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[00:00:10] Oh yeah. That's a good one. My mother said the family was the ones that use. The word for everyone fish. They were both bohemian and Jupiter Alaska. My grandfather. Loved the game ball and that was when he got Love got a little old he. Has old car at his reaction time was. Not in seconds it was in minutes. He lived in this little town and in Wisconsin and every time I'd go up there he'd take to take me fishing and what he brought. We had to drive through a small part of the little town to get to the sloop where we fished and this was. Where everyone would see him driving and they'd all pull over to the side of the road and let him go by and they'd all wave and say hi. Hi Frank. And so on so sorry all the way back during a visit to the same same brush as they had never had an accident because everybody fell off the road and we always had a hose or a scuba diving boat fishing village. To me. Fishing and in particular fly fishing is about being able to commune with nature community agreements and things enjoyed pretty things. Peaceful mass.

[00:01:27] Now kind of an escape away but oftentimes well from every day come alive. You know I've been very fortunate enough to meet a lot of great people through fishing and fly fishing in particular. It's fun. It's a lot of fun. I've had the sport. And lots of different stories you know getting to the right gay rights and still being in the right place at the right time were taken into a lot of nice fashion. To have. In those days where it seems like every other disaster tension in 18 or 20 finish or something like that. I mean at this time. There's so many different stories that you. Know I could think of often. Yes. It's just great to have a chance to compete with friends lesbians and nature and enjoy that time.

[00:02:16] Well I think it's exactly that. Invest in fly fishing with a whole lot. With we try to maintain it in honor of the Hidden History of the sport. Well the spin fishers. They fish. And they don't the 21. They don't have the same type of golf culture as. The flag makers. I think if you're mixed like different versions of everyone and having a place like one of them is obviously leverage fantastically get over the edge. Nowadays with. Mobile phone. I used to read about all the old war books from the. Seventeen hundreds of the eighteen others. And now you know our archives our dot org and it has digitized with most of those of the old blockers like tying your book and everything from 1855. They're all theirs. Absolutely. That's fantastic. It's just so neat to be able to be able to go back and read minds. Read the history of the life of the sport and get a feeling about what those people are going through to develop as a fly rod and develop fly ash and stuff like that. So. Yeah it's really super.

[00:03:24] It's great. Thank you Doctor. Yes it does. It's a very important. Really tough. Not only recognized but knowing the history of the sport and how to. Know how the development came about how things science interact. Development from you know just being a better way to catch fish to. Better. Conservation and to. Know. How to. Preserve a stream or bring a stream back from.

[00:03:53] The from its downstream. We kind of re. Populate with fish and. Make more opportunities for. Four more people that efficient I. Understand how. Conservation fly fishing in history all worked together and we've done a lot of that to our land especially in the United States and it's important to understand how we got there how we can recover and how it became good again.

[00:04:24] so I think that that whole historical piece and all and all all the information that the Montana State Library there has. That's very important.

[00:04:33] There's a neat neat thing about fly fishing. I tell people were talking to me in golf the odds of you reading a Tiger Woods or Jack Nicklaus. And haven't been talked to you are zero. But it can fly fishing you know. You can beat a left lefty Cray you could meet a bug Lily and you could talk with him. And it's fantastic if you can talk to all the superstars on it but then we're a little afraid that it's something that's going by us by the wayside.

[00:05:10] I'm a little worried that the younger younger people are learned the in being as active as they could be.

[00:05:25] Yes. All the above it all. Everything is so sensitive.

[00:05:31] And there were so many bad things done to the environment back in the early nineteen hundred. I still no know of plumes of. I think we mostly recovered from Lotto. But you've got to be so careful with the environment and the water quality and still go and everything is no more. Our club goes on for years and after all the points out of the river or the salmon or a river in nature and we delay that one day probably a little too. This is really good. So we do everything from plant Wells the fence on our website streams to bank. We've got to be diligent. You've got to pay attention all the time. Still the only people that I really I don't see I think the farmers ranchers or shag guys or anything. The only ones they don't like are not the whole group because the developers don't think about what they're doing and they're thinking about making money off of it also. But you got to we've got to really pay attention to it.

