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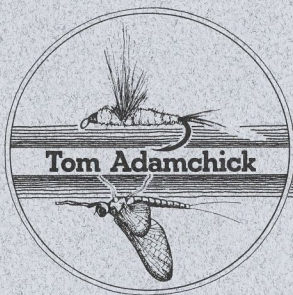
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Tom Adamchick

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5/12/95

Dear Syl.

I received your letter yesterday describing your new book Spinners. If it's anywhere near the Addicts and Imitations I will not be disappointed.

Enclosed please find a postal money order for \$30.00 US, pre publication price.

Thank you in advance, and good luck with the reviews and sales!

Yours truly,  
Tom Adamchick



Jim Anderson  
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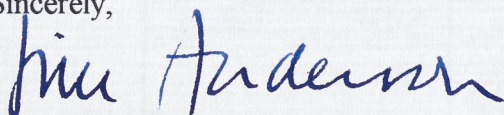
Dear Mr. Nemes,

I recently received your book about fly fishing in Scotland which I ordered through Feather Craft. This is how I obtained your mailing address.

I have thought about writing you for some time in order to thank you for your books on soft-hackled flies. I have now also read Pritt, Stewart, Edmonds and Lee, but what they offer is primarily of historical interest and cannot compare in relevance for the contemporary fly fisher to your exploration of the topic. Before Dave Hughes excellent book, Wet Flies, yours was the only voice of which I was aware speaking of the soft-hackle fly. You created a real excitement in my personal fly fishing/tying for which I will be forever thankful.

You mentioned that T. E. Pritt was a "hero" to you. Dare I say my regard toward you is as yours to Pritt. Thank you once again, and all my good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Anderson



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May 6, 1991

Sylvester "Soft-Hackle" Nemes  
P.O. Box 3782  
Bozeman, MT 59772

Dear Soft;

Here is my check for \$314.50 for 25 copies of "SOFT-HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS" signed by Author [including a complete set of soft-hackled flies as described in book for each book]. I heard that you had agreed to do the fly set for a number of other dealers because you were having difficulties in getting anyone to order your book sight unseen.

I also want to reserve the following numbers of the limited edition for later delivery:

#22 [have both SHF & SHFA in #22] ✓  
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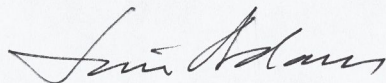
TOTAL OF 6 COPIES OF LIMITED EDITION of "SOFT-HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS."

I understand that the Limited Edition will be due in July 1991 or thereabouts.

I look forward to seeing you both this summer, either at the FFF Conclave in Yellowstone Aug. 5-10, 1991, or in Bozeman.

I have enclosed a copy of the flier I distributed at the SWCFFF at Los Angeles in early April. I had only one order for the book, in spite of prominent display and great advertising copy. I guess there is nothing like having "the man" present to hawk the book and take all the profits from my booth. Such is the burden of a bookseller trying to shove some more chaff down the throats of fly fishermen!

Yours for more Soft Hackle opportunities,



Jim Adams

Encl.



FRANK Ambrose

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Dear Mr. Nemes,

I recently finished reading a copy of your book on soft hackle flys, and found it fascinating.

I am an avid nymph fisherman and have achieved a fair degree of success, but I am always open to new methods and ideas.

On page 97 of your book there are 14 of your most successful patterns (unweighted I presume). I would very much like to purchase these same flys from you in various sizes, along with instructions on how best to present them in Eastern freestone streams (N.Y. and N.J.).

I will pay whatever you think is fair for your valuable time and efforts. I also fish for small mouth bass in shallow wide rivers (Wallkill) so sizes 8<sup>s</sup>, 4<sup>s</sup>, and even 2<sup>s</sup> would be appreciated.

I would not consider \$2.00 a fly overpriced if you asked for it. If you elect not to tie them yourself could you suggest someone who can.

Respectfully  
Frank J. Ambrose



PLEASE SHIP 1 COPY OF  
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MARTINEZ, CA.  
94553

Mar 29



George Arms  
165 Skiff St.  
Hamden, Ct. 06517

Feb. 7, 1990

Dear Mr. Nemes,

I saw your ad for the reissue of your  
"Soft-Hackled Fly" in "Fly Rod & Reel" magazine.

