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Re: Competitive Fly-fishing

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I chose the 3rd option, but am somewhere between the 3rd and 4th.

I am interested in the methods and in what succeeds the most. It's not until there's desire for a competitive edge that you learn the most effective methods to succeed, that's true in so many things. Competition leads to being the most successful one can be. That is, if you measure success the same way. They measure it in #'s of fish and size. For us non-competitive anglers, that's certainly part of it, but not all of it.

For instance, I very often go to places where I expect to catch less or smaller fish when I could just as easily go places where I could catch more and bigger fish. Why? Because I enjoy new places, and scenery and surroundings, and lack of crowds, and the general feel of some places more than others. Further, if there's any hope of catching fish on dries, I often fish them, even when I know nymphs may be more successful. Why? Because it's more fun that way.

So, as far as methods, the sport serves to prove the most effective methods of catching fish. It's up to us to define the most effective methods of having the most fun, but knowledge of the best methods to catch fish certainly help in that end.

As for the interest in becoming a "fan" as you would in other competitive sports, I have some healthy curiosity, but I wouldn't go as far as saying I have plans to follow it closely.