[00:06:27] We've got a lot to lose by telling the community we don't want to lose any and you're quite right and we're secular in Idaho Montana Wyoming eastern Indonesian ranch on the eastern Oregon areas. We have limited amounts of water and so we have to study by Grossman was very careful about how we use it. Blue Ribbon flies. It's not the development can't happen. The development has to happen thoughtfully and there has to be a consideration about it other one is the eagle sound as opposed to was a life saver. I know of a lot of people are. Hailing here. And air. Travel Sun Valley area. You don't really need to hear what we have to constantly graveyards so that they can find to drink. My in-laws are. Part of the ones were fighting for people. It's disheartening to see people do not have the interest in society as a whole and have their own only self-interest at hand as opposed to thinking of the environment and thinking of how to. Protect the protected limited resource. I mean people think. You've got all this clean water fresh water and natural. Springs and everything like that. It was the. But they don't understand that.

[00:07:43] There is limited resources and you're not. While it may renew itself to a point.

[00:07:51] Any year we have any ground issues. I mean it just saps I'm going to go History ratio going to win gold and silver developed over times good years.

[00:08:00] And sets it back potentially. We now know much better how to how to recover. Fisheries and how to prevent. The abuses that dad mentioned that the early nineteen hundreds from happening. It's not that they don't still happen and it's not that they're still earn leftovers. You've seen that happen especially on the cardboard there in Montana with the leaching from from the copper mines and all that kind of stuff. But. We can at least recover it back so that it's it is back to a sustainable. Fishery. And I also think that it's very important that. We've seen a lot of things happen and particularly recently with the old style Park with what I would consider mismanagement injuries. And I think that it's very dangerous to. Take an approach just just. Try to monitor a native species as opposed to. Monitor also an induced wild species that's been induced into an area because in many of

the areas where. Fish were introduced in particular in Yellowstone Park they were barren fish. And now. Due to the stocking program that was initiated many many years ago. Those fish are wild. It's it's now not only a viable fishery but a vibrant fishery. And so it's important for that. When you're managing in particular species like. Like Zambians you have to also understand that if. You've created. A good wild fishery. That that shouldn't be thrown away it still should be maintained and monitored.

[00:09:53] I think the horse is out of the barn right. They screwed up a long time ago by stocking fish and.

[00:10:01] I think it's next to impossible. You know what. There's one creek just. East of. Fishing Bridge that they tried to poison on for. Years years years and they can't get. Right. Of. So. I think the best thing you can do is you know I'd love to see a lot of clear cut throat streams and. Stuff like that in the park. But.

[00:10:27] I think up to five was doing it I would look at each grain each year and figure out where I can maintain a pure pure stream. No native fish and then have all kinds of special rates like that. But there's going in and just doing a mass mass killing right to fish. I believe it's too late.

[00:10:49] It's too late. It would be one thing to manage something. Like like a slim Creek. Or you know this little money to launder. How are we safe in all you've got. Got a few waterfalls on that block. Or waters upstream of Yellowstone Lake. Those maybe the waters that you could make fielders Mary spatulas. Yeah but. Other areas particularly on the Madison fireball given. The Falls River Pegler. Probably even though Lamar and lower Yellowstone it's.

[00:11:26] But the amazing thing about Yellowstone. They didn't even realize that the amount of Westland cuts that they had in their park until what 15 20 years ago and how could they have not inventoried the entire park prior to that.

[00:11:46] I never understood that. You know one day a friend of mine and I did it. No thanks. We had heard that there were Westland cuts in upper factory. When we walked in I think it was seven miles it was the place where they said they were sure. Where. They were. But. The.

[00:12:08] Yellowstone Park had not inventoried it did not know where they were there. And so.

[00:12:13] They've done a very poor job.

[00:12:20] Yeah. Yeah. But I don't know the. Exactly the zones where you know where are the true native the native fish were. Caught.