I have a copy of your original in my collection  
and I have read it cover to cover many  
times.

I too have been a life long fly fisherman  
and fly tyer. My father having started me  
when I was just a small boy. Like you,  
fly fishing is not just a hobby with me - its  
my passion. I know that you understand  
just what I mean.

I would very much like to purchase from  
you, one each of your own Ties from  
the color plate opposite page 96 for  
my collection and I wonder if you  
would do me the honor of signing  
my original book if I send it to you  
with return postage and packaging?

I use your patterns very often. usually  
in a cast of three and they are  
deadly on my two favorite Rivers -  
the Housatonic here in Connecticut and



the West Branch of the Delaware in New York.

I might add that I have Tied some on Salmon hooks and have caught several Salmon on the Mivamichi and Matorine Rivers in Canada.

Thank You very much for your Consideration.

Sincerely Yours

George.

P.S. I forgot - Please include the price of the flies so that I may include the proper amount. Thanks again.



March 10, 90

Hello Syl, my name is Pete Ashak.

I live down here in Steamboat Springs, CO. and really love the mountains. I have been flyfishing and tying for about 10 years now having had my humble beginning back in Maine.

For the past 3 or 4 years I've become more serious and "hooked" so to speak about the lifestyle + the great opportunities we have here in the west. With several of the light thaws we've had the past week the Green has much been on my mind as well as several of our local lakes. I still have not made it to Montana, but as I approach 30 this year it's getting higher on my list.

I have only been turned on to the soft huckelfly the past few months by a couple of fellows from the Yampa Valley F.F. As they say it's one of the great joys of the sport that you never stop learning. I like the simplicity of the fly and have been impressed by the tales to say the least.

A friend met you at the Denver show recently and picked up a signed book which I thought was pretty neat. Would it be possible to sign my copy? It would mean much.

Even though I've never met you, I hope to have the pleasure some time.

Sincerely,

Pete Ashak

P.S. saw your add in  
Rod + Reel (march)

VSPS  
Mar 14

Box 880721  
Steamboat Plaza, CO.  
80488



Feb. 28, 1990

Dear Syl,

Thanks for answering my letter. Enclosed is my check for the flies I asked you about. I have included my book with return postage also. I would be very proud if you would sign it and return it to me for my collection.

Thanks again and

Tight Lines

George.

USPS  
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6/5/92

Syl,

It was a pleasure speaking with you today.  
It seems we have many friends in common. I would  
hope some day to meet you and see a first hand  
tying demonstration. As you know, that's worth more  
than all the written word!

Enclosed is my check for \$135<sup>00</sup> for:

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Medium Den book	20
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	\$ 135 <sup>00</sup>

Please send all to the address on my check.

Hope to meet you soon .....

Fight Lines and many fish,  
Bob Abbott



DENVER, COLO.  
July 21, 1990

DEAR Sir,

Enjoyed your clinic at the DENVER Sportsman's Show on "Soft Hackled Flies". Didn't have the cash at the show to buy one of your books but took your card. Could you recommend which of your books "in paperback" I should order (can I order direct from you?) I have tied some peacock hackled with partridge this summer (one type that you tied in Denver) with good success.

Respectfully

Elwyn Ardour  
2606 So. Eaton  
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DENVER Colorado  
80227



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*With Compliments*

Dear Syd,

Thank you for your letter. Please  
find enclosed draft for 309.87  
as requested. I will be in touch  
shortly.

Andrew.



AUSTRALIAN FLY FISHERMAN

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Bryce Adkins  
2687 Jentry Court  
Grand Junction, CO 81506

October 1, 1993

Mr. Sylvester Nemes  
PO 3782  
3200 Shooting Star Lane  
Bozeman, MT 59715

Dear Syl;

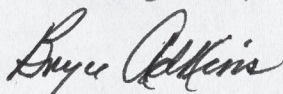
I want to write a short note of explanation to include with the corks which I promised at the conclave that I would send to you.

We were in Island Park, Idaho until yesterday and I had no way to obtain the corks until we went through Logan, Utah. I am retired from 26 years of teaching at Utah State University and am able to obtain small quantities of these corks at the Chemistry Stores section of the Dept. of Chemistry at U.S.U. Thus I stopped and got a few to send to you, but was unable to do so at an earlier time.

