

Subject: : Gear Talk

Topic: : New fly shop opening in the Lehigh Valley

Re: New fly shop opening in the Lehigh Valley

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gfen wrote:

I stopped in there one day a week or so just to window shop. The owner/operator, Phil, was in and we spent a good hour just chatting about things in general.

He's a nice enough guy, he promises that his tying section isn't complete, and it seems like its a pretty nice shop with a heavy emphasis on the clothing and accoutrement's one might need to have "a sporting lifestyle." Whatever, \$100 dog beds and casmere sweaters may not be on my list of desires, but if selling those is what pays the bills so he can have a little corner well stocked with fur and feathers, who am I to complain?

The one thing I took away from my talk with the owner is that this isn't a money making enterprise for him as much as its a hobby and a past time. There's not much else around me, really, for stores, an LL Bean with barely any tying supplies and the LL Fly Shop where my short discussion with the owner left me with little desire to patronize his store.

I stopped in one day after fishing the LL. It was a cold day so I had on my old coveralls, beat up boots, and tattered hat. There was only one other shopper in the store. I kind of got the cold shoulder when I went over to the fly fishing section. I certainly got the impression they wanted to sell the high margin clothing and not fly tying materials. Didn't seem very well stocked with materials. I don't see a reason to go back. What we need is an old fashion shop which is interested in fishermen not old yuppies.