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If I'm fishing nymphs or streamers I tend to fish 3-5 miles in a day, more than that on small streams or if I'm in a boat. Tournaments can't really accommodate that kind of fishing and there is no doubt it's more effective than hammering a 300-yard stretch to death. If I'm fishing a hatch I may do a lot of walking to try to find one big fish, but I tend to hang around in one place once I find it. Sometimes surface action is only good for a half hour and it's worth hanging out in a prime spot and waiting for the action to happen.

There are a lot of different strategies in fly-fishing. Tournament fishing is focused on a very narrow part of that spectrum due to the way the rules are set up. It is definitely a skill to catch fish in difficult conditions, but I don't personally have any interest in trying to catch trout during low water in the middle of a sunny afternoon.

The one-fly tournaments I think are neat. I tend to support charity tournaments if they are for a good cause. The euro-nymphing tournaments seem to have a huge ego component. I'm not a fan.