I suspect that if you find these corks to be useful to you they could be obtained from the Chemistry Department at MSU, there in Bozeman. I like to use them for mounting the specimen flies which I have collected. Although they do not provide quite as attractive a mount as is obtained through some other methods, I like the fact that they have no effect upon the mounted fly. A similar concept to not using hinges to mount stamps in a collection of valued stamps.

As always, I enjoyed visiting with you at the FFF conclave and watching you tie your "soft hackles."

Best Regards,



Bryce Adkins



May 3, 1996

Dear Mr. Neames,

Enclosed please find a check for \$35.95 for your book, Spinners. This book is a gift for my brother-in-law, an avid fly fisherman. Therefore, I am asking that you please send the book directly to him at the following name and address:

LYNN RIGSBEE  
1230 Charleston Avenue  
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

Since his birthday is June 3, I am hopeful that the book will reach him in time to be a meaningful gift.

Thank you for handling this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Christine A. Ardley

*Sent  
May 17  
96*

P.S. If there is any problem, please write or call me at the following:

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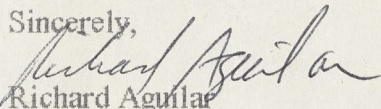
Dear Mr. Nemes,

I am once again writing you to humbly request your autograph on a copy of "The Soft Hackled Fly". I have read and greatly enjoyed its many informative sentences. It has been a pleasure reading all 3 of the "soft hackle" books. I read them actually in the reverse order that they were written which gave a very interesting look into the history of these marvelous flies.

I have also recently read Dave Hughes "Wet Flies". His dedication in the book lists you first followed by two other greats, Polly Rosborough and Vernon Hidy. He has done an excellent job at distilling the work present in your three volumes.

Please find enclosed the book as well as a postage paid return envelope. I am looking forward to your "spinners" work.

Sincerely,



Richard Aguilar  
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January 24, 1996

Mr. Sylvester Nemes  
P.O. Box 3782  
Bozeman, MT 59772

*Mr.  
mailed Jan  
29*

Dear Syl,

I received your letter promoting *Spinners* last week, and enclose a check for a copy. If you can do for spinners what you did for soft-hackled flies, I'm sure I'll get my money's worth.

You'll note that I have made the check amount \$32.50. The extra two and a half bucks is to cover — I hope; let me know if you need more — the added postage necessitated by the extra weight of my first edition copy of *The Soft-Hackled Fly* which I have the cheek to ask you to autograph for me. Please send it along with *Spinners* to the letterhead address.

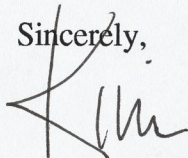
Also enclosed is something in which I thought you'd be interested. My father was a physician, practising in Washington D.C. He had an intimate friend named Garnett W. Ault, MD, who was a passionate flyfisher, although I didn't know this when it would have done me the most good, e.g. when I was a boy and he was still fishing. Some five years ago, about the same time I purchased *The Soft-Hackled Fly*, he gave me a clutch of books on fishing from his library which he was liquidating prior to a move to Florida. Incidentally, he grew up in Canada, just across the lake from Detroit, and as a young man, won a bronze medal at the Brussels Olympics (1924?) for freestyle swimming.

Stuffed in one of the books were two letters, copies of which I enclose, between him and Paul Young. I was struck by the coincidence since I had just read about your first encounter with the soft-hackled fly at Young's store in Detroit. In fact, the third fly on Young's envelope may very well be a soft-hackle.

Lastly, I enclose a copy of an article about a fly I tie based on your good work and influence. It was published in the *Bulletin* of the Golden Gate Anglers & Casting Club, of which I am the current editor. I have had a tremendous amount of fun and success catching trout and steelhead with soft-hackled flies thanks totally to your evangelism on the subject. While I get close to Yellowstone and Southwestern Montana every two years or so, I mainly fish California's Klamath River for steelhead and Fall River for trout. The latter is a riffleless spring creek, but my fishing partner will confirm that I always start a day's fishing with a soft-hackled fly.

I hope one day to meet you. It would be a great pleasure to thank one of my teachers in person.