[00:12:36] In the part where you got the Madison which has very little native fish. Right. And. Then they go on a special rate to kill all all the rainbows and they leave the vastness alone and they do. And they don't attack the roads.

[00:12:50] Well come on kiddo you've got to be consistent. No one can read or write for the Madison probably it is impossible to. Do much of.

[00:13:03] Anything without you. Right. So it's so widely read it's a legal. Right. But you.

[00:13:09] Know He's up the wild fishery first and if there's some natives that's what. That's wonderful right.

[00:13:13] Right. Yeah. No I agree. Some things he just can't go back again. Right right. That's right. I do feel it's important that while we still have the chance to keep areas for those native state to survive and thrive because that's something if we lose it we can't get it back.

[00:13:27] All right. And a lot of people don't don't understand you know many of the fisheries and the three part Yellowstone. The. Current Fisheries they were basically barren strip and so the old the only native species there was the black thing were black no thanks. And you know so much so and that's it. So. Maine to turn those into not only viable vibrant fisheries. To me that's important too. And so that's why I think it's better to do to have a maintenance plan as opposed to. You know just a strictly native fishery plan.

[00:14:01] We fish to the southwest corner of the park but back woods area a lot of that area was entirely barren of trout. And they were they were all brought in. I think in the late 30s early 40s.

[00:14:20] Mostly good things. I think.

[00:14:25] You can recover fisheries much faster than you can recover. Big game birds. And right. And you know paying attention and going out and do it. Doing some work on screen rich really pays off in most places we refurbish. I think they're they've either maintained the the sea level for many years now or they have improved.

[00:14:50] Somewhat. I'd say that. The thing that's amazing to me I mean growing up fishing with water. With a fiberglass layer.

[00:15:02] I mean the the Newman knew that the far right rather than Armenia. Compared with the graphite. So now various different composites of that kind of stuff it's just. Did you can't make a comparison really to. The other like the length of materials that you have now to use to tie tie with.

[00:15:24] Various different tools and technologies that can developed. That's all amazing to me. Yeah. As far as the access is concerned. Here. It's changed. You've got some some organizations that are done so mildewed like the Nature Conservancy and some of these these other conservation organizations that are doing their job in protecting the town. And. Purchasing a lot of a lot of land to improve. And. Promote access. And I think where we kind of miss out. Is. I'll be right here. As far as the access thing is concerned is there river enough to talk down across much as rapidly. And. You get on through there so various different. Obstacles to that.

[00:16:16] But there to be there should be more of a partnership because you've got a lot of a lot of farmers and ranchers who some people actually wanting to promote conservation a few more than they want teachers because maybe they need to help me learn as to how to do it. You've been instrumental in helping your hand here may not be there either does or doesn't do. I don't know. If you can develop a better partner for that to do I just wait a while here will get to me that sounds like from care. To. Fish size. Depends on your species has now school heads in some amazing years in the 80s for fishing. These are.

[00:16:57] You know in a bad economy. Ben was a teenager and we countered his professional one trauma record over a thousand occasions right. Ever released ever want to release all that. Yeah all a trout. Yeah. Drought. Yeah. You ever get into some catfish little. Yeah yeah fanfiction everything. No.

[00:17:21] The ideas and how we very important.

[00:17:25] It seems like every year every club I used to be president of the Western Rocky Mount council in the Federation Square would constantly try and he's trying to get younger people involved in clubs going next batch. We haven't made much progress it. I think there's a lot of young people fly fishing and fishing but they don't seem to be joiners. Maybe the way maybe the way we are. I don't know.

[00:17:50] But what if there is a magic way to get them involved. We would. Look for the women when we think back in the 70s we didn't have a lot of special programs for them for the women. They weren't taught taught by women they were taught by men. And then we found out that if you if you have a a woman instructor you got all kinds of women that come here.

[00:18:15] And we've been doing that. And that's helped some. But still. I would like some advice on working on this to see. How you can get there what it looks like is. Kids. Are. Proficient over. You can see in 16 17 they graduate from high school and there they are fishing. They go to college and then they start raising a family. Get a job. And. Then. They either don't finish or they don't join a club or anything and then maybe 20 years later when they get to be 40 they think about well maybe I ought to go back home. And so then they join and join the club at that gap in area. I just don't I don't know how to do it. And if somebody knows how to do it I sure wish they'd write a manual lottery. It's very important to get them involved.

