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Re: The "Troutiest" of rods?

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Quote:

springer1 wrote:

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From what I've experienced (which is less than some others) whether it be e-glass or s-glass, newer glass rods are rated much more accurately than graphite rods.

I wonder if fast action graphite is inherently difficult to rate.

No, the market evolved to its present state. During the early 90's became more popular. With this new found popularity came a lot of people looking to buy fly rods. These guys would go to a fly shop and test cast some rods. Seeing that they could cast farther with the stiffest rod that was the one they bought. This caused what I call the "modulus wars". Each new series of rods used a higher modulus graphite to make the rod stiffer. When they could not use technology to create an advantage, they started to increase the distance cast used to determine the recommended line weight.

So, in short, the rod makers are playing games with the line weight ratings, but only because the market told them to.

Fiberglass and cane are niche markets which have not suffered as much from this phenomenon.