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Re: Reel Question

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foxfire wrote:

Why invest in an expensive fly reel? I fish mostly small to mid sized streams and find that the reel is merely a repository for the fly line. Feathering the line with my fingers functions as the drag. Now I can see how big waters/big fish would require or benefit from a functional drag, but I just don't get the difference between a \$300.00+ versus a \$50.00 reel when using smaller weighted lines - other than maybe size and reel weight?

We definitely agree on this one.

I've fished PA for over thirty years and have had only one trout that took me into backing and that was in 1985.

As some have pointed out, big rivers are different (Delaware River fish in particular) and you will play fish from the reel but I remain convinced that, even on the big waters, you'll do fine with a decent, click and pawl. Many of the reels I use for trout fishing have served me well for decades and I have never spent over \$100 dollars for any of 'em....and I'm tough on gear.

It's nice to own high end reels but they won't make you a better fishermen.

Saltwater fishing is a whole 'nother game altogether: much tougher on equipment and you do indeed want a disc drag for many species.