[00:19:11] What do you think. I think we've made some really. Good inroads to get women more involved in particular. I think we've made a. Concerted effort to. Try to get more women into the sport.

[00:19:23] And I believe it's succeeding because to me it seems like no one you've brought out a lot more people love than women into the sport which I think is very good. All right. What about you about kids only once they graduate from high school they kind of have you know that they.

[00:19:41] Kind of forget about. I got used my time out featuring myself. Forget about concentration like that. They get more focused on concrete ideas creating a job minimizing the kind of stuff. That.

[00:19:54] Is Personal. So me. And. My generation the generations after me. They. They want to know what's in it for them.

[00:20:06] In particular. I knew what was in it for me for me because of the family and the people that I grew up with which really is. And so. So we all do you know exactly what I mean. All right. Our own expectations were you know how to do it the other way why we're doing it on those kind of things. And I think unless you have those people involved in your life it's difficult. To gauge the level of knowledge that you can. Become you know respectable or and accomplished you know future person. And without having that support

system that kind of helped bring it in. It's a little. Kind of difficult. You know a lot of times you go out fishing by yourself and you know the camaraderie is is very important. And so I think that's something that it's difficult to communicate that to younger generations. But. Once you're really in it for them. And how to. Get them more involved in one. Then what's going on. So. So that's. Through through my college years I wrote a couple of friends in and you know we still fish to this day. And I'm 48 and they're both in their mid 40s. So.

[00:21:25] Yeah I think what that's very much is you know they get back into it once they just moved to different sectors matches. I think we need more people like. But yeah you know we I tend to be too serious I read the books and I take special flies and I'm out there really trying.

[00:21:46] And. But when you were around but he was kidding around. Tell him story.

[00:21:56] It was just a lot of fun.

[00:21:58] And I think if we had more guys out there like it would be like good luck. But that left there. I don't know. I don't see those those type of people coming up now in the younger. I thought you know that the the officers right right to. The guys writing books and stuff. Nowadays they're serious. They're out to make money but it wasn't like a. Lot. Of the older guys so. It. Took me but we need it now. We need more superstars like a like like but to all of the people that. You talk to him you were enthused about the sport you enthused about everything in advance.

[00:22:40] It's again that evolvement piece. I mean you know I think in particular generations from my past there.

[00:22:50] They don't know how to lead necessarily. They're more followers than they are leaders. And. When they get some fight find somebody who can lead them to something that they really want and really want to have a passion for me then they get into it wholeheartedly. The problem is being able to. Communicate with people it. And have them understand you know this is why I do why we do this. And. You know we don't do this to catch fish. That's that's a byproduct. That's that's just. Part of the fun of it. But that's not all of us. If you can't enjoy being on the stream you shouldn't be the first critic here because just being on the stream and listening to the nature and scope. 95 percent again in particular the fish a little league. The little lost drainage and it's called a three mile hike we say it's two in and one off because we gain about 20 200 feet in elevation the first time I took one of my friends from. College and. He took a look at the lake where we were going to fish and he was like fish and that. Is. That.

[00:24:00] There's really a lot of fish in there. Yeah. He said. That doesn't look like much. So what would climber climb up here. And I said turn around.

[00:24:07] And he turned around and you could see the entire valley. He was like. Now.

[00:24:21] Unfortunately it's very important eat here. Kind of easy. I get tired. I used to go go testify at all that warning against stampedes and it's not like that. But as I get older I don't. I've sort of sort of lost track of it and I don't really have the energies to go all over again to do that kind of stuff anymore. But the more people we can get involved in I think Idaho and Montana recently you know they've been doing this transfer to federal lands to the state. Of. Idaho militia guy had a bill I guess in the legislature to support the transfer.

And he got so much. He got a lot of backlash back backlash out of it that he actually withdrew the bill again closed his office because the people were sold.

