC GATES BY GRABBING THE BLACK TIP ON THE GATE to avoid a shock.



BILL'S POOL

CORN FIELD POOL

HANKINS CREEK

HANKINS CREEK POOL

OLD SHADY RUN AREA

GATE

FITZE'S POOL

OLD HAY FIELD POOL

 = POCKET WATER

**FITZE/Theobald
BEAT**

OLD BULL POOL

ROUTE 170

Bill's Bridge Pool to Meadow Area

This section of our water begins at Bill's Bridge. This pool is named for our original Riverkeeper Bill Schaffer. Bill, to say the least, was a character out of a Jack London novel. He was a consummate woodsman who made his living as a fur dealer in the winter. He also was an early investor in Xerox stock and became a very wealthy man while he worked for the Club. He built the small cabin at the pool for he and his wife Anna to use during the season; [parking is available here and above the bridge on the left or cabin side only. Do not park on the right side of the road.](#) Bill was a legend in the valley and stories are still told of his exploits. The pool and cabin is now owned by club member Erik Swartz. The Club is charged \$1 for the use of this area.

This pool holds many large fish. Above the pool we again suffered damage in the 2013 flood but you will find some productive pocket water and "Twin Rocks Pool" area which is now a run. The area from the "Manure Road" to just below "Delbert's Road Pool" has developed some in the flood adding a few meanders and does hold a good number of smaller wild trout. The Road Pool along the rip-rap holds a good number of fish. The Church Pool, named for the church that once stood nearby, since the flood is but a small run. You may pull into the field to park at this location. Above the "Church Pool" to the Meadow property line, you will find good pocket water, small pools and undercut banks that hold fish year round. You may also fish up the Curtis Valley Creek about 1 1/2 miles to the bridge that crosses the creek. This entire area is leased to the Club at no charge. You will often see Delbert Haunstein the caretaker for this property fishing at Bill's or The Meadow. Say hello!! This area changed greatly in the 2013 flood but is still great water.

James' Meadow

James' Meadow, named for long time late member and well known Scranton Pharmacist, Wendell James, is an interesting area to spend a few hours exploring. It will take a few hours to properly fish this area that demands tight casting and often a fast line retrieve for a proper drift. This 6.4 acre section of land was purchased by the Club from Mary Korbin in the mid to late 1970's. If the Club ever dissolves, it is to be returned to her heirs for \$1.

The Meadow area is made up of 4 pools. This area also was damaged some by the 2013 flood. The furthest down stream is "Wendell's Pool", also named for Wendell James. It is a long, deep pool that demands an accurate long cast. If you are having a problem raising a fish, try casting a black ant above the log dam and allowing it to drift over and into the plunge pool on a tight line.

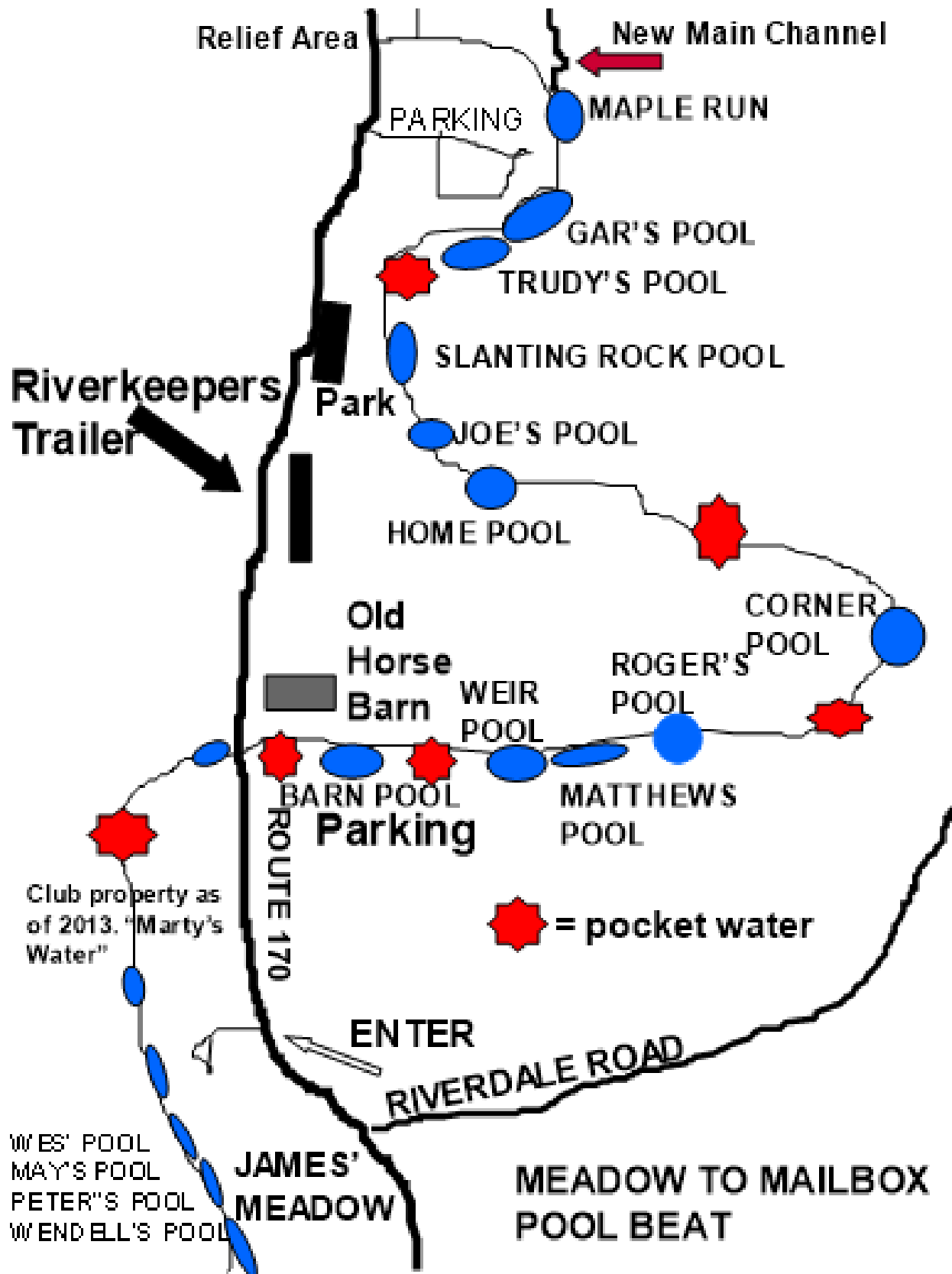
The next pool upstream is "Peter's Pool", named for long time active member, the late Peter Pronko. Peter was also a pharmacist.

Next upstream is "May's Pool", named for Dr. Walter May, a Carbondale dentist and one of our founders and his wife Margaret. Margaret was our first woman member. Ms May was an excellent angler and was often known to out fish her husband and others at the Club.