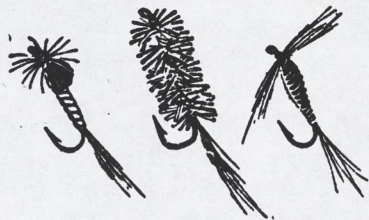
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9/24/47

Dr. Aunt - Dear Dr. I went to Ford Hospital  
 right after you were out, and got home day before  
 yesterday. I am sending the 8' 3 3/4" 2 pc by P.P.

I don't know about your having a chance  
 to try it out on regular stream conditions,  
 but probably you can at a club pool.

This rod used a starker "Leader" line nicely,  
 which is about the equivalent of a full sized  
 H.C.H. with only 18" of level H. The belly of  
 the Hardy is .039 and leader end .028

I used 12' gut leaders with butt of .015 and  
 tippet to 4X

The butt cap is double weight nickel silver,  
 is .032 and should be .015 or 1/64". This  
 adds unnecessary weight. I expect to use  
 a saw metal cap, unroaded soon, as all  
 light rods.

We are now busy on husky 2 pc, with  
 17 and 18/64 ferrule, for steelhead, baby tarpon  
 stripers etc. I'm sorry I didn't get the rod  
 off before this, but there is no hurry in  
 returning it, so maybe you can get some  
 pan fishing in with it. I enjoyed having  
 you come in very much. I expect to  
 market un-finished sets of all styles by  
 winter. Sincerely, Paul H. Young



December 10, 1947

Mr. Paul H. Young  
8065 Grand River Avenue  
Detroit 4, Michigan

Dear Mr. Young:

I have been wanting to write to you for some time, but before I did write to you, I wanted to have some information for you regarding the rod you sent to me the latter part of September.

I do want to thank you for sending me this 8', 3-3/4 ounce, 2 piece rod very much. I have not had a chance to try it out on regular stream conditions, but I have tried it twice in our backyard. I feel that the rod is beautifully made as to materials and construction and I think I am right in saying that it has a rather complete parabolic action. If I were fishing several days a week, I would not hesitate to keep the rod because I think it has beautiful action; however, if ones timing is off just a little bit or if you are distracted by any other events during your fishing, you are bound to throw a poor line. As it now stands, I can get out all the line I want and use it very easily if I am paying strict attention to what I am doing. If I do not give it this attention, I will invariably have trouble.

For this reason, I am wondering if you make an 8', 3-3/4 ounce, 2 piece rod with a semi-parabolic action. This will fish a little easier for me under the conditions that I would like to use it. If you could send me a rod of this type within the next 4 to 6 weeks, I would appreciate it greatly. The same dull finish and blended windings that are on the rod I am now holding would be appreciated.

I will hold this present rod until I hear further from you as I feel it would be better to return it to you at a later date when the Christmas packages are out of the way at the Post Office.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Garnet W. Ault, M. D.

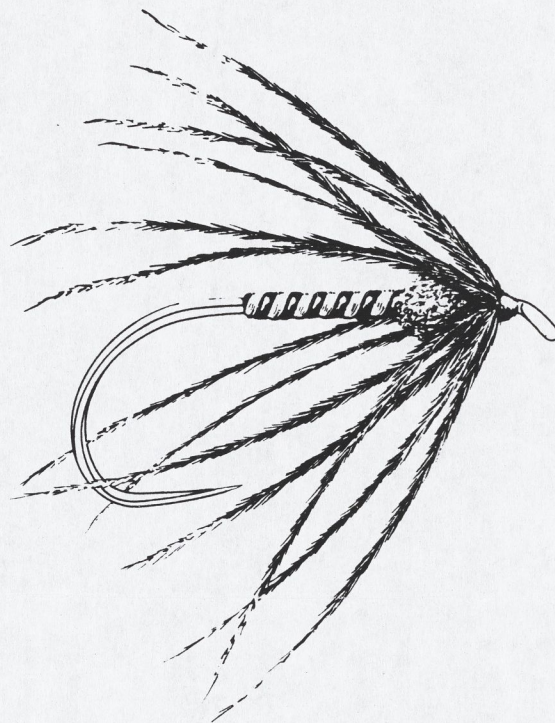
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*Fly of the Month by Barry Glickman*

## Soft Hackle Mosquito

by Kim Alfaro



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### Materials:

Hook: Tiemco 900BL, 14 or equivalent: 1x wide, 1x fine barbless dry fly hook

Thread: Black, 8/0 or 6/0

Body: Moose mane, one white and one black hair

Thorax: Beaver dubbing, mustard or yellow color

Hackle: Ring Neck Pheasant; white-tipped florescent green-banded feather from neck ring area. Or a starling's brown-tipped lower back feather; Or conventional soft hackle feathers, e.g. Partridge, Grouse, etc.)