[00:25:20] So I think we in Idaho Montana and Wyoming are extremely lucky to have all the public lands to start with you.

[00:25:30] And then morning I worked from there so it's very important to the freedom of the political left. But you gotta you gotta go fishing so that you can. Keep it in that you will be. In the proper context.

[00:25:53] I've been mainly feeling here of course in right. And then I was a prisoner of the Western Rocky Mountain Council for five five years of the Federation. And then I was a. Vice President in the. National Federation of my fishers for ten years. In the Federation. I joined the Federation and seventy five before Federation started in sixty five.

[00:26:21] And I really thought they were. They were fantastic.

[00:26:27] And they were for quite a few years. But to you I think is doing an excellent job nowadays. Federation is doing a great job. But I think the best option out there is it is nature conservancy. I think they are doing. A fantastic job. Personally not. Only to give money to. One organization that's the organization in my mind that you give them.

[00:26:54] They do it without expecting a lot of flair. Yeah you know it's done quietly and it's done well and they did. They don't upset people you know. They got. Did they do talk to the farmers. Is.

[00:27:10] There a need for it in my opinion.

[00:27:13] Give me tell me what is it they do. Well like it's like the flat ranch up on the hundreds where. They went in there they bought bought a big ranch and that was their purpose to. Demonstrate.

[00:27:30] Grazing techniques which they thought protected the environment. And then they have you home and then working with the neighboring ranchers to. Try to get them to do that kind of thing again if they had problems and they recognize they had problems and they did they would change it.

[00:27:47] Anyway. And of course they did. They had the special places like Silverberg. They've done a lot. They've done a very good job.

[00:27:57] So it's a part of it is purchasing and showing protecting some areas and also something showing good steward to get right now. You're absolutely right. And those those three organizations in particular they each. Have kind of a different goal in mind.

[00:28:12] For the Federation of five fishers. It was more about education and promoting the sport of fly fishing and candy and preserving the history. Try to note it was more about.

[00:28:24] Conservation conservation and improving fisheries. You know working with states landowners to try and. Develop those areas so that they're more effective in Nature Conservancy was more about conserving special parcels of land and in special areas.

[00:28:43] And they have done it done a great job. So that's where the cooperation communication piece is so important to be able to do that effectively. I'm also one of one of the founding fathers of the entries for foundation.

[00:29:00] And they've got a good job.

[00:29:01] Why you want to go to film the lower madison there who would like to hear that old city play with fire that never really got off guard but they said they've got a good too over to stand up very long yet. I got a.

[00:29:18] I think it's nice to have people or not there is focus program the foundation. I wish there was song for my. Compilation. We sort of had that back in the days when they were going to make the dam their. And. Stuff that. When you got to the streams like that it almost takes a. Knot. Head.

[00:29:40] Association or something like that. You know and monitor everything and do different things and physical when they get off work nation has done an inventory of all all the streams at Ft.

[00:29:52] The henrys fork foundtion and even they did an excellent job site. Control over. I've always enjoyed John John Wall the hills history of fly fishing. You know there was a lot published in in the 20s.

[00:30:12] And of course the old trying to permanent old ground still is a reference and still is fun to fund a page there of who from from time to time. Or I guess there is very little of that if it hasn't been published 30 or 40 or 50 or 60 years ago I probably haven't read it yet.

[00:30:30] This is all that all the old stuff I read.

[00:30:35] We've got a guy fired here now Marvin Marvin knows he's a Bethesda glider and he likes to say there's nothing new here in the area in flight techniques. So they all all they do is reinvent the wheel all the time.

[00:30:49] They don't think Lou and lay dying is materials that they if they come up with the different different return. So that's true. So. Yeah I like I like to read Charlie Brooks.

[00:31:03] Yeah. Harvey stammers get stuff that he's done in the course stuff. London medal and even though he was a good friend Charlie was like Buddy it was fun to be around and all of a sudden somebody else and some good stuff get involved.

