

Hope in a Guts Bucket

My grandpa, Henry, dug a hole in the valley,
sprang full of Condie water,
built docks, dug dykes and ditches.
Silver Springs Trout Ranch.
Died when I was 4.

My dad, Henry, built extra dock,
added extension onto The Shack.
Showed me how to gut a trout,
a Rainbow Trout,
stern green backs,
soft white bellies,
iridescent pinkness streaks their sides,
covered in black beauty spots.

Me, Henry, 12 years old,
working The Shack by myself.
Summer hours.
Wears gloves because won't touch
Fish Guts. Even though
Dad doesn't wear gloves,
am okay with that.
Given fish by Customer,
takes to gutting place.
Bangs on head with Blunt Knife Handle
Hope dies,
Cuts new mouth under old mouth.
Hope dead.
Cuts open soft white belly with knife,
bottom to top.
Not dead,
Tiny Heart still beating.
Stares at exposed heart.
Hopes fish have no soul,
sticks thumb in new mouth and tears out guts.
Hangs fish on hook,
stick guts in Guts Bucket.
Dead fish jumps,
I jump,
"Never seem that before?"
laughs Customer.

Decide not to take on family business.
Hope dead.

*Questions and Comments from
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- Waterwolf** I heard from a fellow angler a while back that there is a trout pond just North of the city of Regina off highway #11 called Silver Springs Trout Ranch. The angler told me it has a catch and keep trout pond and a catch and release perch pond. Has anyone tried for perch or trout at the Silver Springs Trout Ranch, if so how was the results? Is it open year round? !
8 yrs ago
- TJG** Silver Spring Trout Ranch - SK Just north of Regina off highway 11. A short drive from the city. Includes a catch & keep rainbow pond and a catch & release perch pond. A great place to take the kids for an afternoon. - recommended by anonymous; A very scenic pond.
8yrs ago
- TIBORE** Henry the owner is fantastic guy.
8 yrs ago
- Powerbait** Does anyone know why this place closed and if there are any other options nearby.
2 yrs ago
- BUZZBOMB** I heard the old fellow died and that his kids were running it now.
2 yrs ago
- FISH2EAT** I used to fish there a lot, the old owner Henry was a super nice guy but he died serveral years ago now. His kids/grandkids were running it but at higher rates and it was not as busy as it was.
2 yrs ago
- LAYNEM** The son was running it but it has been closed down for some years now as far as I know. He let us icefish there in the offseason which was lots of fun until I broke through one day and went in over my head by myself.
2 yrs ago
- Mr. Spoon** Rumor has it that there was a Divorce/ and or Parisites!
2 yrs ago
- PowerBait** Ya Henry was only like 40 so I'm sure he wasn't the one who died. The fish did have some bumps on them years ago so maybe parasites or just a lack of profit. Anyone know the last time the place was open?
2 yrs ago