This is Kim Alfaro's version of a soft-hackled mosquito that he credits entirely to his enthusiasm for the soft hackle flies championed by Sylvester Nemes. While Kim says he's never seen a "Nemes Mosquito," he's sure one would look like this. This fly can be fished anywhere there are mosquitos (which is probably everywhere), dead-drifted on the surface or in the film as a dry fly, or subsurface using a sink tip line.

### Instructions:

1. Attach thread to hook one third shank's length back from the eye. Select a single white and black (light and

dark) moose mane hairs. Place them side by side so that they are equal in thickness, then tie them on by their tips. Wind the thread back to — or slightly past — the point of the hook. (Traditional wet fly bodies were wrapped to above the point of the hook.) Keep the hairs flat along the shank, trim excess tips, then wind thread forward to starting point. Counterspin thread to help keep the underbody flat.

2. Gently take the two hairs and wind them together side by side along the shank to the starting point. Tie off and trim excess.

3. Dub a small round ball at the thorax area. Keep wrapping over the previous wraps to build up the round ball form. This ball will help push the hackle into the proper shape.

4. Tie on the hackle by the tip keeping the feather's shiny side forward. When secure, gently fold back the leading edge, and wrap the hackle around the shank. Three or four wraps are sufficient. Tie off, trim exposed feather tip, wrap a small head, whip finish.





Mr. Sylvester Nemes  
Bozeman, Montana

Dear Mr. Nemes,

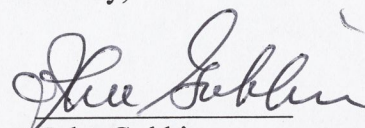
It was a great thrill speaking with you. Since reading your first book, you have been one of my heroes.

I am very thankful that you decided to help us in marketing your book *Imitations* with a set of six framed flies from you. I spoke with my partner Jim Romberg and want to go with fifteen books and plates for *Imitations* and the same for your new book on spinners which you project will be out around Christmas. I would also like to review both books for our club newsletter.

Please autograph the batch of fifteen books which you are sending this week. After I read *imitations* I will call back to talk to you about the six best fly patterns for the fly plates.

You will find enclosed the check for \$158.55 for books and shipping. I hope you are having some good fishing now that your streams have quieted down.

Sincerely,

  
John Gubbins

Mailing Address:

The Artful Fly, Inc.  
Box 35  
Fennimore, WI 53569

P.S. My phone number is  
(608) 943-8488 if you  
have any questions



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Mr. Sylvester Nemes  
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Bozeman, MT 59772

Dear Mr. Nemes,

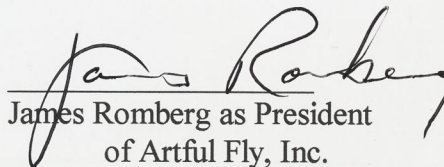
It was great talking with you yesterday. I spoke with John about the arrangements which you made with us. As discussed, you will provide us with 15 sets of four flies. The four flies are the following patterns out of your book, *Imitations*: Green Drake, Mahogany Dun, Pale Morning Dun and Mother's Day Caddis. These will be tied on a size 12 hook and will cost \$12.50 a piece. All these flies will be hand tied by you. The Artful Fly is sending you \$350 which is enclosed. After we receive five full sets of flies, we will send the remainder for the ten last sets.

John and I are discussing further the limited edition books which you mentioned. Could you send us any promotional literature which you on your first two books? It would help us decide. If you have any questions, please call.

We have not received the remainder of *Imitations*. I think it is too early to start to worry. John or I will call next week to update you.

Gratefully,

6 sets sent  
Oct 5-95

  
James Romberg as President  
of Artful Fly, Inc.

P.S. Please send picture and bio.