[00:31:19] Yeah yeah. Those are some of the main ones that. I enjoy. Yeah. You know. I kind of like. E-mail Stephen Ambrose really isn't a fly fishing author. I mean you know some of the stuff he's. Very nice to.

[00:31:41] Go take a class come to that Expo take fly casting classes take your flight time. You know I do. I sort of struggle in my development in the 70s and then when I started to go on to conclaves in the house. A librarian held my. Skill level just skyrocketed. You know really it was it was like night and day you know. Going there seeing the same the big guys and the superstars and listening to them and. So. So I think the whole key is. To take some classes. And then become a really easy sport and goods or in a hurry for the government instead of struggling. You know the books are good but you still. Get today. It

is it's worth so much more to go out with somebody that really knows what they're doing. Right.

[00:32:37] Yeah. People ask me all the time. They're like you know how long did it take you to learn to catch fish on the fly right. And of the first year or two I never got a fish.

[00:32:48] I had lots of hits but I never got rich. So I had to educate. Partly educate myself and get education from others so that I could learn.

[00:32:57] To catch fish. And so I I tell a lot of people. Don't dive in head first. Stick a foot and see what you think about it.

[00:33:08] You know it's not for everybody. It's not. Go with someone who knows what they're doing. And.

[00:33:17] Take classes. If you if you really want to immerse yourself then do that. But.

[00:33:26] Teaching while you're fishing isn't the best thing to do. Yeah. When you're fishing you're fishing. Yeah. Here. You're not working on your gas thing or anything at all if you're fishing right.

[00:33:36] You can't do it. You can only do one thing good a time if no one is fishing and fishing. Just like asked him to go out on the lawn and do your breakfast right. You concentrate on that. A lot of people don't understand that that the muscle memory for further casting motions is so important I mean.

[00:33:55] For the last 7 8 years I've been fishing with a torn Lieberman like shoulder. You know. You because my eyes treat. The calves. With. Various techniques that I've learned over the years. That.

[00:34:10] I can compensate for that I don't. So that. It doesn't bother my shoulder or anything like that. Yeah yeah you have to. Take that evolution and develop over time and I just try to tell people don't mean you hurry and catch a lot of fish it's going to happen. You don't need to worry about it. I'm an avid. I'm an.

[00:34:32] Novice. Clive Fisher I grew up spending in Wisconsin shrank away and the area. My problem is that that that muscle memory and. Its born to me still I have to consciously think about how different it is to set the hook from fly fish spinning right. But I hold so many hooks out of a fish my whole body. Better Gavin and most guys over on the lake there we are about the only Blackfish we don't think.

[00:35:04] That we are aware of. So we love to get off the woods river spin guys are now efficient.

[00:35:09] Yeah yeah yeah yeah. Most of them we do. Yeah we're getting all kinds of patients. Yeah. But I do tell a lot of folks that they get into fly fishing at the end they say.

[00:35:21] One of my friends. He had a revelation one day. He said Now I get why you catch so many fish. You don't. Hope to catch fish you know you're great. Yeah. I was like. Yeah that confidence is a big idea. That's that's the thing. And he's like. He said so that's why. You know. You would never believe that you know with typically out fish everybody else on the lake. And that said it's not a knowledge thing it's a. You know.

[00:35:47] Like that's its confidence thing. It's knowing this is what's gonna happen and God does give you that little bit of ego boost when you do are able to do that.

[00:35:56] You know we'll look after the spin fish or look at Charlie brought up he was in a very good caster to take it off. But but but the fishing part of it he was really good at all that ahead scaring them. He didn't do it and do things by the book get on know. He used to say that is at the start of the season. He put on his ears later three feet long.

[00:36:20] Yeah yeah yeah. He didn't put a gun to tip it on for the rest of the summer.

[00:36:34] I think we've pretty much covered it.

[00:36:36] How could you have fun and enjoy the sport. Enjoy the people part of the great National Enquirer higher than other people. It was like I was around the various people there seemed to be all for the good people. You know the people who fish tend to be good good people regardless of whether it's spin fishing or bait fish or whatever sharp people fish it was a really special. .