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Re: Don's sculpin

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I, personally, think all of this secrecy is a load of nonsese.

If the LL flyshop wants to hide things and give the cold shoulder to me and others like me, then they can expect a noticeable decline in business over the coming years, as my generation of fisherman comes of age. I have always been beyond appreciative and respectful of people who have taught me things, and I feel that part of that respect is bolstering and nurturing the sport. I won't give out your secret spots, but if you are going to give tips about gear or flies, then be forewarned that I will pass it on to whomever asks.

People really forget what it's like to want to be a part of something or do something well. It really is frustrating when you are so close to succeeding, but are hampered by a simple lack of knowledge or understanding. This 'sink or swim' mentality may kill the sport.

I speak from experience....

I was a self-taught fly fisherman for a few years as a teenager, and I gave it up. I had nobody to help me learn to cast, tie, select flies, etc. It got overwhelmingly frustrating, as someone who always excelled in school and other activities, I wasn't prepared to take the time to fail, and I went back to chucking corn. Luckily for me, I was given a second chance by a gentleman who helped me with any and all information that I could possibly want. I now love this sport more than anything because I was able to learn the right way to do things. It's sites like this and people like the guy who taught me that are responsible for keeping fly fishing alive for the future IMO. If you don't believe me, see this article about the 'self esteem' generation... which I am regretably a part of.

<http://nymag.com/news/features/27840/>

I really hope that I am never stricken with mean old fart syndrome, because I cannot imagine the reasoning behind giving other fisherman the cold shoulder about fly patterns/gear. A good spot is one thing, but hiding your fly pattern is bordering on snide.

/end rant.