The last pool in the Meadow is "Wes' Pool", named for the late Dr. Wesley White, a Scranton surgeon and one time Chief of Staff at Moses Taylor Hospital. Wes was a long time member and an early advocate of the land purchases that were made by the Club.

Before ending your time in the Meadow, be sure to try a streamer fly at the very upper end of the property where you will find some very "fishy" hemlock and sycamore root pools.

Please do not drive into the Meadow further than the parking area. Do not block the entrance pull in. The area above here is now owned by the club. We may fish all the way to the upper end of the Worum's Bridge Property thanks to the purchase of this next piece to the "Loomis Bridge" in 2013. Marty Erk was the work horse for this. I call this "Marty's Water."



Relief Area

New Main Channel

PARKING

MAPLE RUN

GAR'S POOL

TRUDY'S POOL

SLANTING ROCK POOL

Riverkeepers
Trailer

Park

JOE'S POOL

HOME POOL

Old
Horse
Barn

CORNER
POOL

WEIR
POOL

ROGER'S
POOL

BARN POOL
Parking

MATTHEWS
POOL

Club property as
of 2013. "Marty's
Water"

ROUTE 170

★ = pocket water

ENTER

RIVERDALE ROAD

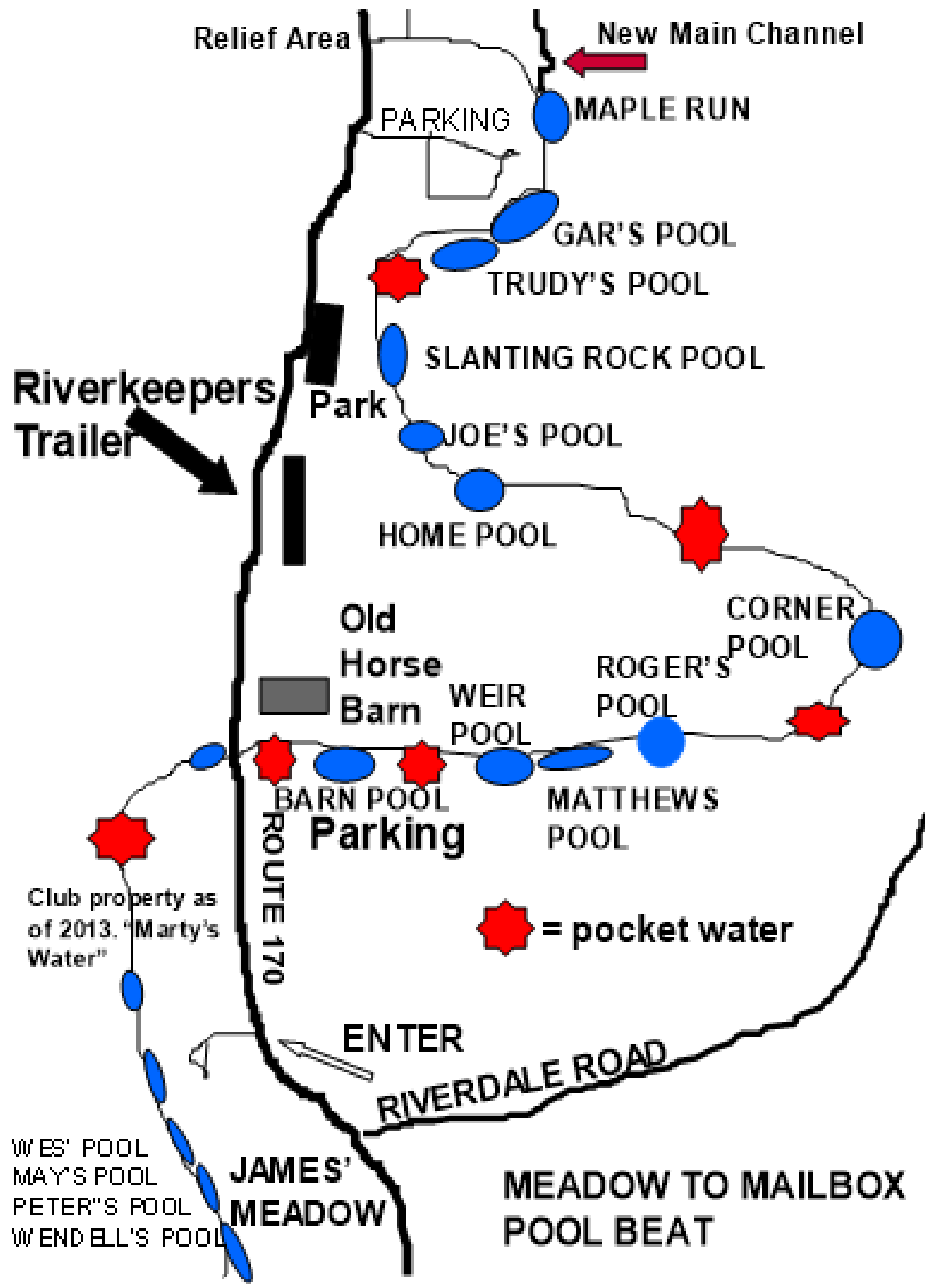
WES' POOL
MAY'S POOL
PETER'S POOL
WENDELL'S POOL

JAMES'
MEADOW

MEADOW TO MAILBOX
POOL BEAT

Loomis Bridge to Slanting Rock Pool

The area upstream from Loomis' Bridge is part of a parcel of 61.85 acres of land that is owned by the Club. Up stream from the bridge the first pool is "Barn Pool" followed by the plunge pool below the reverse weir at "Matthews Run". Both these areas will hold fish at times through the season. "Matthews Run", is named for longtime and now deceased member Art Matthews. Art owned a wholesale drug company in Scranton. At the upper end of this pool is "Roger's Pool". Roger's is named for deceased member Roger Spence, a former PSP detective who was an active leader of our club in the 1980's. From here to "Home Pool" and Joe's Pool" named for the late Joe Chermak, the area has been heavily damaged by recent floods. It is flat with few areas that hold fish. Above this is the "Slanting Rock Pool" one of our better small pools. Slanty Rock can be accessed from Rt. 170 using steps down the steep bank.



