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Re: Guide Tipping

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Since I'm known for calling a spade a spade and I also don't believe in the concept of political correctness; however, I do believe in maintaining some degree of civility, I must say that those who question the whole idea of tipping have that freedom to do so. In fact, if the feeling is so strong perhaps you may want to consider a campaign to change that part of the angling culture.

As this discussion continues I'm seeing more and more that some folks are quite ready to comment with having, at best, only mere bits of information upon which to rely. Comments including such bits as "guide negotiated a crap contract" are obviously made without any knowledge whatsoever of what the culture is. A comment like this exposes an incredible degree incorrect assumption at the very least. Too, considering what was conveyed in a previous post, the question about what a guide does in the off-season has me highly suspicious of the motive behind the question.

I still believe that it is appropriate to compare a fly fishing guide with a technician or professional. I'll readily admit that I don't have any real knowledge of what a golf caddie does so I can't compare. I do, however, have quite a bit of knowledge of what a good fly fishing guide does. I also have my own personal experience of having been in a position of employment which required a vast knowledge of regulations and the ability to apply those regulations to a caseload. It was accepted that to reach a journeyman's level of proficiency required 3 years in the position. In many respects guiding is similar.

Guiding fly fishers is not just a matter of pointing to where a fish may be holding and saying to a client "have at it." It isn't something that you just decide one day you're going to go out and do and expect to be a good guide. It takes an investment of time and effort to develop the level of skill necessary to provide a high quality experience for the client.