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Stone Valley: Fishing Dream

By Don Macalady

Stone Valley, the University's recreation center, is fast becoming a fisherman's dream. Through a concentrated stocking and fish propagation program, the 72 acre dam is now abundant in almost all species of game fish common to this area.

Last year the dam was stocked with 10,000 young rainbow trout and 30,000 small largemouth bass. By now, these fish are

from 3 to 8 inches long and are fast approaching "eatin" size. By next year the matured fish from this stocking should provide fishing which is unexcelled in Central Pennsylvania.

IN ADDITION to the young fish 900 adult brown trout up to 24 inches in length were recently added to the lake's trout population. Over 8,000 adult bass and 5,000 bluegills, provided by John McLucas of Boalsburg, were also stocked. These fish provide added incentive for fishing this year.

Besides artificially stocked fish, native species such as catfish, fallfish, and pickerel are plentiful in the dam. These additional species round out the fish population and add value to the reservoir from a fisherman's point of view.

If you've ever been to Stone Valley, you'll know to what I am referring when I say the dam is a beautiful body of water. Shallow coves, steep banks, slowly descending sandy shoreline, and plenty of open water provide fishing locations for every type of weather conditions, every time of day, and with almost any kind of tackle.

WITH THE EXCEPTION of a few areas of extremely steep banks, shore fishing is unrestricted. Boats and canoes, available for rent, provide a means for fishing access to the entire dam.

According to Don Kepler, who is presently in charge at Stone Valley, fishing this summer has been good at times, usually in periods of a few days in a row, and only fair at others. This sporadic cycle of good and bad fishing seems to be characteristic of newly stocked bodies of still water and no cause for concern.

MORE ENCOURAGING, though, Kepler said, is that on good days catches have been generally very large and many goodsized fish are landed.

Since there is no size or creel limits on fish other than trout (for which Pennsylvania regulations apply), some "meat" fishermen have made quite a delicious haul of bass, catfish and fat bluegills.

This idea of no creel limit, something relatively unique in this area, will hopefully guard against the problem of overpopulation of fish-an item of genuine concern in many heavily stocked fertile water bodies in the state. (There is, for example, a problem presently of overpopulation causing growth stunting in catfish at Black Moshannon Reservoir.)

A FEATURE at Stone Valley which is especially desirable to young college married couples, is the furnished cabins. The completely furnished cottages are available for \$25 per week and sleep six persons.

The cabins provide an excellent place for an enjoyable and very economical vacation. The abundance of bluegills and catfish make the dam a near perfect place for the youngsters to enjoy themselves. The projects' 572 acres of forests and fields provide an area for hiking and general outdoor enjoyment.

With the completion next year of planned tenting areas and beach and bathing facilities, the area will become a near perfect family vacation spot.

If you are interested in improved river and river basin fishing in our state, especially in the Susquehanna, a note to your state legislator could be of value. Recent reports indicate that a current investigation may lead to the construction of fish-

THE WATER PASSAGES would allow spawning sea fish, especially shad, to move once again upriver and provide improved sport fishing. Power dams, which block the spawning fishs' passage upstream, have virtually eliminated shad fishing, once enjoyed by thousands of sport and commercial fishermen, from our rivers.

So, in the interest of sportsmen across the state, a letter expressing your views on this matter to your congressman or state senator would be in order.

League Leaders Continue to Win

The Red Lions (League A) and the An-E-Mals (League B) continue to lead the summer Basket-ball league standings. Both teams are undefeated.

Game scores for last week were:

LEAGUE A

over Farmers, Rathskellers over Cedar Chests, Krusers over Pickups, Travelers over Pickups, Pickups, 57-52: 113-63; Celts over Rathskellers, 65-49; Red Lions over Krusers, 65-58.

LEAGUE B

An-E-Mals over Rebs, 58-47; Sags over Chantels, 52-28; Pseudos over Losers, 33-26; Comets over Chantels, 50-33; Sags over War-riors, 57-40; An-E-Mals over Losers, 75-42.

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