Relief Area

New Main Channel

PARKING

MAPLE RUN

GAR'S POOL

TRUDY'S POOL

SLANTING ROCK POOL

Park

JOE'S POOL

HOME POOL

Old Horse Barn

WEIR POOL

ROGER'S POOL

CORNER POOL

BARN POOL
Parking

MATTHEWS POOL

Club property as of 2013. "Marty's Water"

ROUTE 170

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ENTER

RIVERDALE ROAD

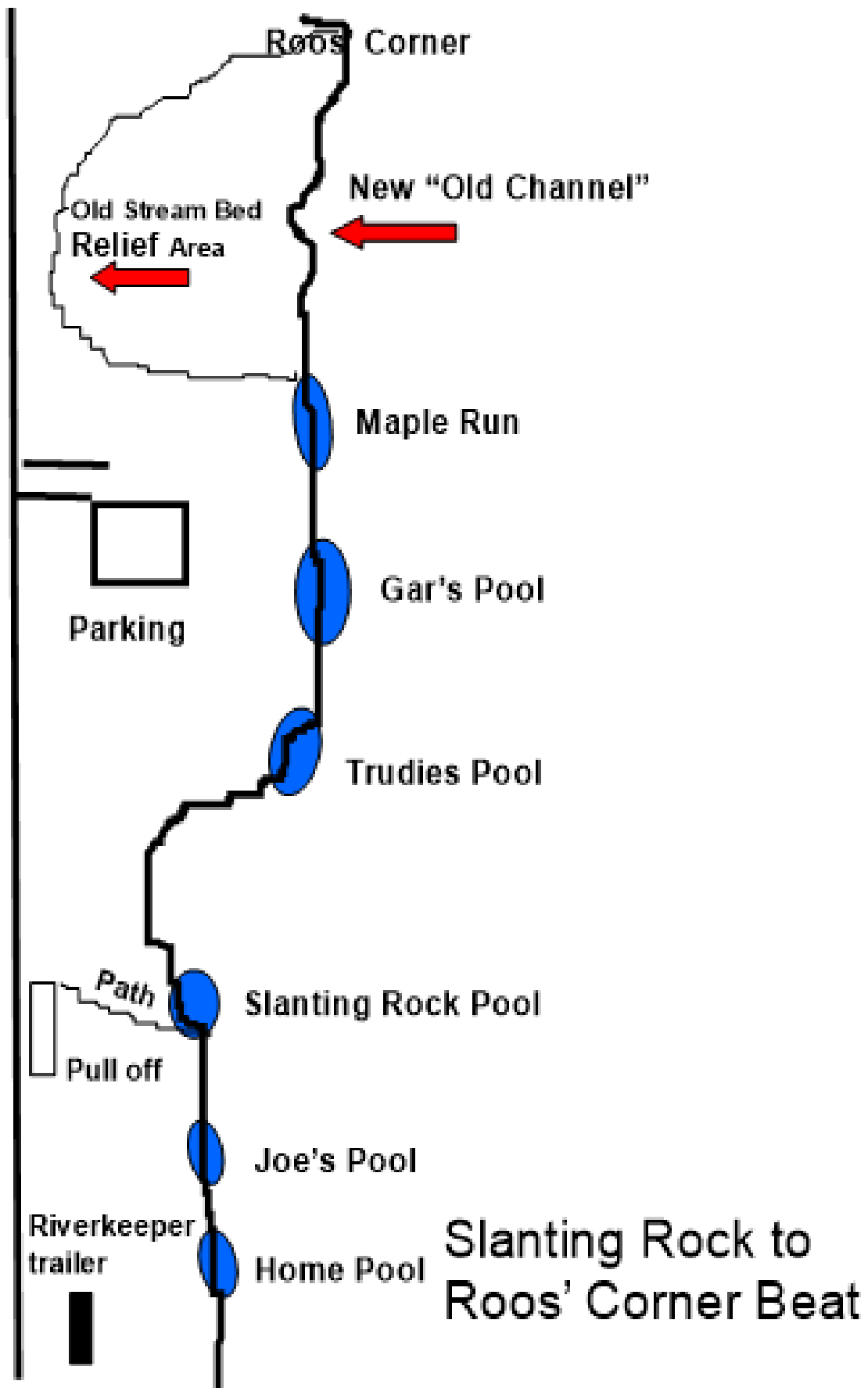
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JAMES' MEADOW