**DOUGLAS ALVORD, M.D.**

*Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine*

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Bozeman, Montana 59715-3551

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July 22, 1994

Sylvester Nemes  
32000 Shooting Star Lane  
Bozeman, Montana 59715

Dear Mr. Nemes,

It was a great pleasure to meet you and watch you fish last night. It will probably be sometime before the photographs in question are processed, but if anything interesting results, I will send a copy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Alvord".

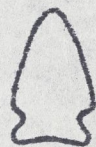
Douglas Alvord, M.D.

DWA/ph





Savage Forge  
P. O. Box 75  
Clear Lake, Wa. 98235



4/4/91

Dear Syl,

Remember me - Dick  
Anderson? We fished  
the Brule River for steelhead  
and lake-run browns almost  
20 years ago. I've tried  
to get letters to you three  
or four times in the last  
ten years with no luck.  
But now I've got you!  
I enclose \$22.95 for your  
latest tome Soft-Hackled  
Fly Imitations. I've already  
got Soft-Hackled Addict -  
great book, love the last  
chapter, the canoe float  
with John & Sarie Rogers.



I'd like a copy of  
your first book, Syl.  
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or COD it to me or  
whatever — just gotta have it.

I'm a blacksmith  
specialized in edgetools  
these days. Live 1 mile  
from the Skagit River,  
25 from the Stillaguamish.  
I bounced around N. America  
from 1970-1975, landed here  
& started the business with  
my mate Ellie Thomson a  
psychiatric Social Worker and  
Sweet dame. We're finishing  
a renovation of our home  
(2<sup>nd</sup> story added, basically)



even as I write. Soon  
we'll have room for long  
visits from old friends.

You & Hazel are invited  
after August 1, anytime.

~~we~~ can fish the Stelly  
or the Mooksack - both  
nearby and both easy to  
fish and wade, both  
just beautiful.

Be great to hear  
from you, Syl, and  
I'm anxious to read  
more Soft-Hackled books.  
Thanks in advance, Man.

(206) 856-4018

Love,  
Dick









Savage Forge  
P. O. Box 75  
Clear Lake, Wa. 98235



### CONSULTATION

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Time: Two hours Fee: \$40 minimum Class Size: Five participants maximum.

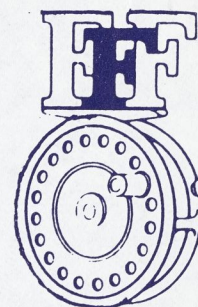
Generally scheduled in two back-to-back sessions with ten participants/four hours of instruction for \$80.





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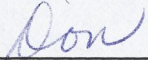
Mr. Syl Nemes  
Box 3782  
Bozeman, MT 59772

Dear Mr. Nemes,

Enclosed please find my check for a copy of your latest book, Soft-Hackled Fly Imitations. I am most delighted to know that our own Dave Hughes is a part of your latest work. I trust all is well with you. Your works are a very essential part of my library. I'm constantly referring to them for information on techniques and pattern accuracy.

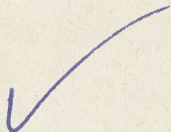
I would at this time like to make an inquiry that you must receive from many clubs and or organizations. Are you available for speaking engagements to clubs like ours? Can you give me a ballpark figure on the costs of having you as a future guest speaker at one of our club conservation banquets? This request would be an April affair should all financial requests be met. Thanks so much for your time, trouble and the book. God Bless!!!

Sincerely yours,

  
Don Y. Abing  
club program chairperson  
683 39th Street  
Astoria, Oregon 97103







11/11/95

Dear Mr. Nemes,

As I write you this letter the time is 11:55 p.m. I have just finished reading your book, Soft-Hackled Fly Imitations. I greatly enjoyed your experience and patterns which you depict within its pages. As the book was finished you generously offered hackles for patterns. I felt this to be an extremely kind gesture on your behalf since many people potentially could have responded!

I do not need hackle but thank you for the offer. I have recently acquired a copy of your second book, The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict. It is to be read next!

