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Re: Fly Fishing Competitions on TV?

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Quote:

DGC wrote:

I don't know anyone who does it and haven't seen one so commenting involves guesswork. How is it different from a PAFF mini-jam or major jam? Keeping score?

Sure, anybody can fish the stretches that are being competed on. They are public waters. It is kinda like a Big Jam. Guys geting together and fishing. How do you think those that are not from the site feel about a billion people showing up in State College at prime time and "crowding their waters? Or coming to the Little Lehigh to fish and 20 newbie cars are there to learn to fish? It is what it is.

Quote:

Does a judge stand right by every angler to measure so as to reduce handling mortality? If so, that doesn't seem so bad.

A judge is assigned to the competitor. Sometimes they are in their back pocket. Sometimes they are waiting on the bank. The competitor normally does not handle the fish. The judge does. I would say the fish is out of the water less then 10 seconds. Unhook, quick measure and back in the water.

Quote:

If they have a scheduled competition and the water is 70F, do they still fish or do they cancel?

I can not answer this. However, I am sure the streams that are chosen for the competition for certain times of the year, would not be chosen if they had temp issues.

Quote:

What about the stretches of stream you get. Obviously luck of the draw comes into play, but then it is a

~~draw. Given relatively stable weather and stream conditions, I imagine the fishing steadily declines if they just switch stretches, so being first in the best stretch should be an advantage, possibly made up for if there's a good hatch at a different time.~~

Yes, it is a draw for what section of stream you get and you are correct on your thoughts in regards to second man on the stretch. Like you said though, hatches come into play.

Quote:

In other words, too many unknowns and I'd rather not presume the negative.

I'm fairly sure whatever regulations are on the books were mainly concerned with bass anglers and boats. Competitions for trout are too new. But then I haven't looked over the commission meeting minutes.

While it's not my cup of tea I don't see much of an issue unless filthy lucre becomes the driving force.

I have only been part of one competition. It was eye opening on tactics. I am naturally competitive. I can not help it, I was raised in organized sports. My parents never pushed me, but it was just natural to compete. The competitions are really a big gathering of fun guys that like to fish and break stones. Kinda like on here. They respect the resource and respect other peoples right to fish public waters.

I personally witnessed 3 incidents of everyday anglers running into competitive anglers at the NE regional. First was two spin guys arriving at Penns, and wondering what was going on. I explained, they said well it was their right to fish the water, I agreed wish them luck and left. Told the competitors about the Rapala chuckers, they just shrugged and said the same thing. It was the other anglers right to fish.

2nd incident... I was judging a competitor. everyday angler came down and asked me what was going on. I explained, they asked how much longer it was going on and said they would just watch and then fish after it was done. Guy drove from pretty far and did not want to mess up the guys water. I explained to him there was a very large stretch of water 300 yards downstream that was not being competed on. He said he was fine with waiting fishing the water.

3rd incident..... The competitors came back from lunch and there was a gentleman fishing the beat that one competitor had to compete on. Competitor walked over to him and explained that he was forced to fish this section, but the other angler was perfectly fine to keep fishing the same stretch if he would like. Angler said, hey no problem, I will walk down stream a little. Competitor said thanks and gave him about 15 flies.

Never did I witness any animosity between any of the anglers. Sure I have only watched one competition, but I was highly impressed by the attitudes of the competitors. It is not every body's cup of tea, but it is not every body's cup of tea to fish bamboo or glass, fish with indicators, chuck streamers, fish beadheads,

Everyone one of us are different and it is what makes us who we are. We all enjoy different aspects of life and fishing. Then again, there are those that like soccer and fish Tenkada. Meh