MEADOW TO MAILBOX POOL BEAT

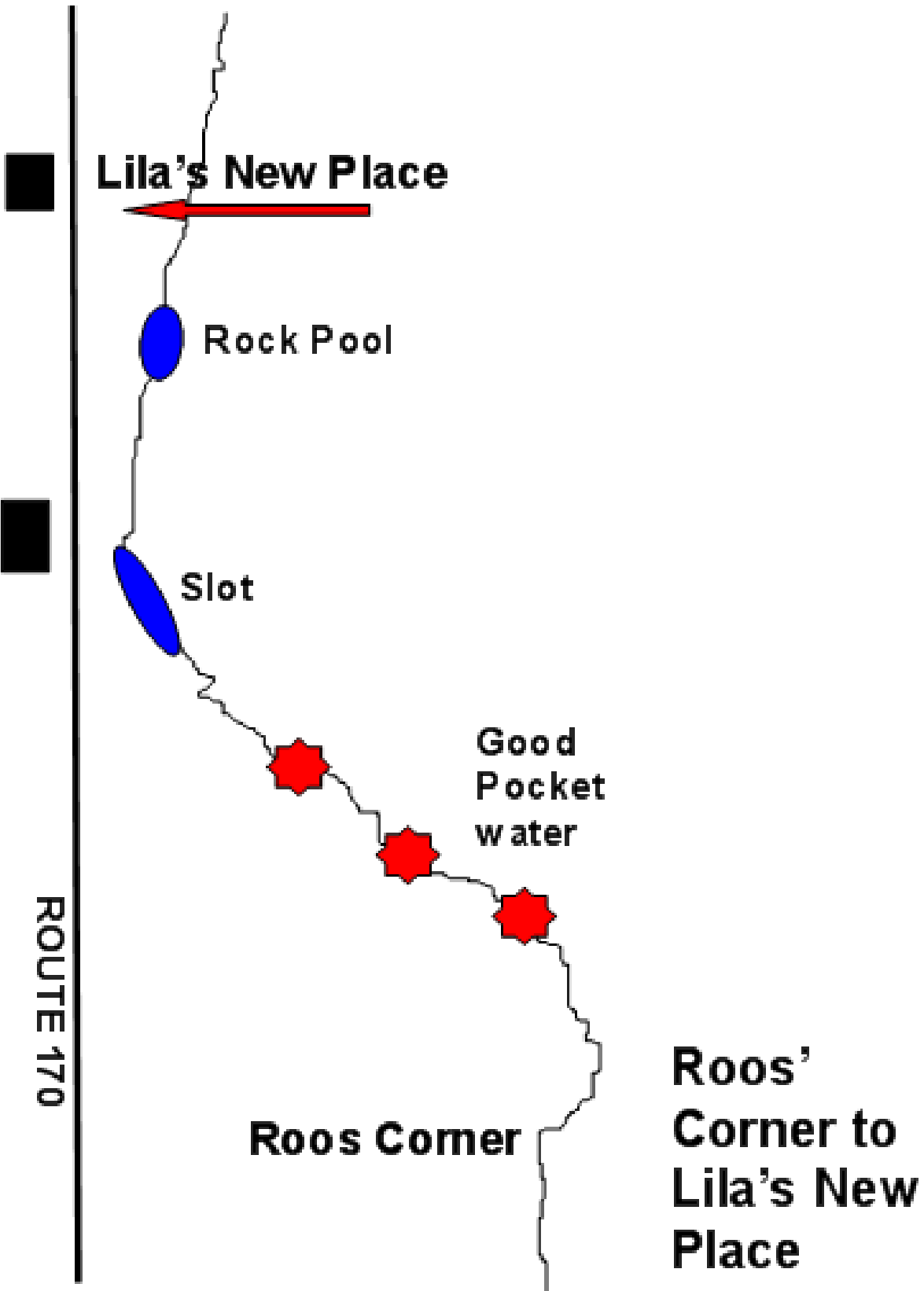
Slanting Rock to Roos' Corner

Working upstream from the "Slanting Rock Pool" you will find fast running pocket water. These areas will often hold fish when water conditions are good. It seems that these areas with their highly oxygenated water often hold a larger number of our Rainbow trout. As you round the corner you will come to an area of rip-rap on the east side of the river. This area, called "Trudy's" is named for our second woman member Trudy Callendar. Trudy was the widow of Gordon Callendar who was a well known angler on the famous Catskill rivers. The Callendar Quill , mentioned in Bergman's *Trout*, is named for Gordon. Above "Trudy's" is "Gar's" named for one of our founders Garfield Thomas . Log structures were placed in these areas in 2002 to create pools. They washed out in the June of 2013 flood but may be replaced at some point. Next you will come to the "Maple Run". Above Maple Run the river, after the flood of June 2006 went back to it's old course in the trees along the upper hay field. These areas of smaller water will hold fish year round and are some of the least fished water on the club. At Roos' Corner the stream heads back toward the road.



Roos' Corner to Lila's New Place

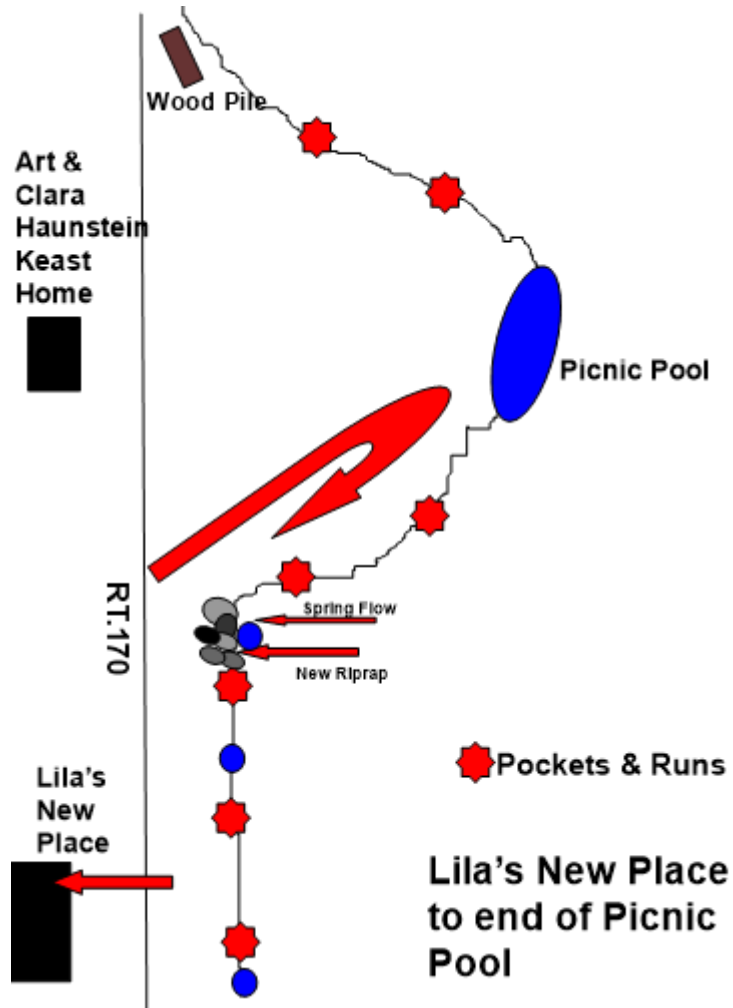
The area from "Roos' Corner" (named for long time member Bill Roos) to what we call " Lila's New Place" is land owned by the Roos' family and leased to the Club at no cost. About 600 feet of the river on the road side is owned by the Club. This heavily canopied area which includes "The Slot" and the "Rock Pool" is an area of very nice small pools, riffles and undercut banks that is very underutilized by Club members. One of the larger fish ever caught at the club was caught in this area. A 25+ inch Rainbow. This fish was thought to have been a breeder that had washed out of the Hatchery at Pleasant Mount and was caught in the late 70's. At that time they were raising trout at the hatchery. It was caught by our present Riverkeeper. "Lila's New Place" is what we call the second home above Roos' Corner. It was home to Lila Haunstein after she sold the old family homestead by the old "Mailbox Pool". It is now the home of her grandson Tod Keast and his family. The brick home befor it is home to John and Sue Haunstein Keyes. Sue is the late Lila's daughter.



Lila's New Place to end of Picnic Pool Area

What we call "Lila's New Place" is the newer ranch type home just before the "Picnic Pool". It was built for Lila Haunstein after the farm was split up and sold. It is on land that was part of the old farmstead as is the home of John and Sue Haunstein Keyes that is just before it and Art and Clara Haunstein Keast at the "Picnic Pool" area. The home is now occupied by Todd Keast and his wife and children.

