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Re: Beginners- what were'nt you told?

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jayL wrote:

I wish someone would have sat down and explained how rigging works, including line to leader, leader to tippet, indicators, weight, tandem rigs, etc.

I was taught the basics by a wonderful instructor, and was left to go off on the stream and learn on my own. I only got instruction when I asked for it, or when I was totally making an idiot of myself. I've developed my own style, methods, and ideas from that... but luckily, I think I have a solid technical background.

The problem was, he'd hand me a pre-rigged rod and some flies. From there, I went and fished. I caught fish, but when he passed and I had to rig my own gear, I felt lost.

Luckily, this forum helped me a ton.

If only the old database still existed. I'd probably point out a few of my posts from three or four years ago where I was asking some of the most painfully basic questions. Those were the days.

Jay,

That's probably the most important part of all of this. The understanding and maintenance of the tool. Like with any craft, activity or skill, training is paramount to be efficient and productive. With productivity comes confidence and confidence builds excellence.

When we do fly fishing clinics we spend a painfully agonizing amount of time on these details. The first three classes are indoors, the fourth is outdoors practicing casting and the last (fifth includes water and hopefully fish)

Back to the subject...I am a "knower of what's important" If I don't know it, it ain't important...so to speak. That doesn't mean I know it all, or everything or even most things. But if I see a hole in the bucket I'm gonna figure out how to fix it and have it not leak again. Just so I won't have to worry about it anymore. I problem I struggled tremendously with over waders.....

I was lucky enough to take a flytying class in the winter early on before I ever bought a rod that gave me the

~~fundamentals through casual conversations with the shop owner and assistant instructors. Picture spending 10-13 hour sessions with experienced flyfishers before spring came along.~~

I can't think of a single thing that was important that created a stumbling block for my continuation. Now improvement and broadening my scope...that's another story. I have continually gathered nuggets along the way. Not in so much as a quest to learn new things but in the casual reading of this and other materials. When I see something that makes sense, I explore it. If I don't think it's important...I ignore it.

That's just how I'm wired....