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Quote:

Big-Bass wrote:

**After selling a few of the rods that I have tried but have not completely fallen in love with, I am still in search of a good 5 weight rod.** I have some interest in higher end stuff but don't necessarily want to blow the bank on an \$800 rod if I don't have to.

In comes the Legend Elite...

I have heard good things from a certain forum member here but other than that, not much is said about the Legend Elite. Where do they stand against other high end brands (i.e. Scott, Winston, Sage, Orvis, etc.). From reading reviews on Yellowstone Angler (which I don't really take to heart), the Legend Elite seems to silently always make its way towards the top. If the rod is good overall, why is it not that popular? Why is it half the price of other rods while still seeming to use the hardware/quality of workmanship of its \$800 counterparts? Also, how is the warranty with St. Croix?

I am interested in either the 590 or 586 version of the rod and wonder what would best suit me here in NEPA for dries/emergers, nymphs (down to 20), and small streamers (up to 6/8)? Also, any other rod recommendations or models would be helpful. Thanks for your help and responses!

Not trying to be a smart azz, but you really have to cast a rod before you buy it. The guys on here are giving you the best info they can, but every caster and FFer is different.

Buying a rod on deal from ebay or the bargain corner can be frustrating. Often, you end up spending a lot of time and, in the long run, more money than if you found a rod that works really well for you the first time and bought it.

~~Redington, Scott, Winston, Cabelas, TFO~~...now St. Croix.

If you took all the cash you spent on rods you really didn't like and had to go through the trouble to return and/or sell at a loss, you could have bought a really nice rod that works great for you. I suggest you look for a rod from an established maker, with a warranty that is likely to be honored for decades; a rod you can fish for a long time and enjoy.

Go out and cast as many rod as you can. If a buddy owns a rod you're interested in, try borrowing it to fish.

One final thought. Sometimes, I recommend that newer FFers hold off on buying a new rod until they become proficient enough casters to determine which rod works best for their casting and fishing.

Stick with it. Take your time making a choice. Good luck finding a great stick.