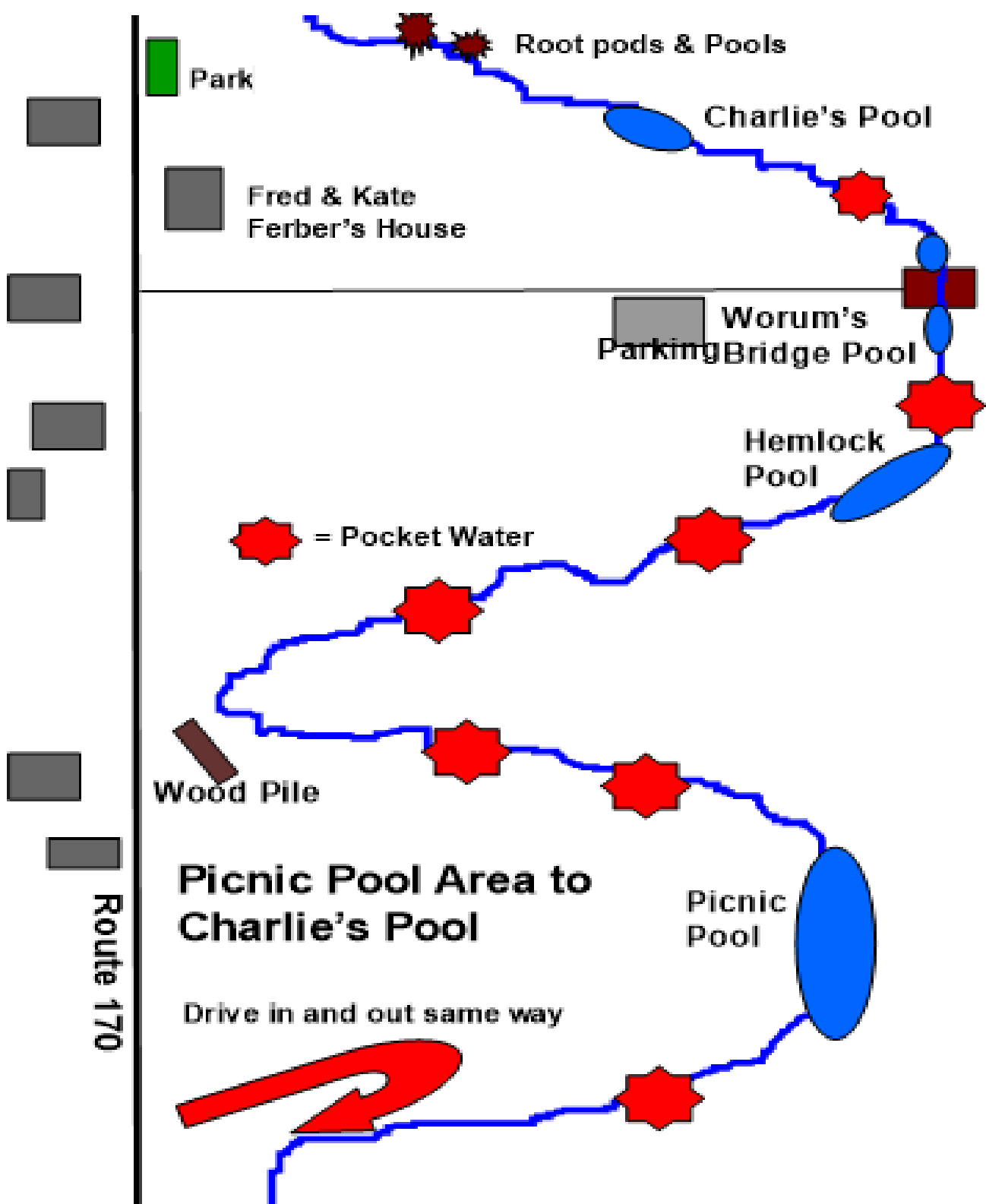
The area below Lila's and to the beginning of the lawn at the "Picnic Pool" is basically flat water that will hold fish in the spring. As the water drops in the later season it will become less productive. From the lower end of the lawn at the "Picnic Pool" area to the end there are many areas that hold fish. There is more about this area in the next pages. After the flood of 2013 Penndot placed Riprap in the area next to the road at the end of the Picnic Pool area. There is a spring that enters the river on the other side here and this area may deepen now and hold some good fish.



Picnic Pool Area to Charlie's Pool

The "Picnic Pool" area is one of the most visited and prettiest areas of our club water. It is owned by Art and Clara Keast. It is land that was part of Clara's mother and fathers (Francis and Lila Haunstein) farm. It is kept in impeccable condition by the Keasts and we must be careful to treat it in a respectful manner. NEVER leave anything behind. When the ground firms up in the late spring we may drive back to the pool to fish but if possible park along the road and walk back to the pool. ALWAYS enter and leave from the down stream side. This area holds many fish. They are very skittish in later season as they get fished over often. There is good pool and pocket water throughout this area.

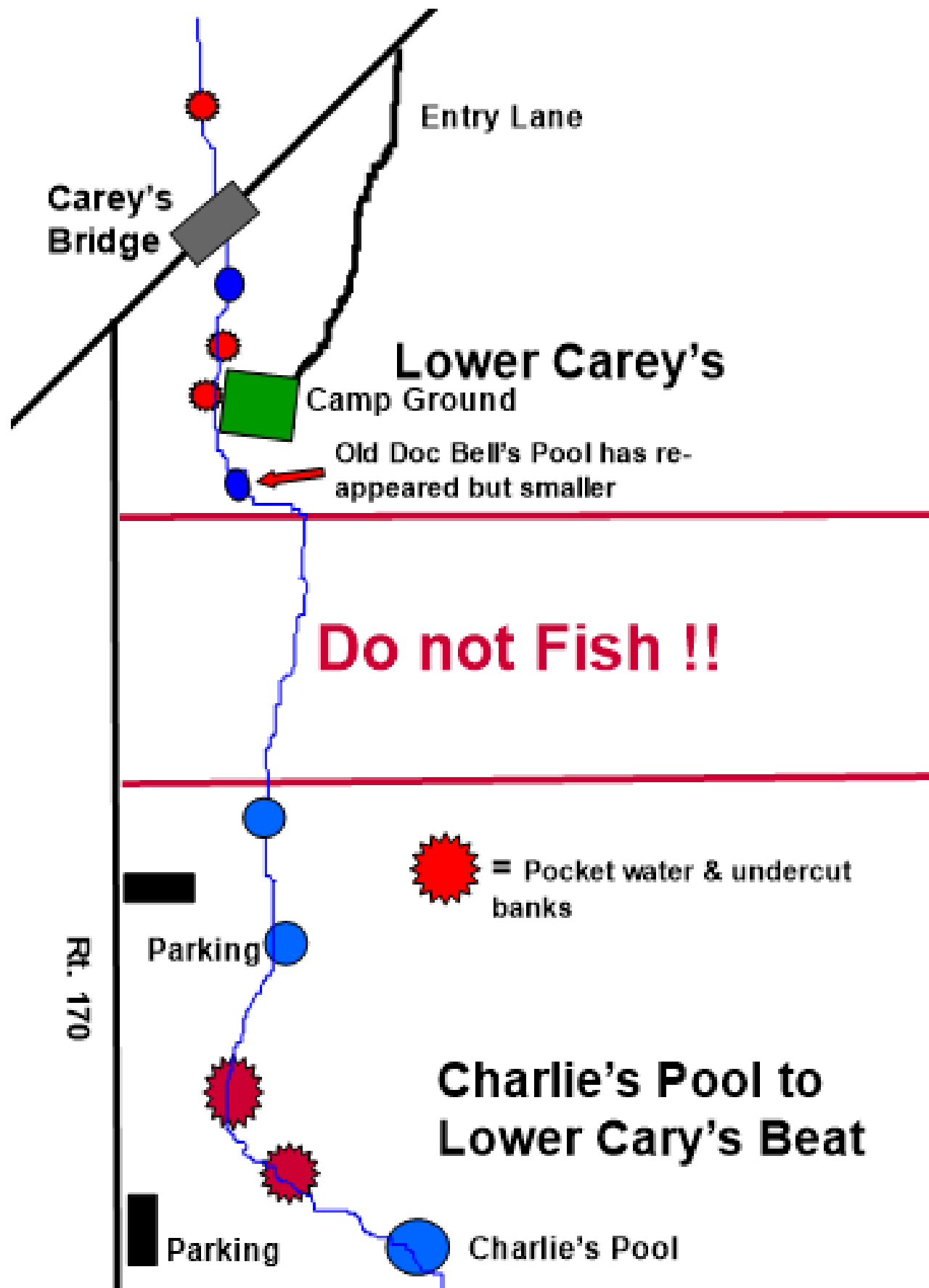
Above this area to the wooden bridge you will find some nice undercut banks that will hold fish. You will also find the "Hemlock Pool", that when water conditions are good, will hold a nice number of fish. Above "Hemlock" is "Bezek's (now Worum's) Bridge Pool". This pool takes some tricky casting to fish a dry fly or upstream nymph but always holds fish. Above the wooden bridge you will find "Charlie's Pool" named for the man who lived in the near- by house. This pool will always have a few fish and holds a number of smaller wild trout. Fred Ferber watches this area for the owner and may be seen fishing here. The area behind Fred's house was hit hard by the flood of 2013. There are many root balls and now small pools in this area. We may park at the upper end of the property next to the road to access this area. There are also some nice small pools above here.



