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I don't think it's really fair to bash the entire Orvis catalog....okay, I do agree the overpriced dog beds are ridiculous. I've been buying puffy beds for my two, aging, English setters at Farm and Fleet, or is it Tractor Supply, now for years. Yes, I spoil my bird dogs to no end. Spent \$600 for Patch in 2000: best money I ever spent, along with the \$425 for a Sage LL in '97 or so.

All manufacturers have that "Sweet Spot" in their gear offerings. Not too expensive, good quality, and excellent warranty. I know that the Pro Guide waders are one of the best values in the Orvis lineup. Had a pair of the PG2s that I wore for years....but to get the proper foot size I had to buy the XL: result? Water would fill up in the knee areas and I had 'ballon legs'. Then again the extra weight helped anchor me in fast water on the Yough.

I wrote/emailed them a few times, and apparently many others did and Orvis came out with alternate bootie sizes. What a great idea. Hell, I'm only 6', about 180, with a size 12 foot. Haven't checked out the new PG3s, but when my Patagonias finally die I certainly will. I mean, really the PG3s run, what about \$350: this price point slams Simms and their \$600 waders.

Hey, Jack M, I have 2 of the CFOs, the old school green model and the newer, bronze/champagne model. Love 'em both!! None of that large-arbor crap for this guy. Got the newer one dirt cheap from some salt-water outfit in Mass. who was dumping them because no one uses the smaller models in his area.

As always, wait for the new gear to come out, then wait till the off season and clean up on good gear. Same with the golf industry.

Mark