Charlie's Pool to Lower Carey's

Above "Charlie's Pool" the river bends back toward the road. This area has a number of undercut banks that hold our elusive Brook trout. A good place to park if you wish to work this area, is in the area where there once was a river crossing above Charlie's old house. This house is now owned by Fred Ferber and his wife Kate. Fred is a big help to the club and will often be seen fishing in this area. Just below this old crossing you will find a nice hole that will hold fish year round. In 2002 the property owner Gordon Worum with the help of the club constructed a jack dam and stream diverter above the crossing. It is very much worth the small walk upstream to fish these new areas. Above this area you will come to the Yadlosky line. We do not lease this property and fishing is closed to club members. The next area that we may fish is the lower Carey property.

After the 2013 flood there are a number of tree root balls behind Fred's house. We have had some high water again and some small pools have formed below and along these root balls. Park at the upper end of Fred's lawn along the road and walk back to fish this area and the pools and undercut banks and small pools above. Well worth a look. In the past this area has held a number of rainbow trout.



Carey's Bridge

Entry Lane

Lower Carey's

Camp Ground

Old Doc Bell's Pool has re-appeared but smaller

Do not Fish !!

☀ = Pocket water & undercut banks

Rt. 170

Parking

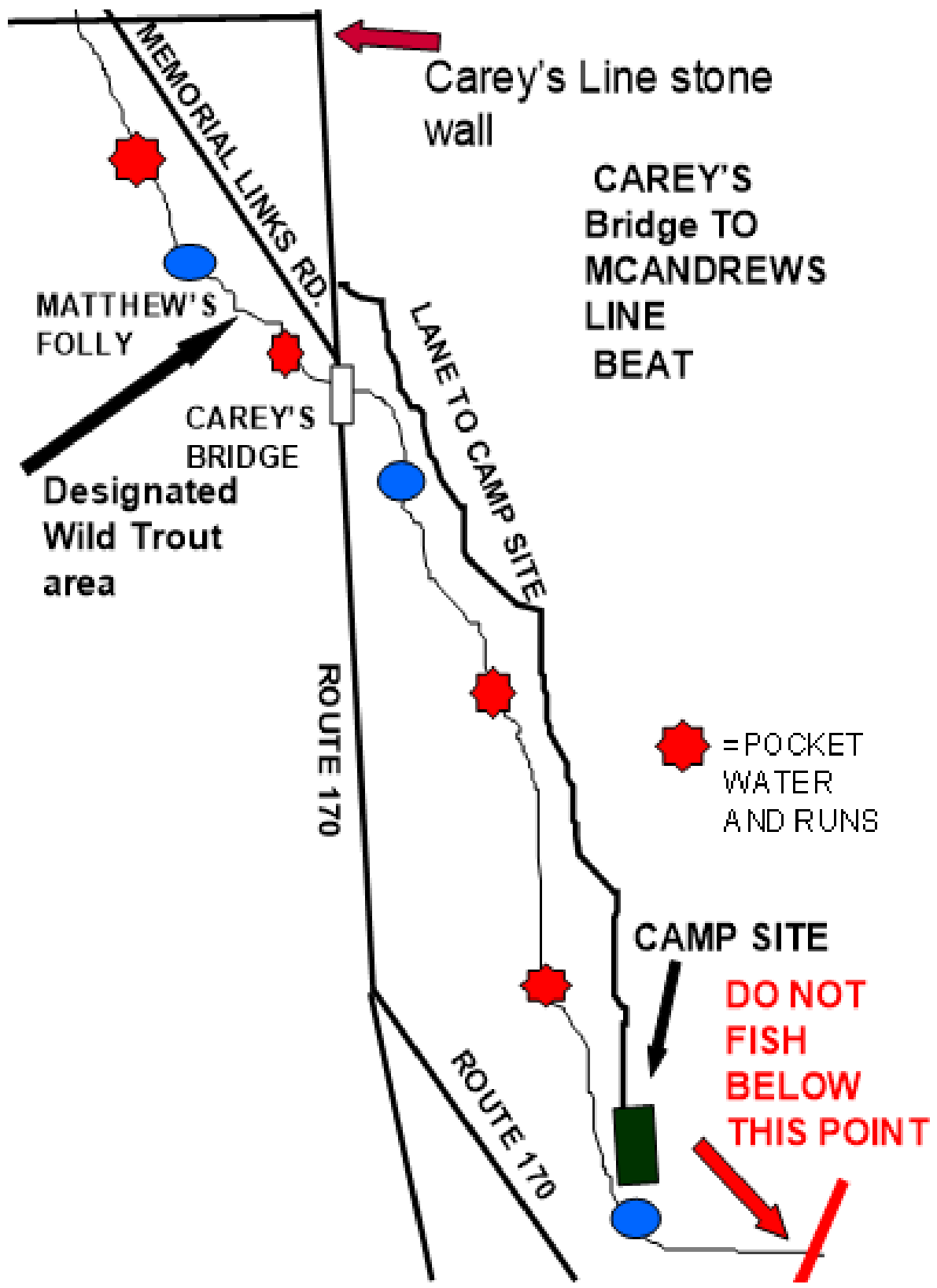
Charlie's Pool to Lower Cary's Beat

Parking

Charlie's Pool

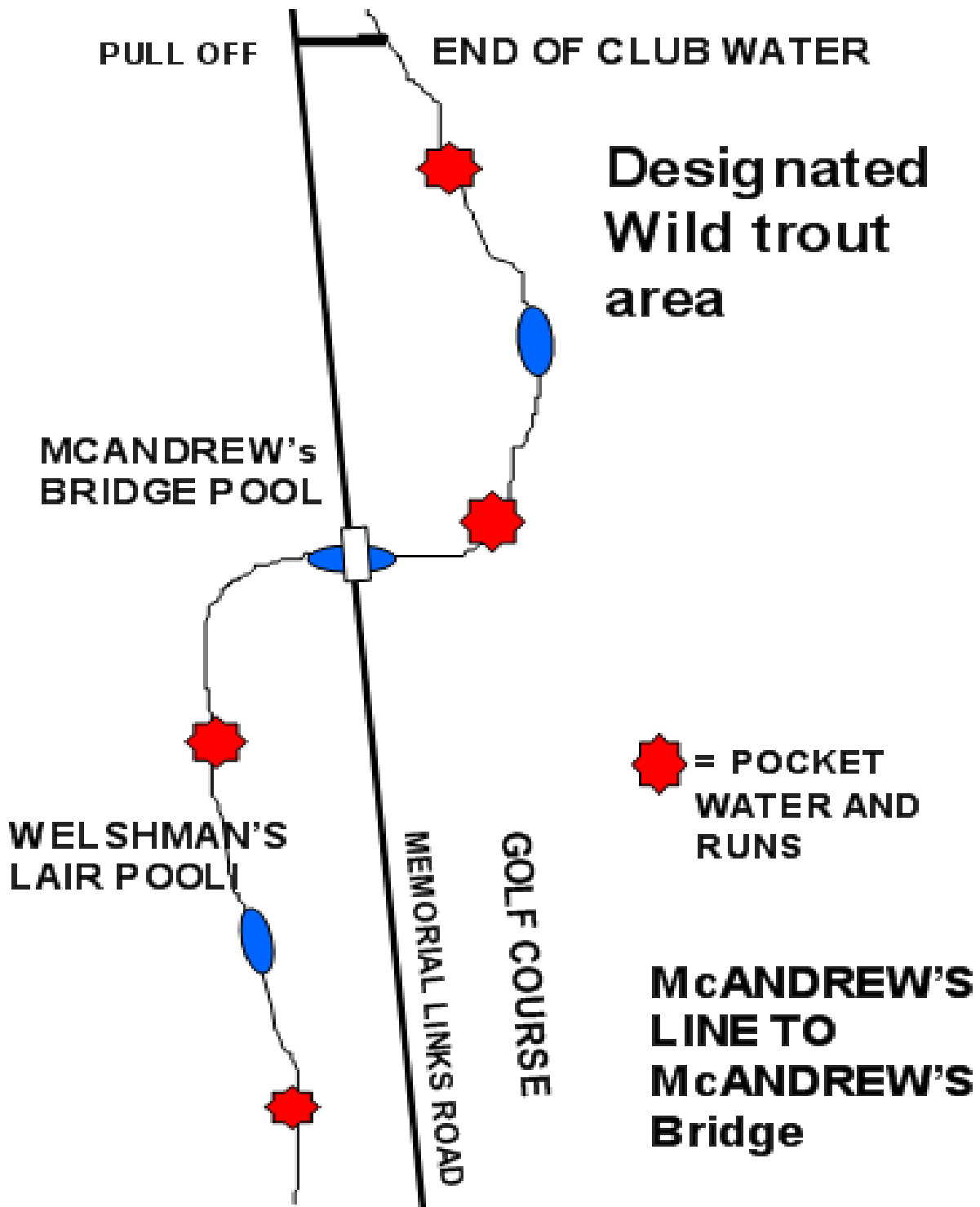
Carey's Bridge to McAndrew's Line

The area from Carey's Bridge to the line at the down stream end of the golf course owned by John McAndrew, is an interesting area of small pools and pocket water. It has been said by some to be their idea of classic Brook trout water. It is sometimes fished by members in the mood for the challenge of small tight casting targets and the wariness of wild trout. When the water is at spring time heights, there are many fish to be stalked in this area. Wild Brookies of 4-5 inches and Browns of the same size and some to 12 inches. As the water drops and the fish migrate to larger holes downstream there are still a good number of wild trout to be found in this area. This area has many runs along undercut banks that are prime Brook trout habitat. In 2004 the Club designated this area a wild trout area and it has not been stocked in recent years. Things do change though so check with the Riverkeeper to check the stocking status of this area.



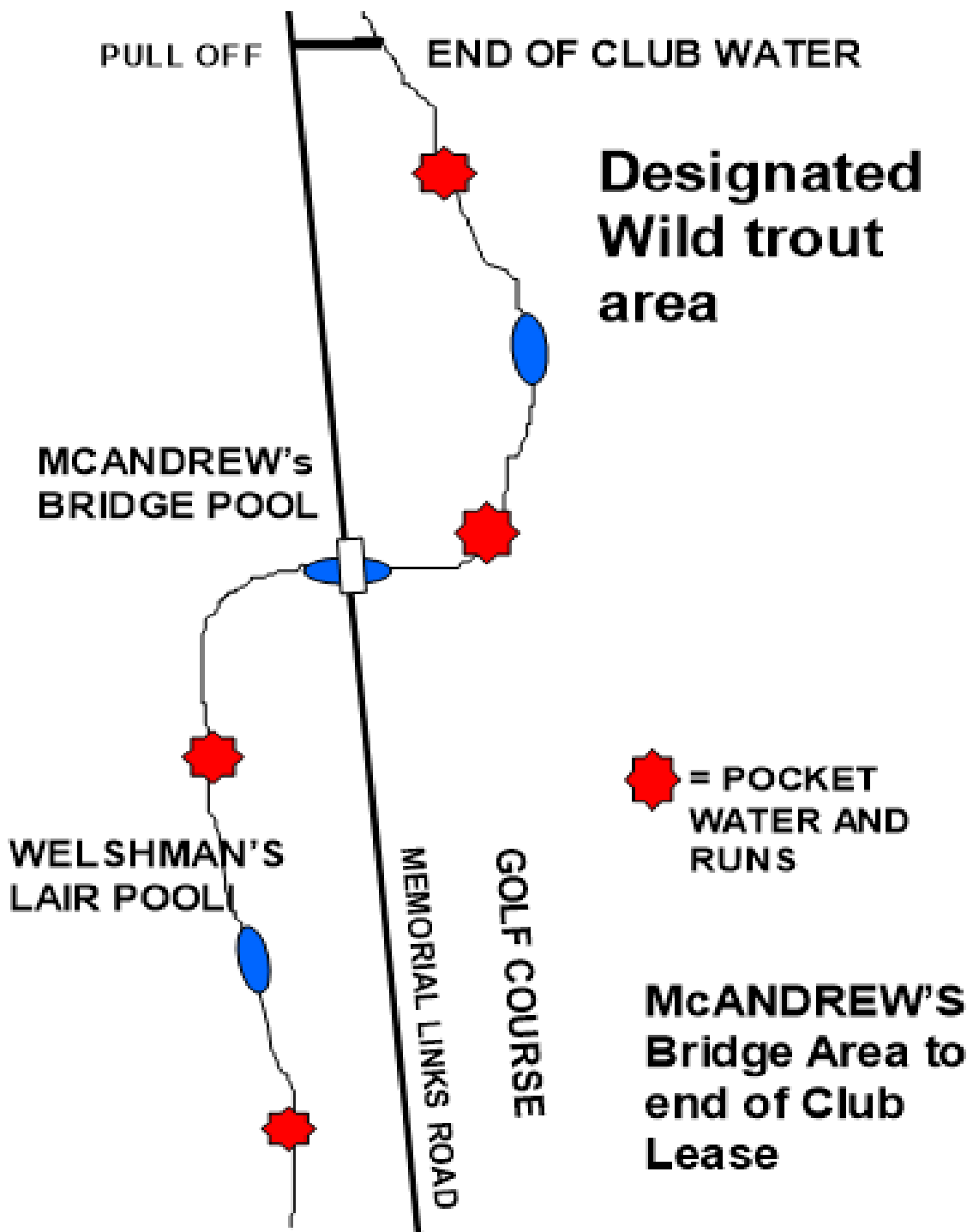
McAndrews Line to McAndrew's Bridge

The area from the lower (downstream) side of the golf course to McAndrews Bridge is made up of pocket water and small pools. This area was hit hard in the 2013 flood and may need some time to heal. The pool just down stream from the short golf hole on your left is called "Welshman's Lair" to honor our clubs Welsh founders and the many Welshman who have been members through the years. It is a hole that is seldom fished but is very much worth exploring for its wild trout. The hole under and below McAndrews Bridge holds large trout. A few years ago we removed a 21" Brown from the hole that was dying. Old age no doubt. Try fishing this hole by drifting a streamer down from the upper side of the bridge and working it back. You may be surprised what you come up with. This whole area was designated a "Wild" trout area in 2004 and has not been stocked in recent years. Things do change though so check with the Riverkeeper about the status of this area.



McAndrew's Bridge to End of Club Water

The short area of stream from McAndrews (Kennedy's) Bridge to the end of our lease has some interesting undercut banks where you can find our elusive Brook trout. There is also a nice hole about 50 yards upstream from the bridge. Our lease ends about 250 yards up from the bridge. This area was designated a "Wild trout" area in 2004 and has not been stocked in recent years. Things do change though so check with the Riverkeeper on the stocking status of this area. In recent years the bridge has been closed. You must park on the right off the road and walk to this area.



PULL OFF

END OF CLUB WATER

**Designated
Wild trout
area**

MCANDREW'S
BRIDGE POOL

WELSHMAN'S
LAIR POOL

MEMORIAL LINKS ROAD
GOLF COURSE

 = POCKET
WATER AND
RUNS

**McANDREW'S
Bridge Area to
end of Club
Lease**

We hope you will find this handbook to be of interest and a help to you in the enjoyment of your time at the Club. If you feel there is information that should be added, please contact the Riverkeeper.

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Again many thanks to all who helped,
Alex Lilje, Riverkeeper

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Observations by Ed Jaworowski

Alex,

Here are some random observations on parts of the stream I visited on Thu-Fri, Aug 15-16: In general, I believe the stream suffered a lot of damage, mostly from pools being filled in with gravel and rocks. There are some exceptions and some pools actually deepened or enlarged. It also appears we have lost some fish. What percentage is hard to say. I expect the extreme high water moved many downstream. Obviously, the major pools held their fish better than the smaller pools and runs.

Mead's is deeper on the side where we park. Look from the bridge and you'll see concrete and girders that I believe were uncovered by the flood. Left over from the previous bridge I assume. The run above the bridge appears to have shallowed up some, and the tree on the right bank up by the riffle is doomed. It leans over so far the branches are in the water and will no doubt come down before long. I threw some pellets from the bridge before I left on Friday and some fish took them, but I still think the head of fish is greatly diminished.

Fitze's Pool is improved. About twice as long now.

Bill's Pool has dug out a bit. On the downstream side of the bridge, on the cabin side, the hole is about neck deep. Much of the dirt between the rocks has washed out. Exercise caution when walking there; they may move and come loose. I threw a few pellets into the pool and fish took them but, as in Mead's, fewer than I think were there previously.

Went back the **manure road** to the stream. To the left a tree and root balls in the water. To the right, upstream about 30 yards there is a small hole that can hold some fish, and 40 feet above that a deeper hole. I didn't go above that.

There is no more **Church Pool**. Nada, just a riffle, but a good pool is developing upstream around the bend.

I didn't go into the **Meadow**.

I walked the stream from the top of the meadow to the Slanting Rock Pool, checking every pocket, and didn't see a fish, although clearly I couldn't see every nook and cranny, and many fish would have been hidden. There are a few small pockets up to Loomis's bridge that will hold a few fish in higher water, and there is a good hole immediately on the downstream side of Loomis's bridge.

The **Barn Pool** is smaller and shallower than in past years.

Corner Pool behind the trailer is gone. It is largely filled in, now a little drop and narrow slot of a pool as the stream turns right, in front of the old pipe on the far bank. It will hold a few fish with more water. There is a hole on the right bank immediately above the Corner that will hold a

few fish once the vegetation grows back. The holes below the Corner Pool are altered and will hold a fish or two when the water is higher.

Slanting Rock Pool appears much the same. There is a broad, shallow, flat stretch behind the trailer.

Picnic Pool changed a little. Gravel pushed in, narrowing it slightly. The flow is also altered slightly, in that the back water against the rocks on the far bank has more flow, making it easier to fish. Saw only one or two fish in the pool. Threw a few pellets, no takers.

Worum's Bridge Pool shallowed a bit immediately above the bridge. Saw no fish. Piled up sticks and debris were on the bridge!

Baird's: The shallow rocky part at the top of the pool is shallower and there is a gravel bar sticking out from the left side at the head of the pool. Slopes sideways into deeper water toward the bank where the cabin is. A few fish were rising right where it drops into deep water. I made a quick trip up through the broken water to the large pool at the top of Baird's property. There were a few fish in there. Lots of small isonychia shucks on the rocks all the way from the main pool to the top of the runs. Incidentally, I fear the big rocks on the hillside below the house at Baird's are going to tumbled in. Be careful walking there. Most of the dirt in and around them has washed out.

Some thoughts: I think that many of the areas that have filled in with gravel and small rocks will, in time wash out and deepen again. My major concern is for the insect life. Much of the bottom has been scoured by the flood waters. I noticed few caddis caddis cases in areas that held many before the flood. Next year's Hendricksons, March Browns, etc. may well be affected, too. We'll see. It normally takes two or three years for those to repopulate. The numbers of isonychia cases at the Big Water, however, is very encouraging. I also saw small sulfur spinners in several places. No other obvious insect activity.

Ed