I am enclosing it with this letter and hereby respectfully and sincerely request your autograph upon its pages. The book just read is autographed by you which I did not realize until reaching home and cracking it open to read. It really added a personal touch to the text and I thank you. I hope to get a copy of your first book soon and enjoy its stories also. If you are ever in the Nampa/Boise area I hope that I may personally meet your acquaintance.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Sincerely,

Richard Aguilar  
732 Parkside Way  
Nampa, ID 83686  
208-463-1871



P.O. Box 3782  
ROSEMAY, MT 59772



PEGGY D. ANDERSON  
12304 CARBERRY PLACE  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63131

Feb. 27, '90

Dear Syl Nemes,

It was fun to talk with  
you this afternoon by phone.  
I can visualize your view from  
the kitchen window. My fun  
starts when I can work with  
the ~~perennials~~ and wildflowers  
come spring, which surely can  
be far away.

Here are the "greens" in  
Bud's room: carpet and drapes,  
if it helps with the nothing.



Will treasure your art  
and pass it down eventually  
to an avid fisherman:  
his son!

Sincerely  
your friend  
Peggy

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June 11-15

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ROBERT AMEN

Chemin de Frètemiche  
81100 CASTRES

France  
Tél. (63) 59.15.59

March 26' 1985

Mr. Sylvester Nemes  
901 South Plymouth Court  
Chicago, Illinois 60605  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

I send you one \$20.00 traveller check for your  
book "The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict".

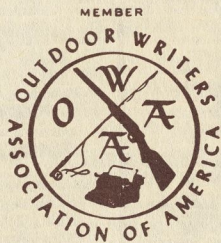
Beforehand I thank you.

Sincerely,

Stuart  
Aspinall  
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R. C. C. C.





12/27/82

Dear Mr. NEMES -

PLEASE SEND COPY OF  
SOFT-HACKLED FLY ADDICT to:

DAN ABRAMS

Box 1167

JACKSON, WYOMING 83001

ENCLOSED IS CHECK FOR \$16<sup>95</sup>

Thanks -

DAN  
Sent UPS  
Jm y

Daniel P. Abrams

Box 1167 · Jackson, Wyoming 83001 · (307) 733-3706



04 IRIS  
GAMONEL

ARROYO DE LA MIEL  
BENALMEDENA  
MALAGA

ESPANA.

26-2-1982

Dear Gyl,

Sincere apologies for not having written before, but as you can see I have moved home - as you might say.

I came out a week after getting back from Collard bought an apartment for my Daughter and one for my Wife and I. We bought two cats and a dog which delayed us a bit because of injections for Robbie etc but have been out here for four months. As you can see, I have enclosed photo's from Yves - he was obviously a better photographer than I thought.

How is your book going? I often wonder as not having "Leont & Colson" I haven't known whether it has been revised yet. I also wondered how you got on with your trip to Yellowstone, had the fish arrived?

The trout fishing here is quite good but about fifty miles away. This encouraged me to go out and buy a car - left hand drive



I know how you felt driving in Colhard  
now.

Are you going to Colhard again this year?

If you need any information at all  
please let me know as I am still in touch.

I am going back to England shortly to  
get my fishing gear and to sell my  
antique furniture which I was having rent  
out here. My wife and I have decided we  
don't want to be bothered with it. I am  
driving to Mother's Fair to get the post to Plymouth  
England and on the way I intend to look at  
Spain's three salmon rivers. They were very  
good in Franco's time as he fished salmon,  
and am curious to see if they have deteriorated  
since his death.

By the way, I now know what living in  
a condominium is like, the only thing is we  
have lots of countryside around and the view  
it is very beautiful with the mountains behind  
and a bottle of Gira is two dollars.

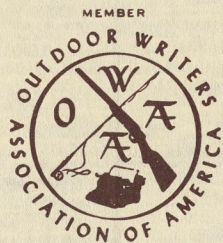
I am going to write to your and Madam now  
to thank them and will let them know I  
have forwarded your one.

Take care of yourself  
regards to your wife

Frank.

FRANK AVERY





January 21, 1983

Dear Syl -

Several years ago I bought your first book, S\_H\_F, read it, put it on the shelf and did nothing further. Recently, I bought S\_H\_F\_A, read it, put it on the shelf, but hope to do something about it.

I have lived in Jackson for over 10 years. Right now we are in the process of building a house about 800 yds from the Ennis Fish Hatchery in Montana (and about a 3 minute drive from the Varnay Bridge). So you see we live in the middle of some decent trout waters. This house will be our fishing headquarters for now, and our retirement abode in a few years.

Am interested in learning even more about fishing with soft-hackled flies. Appears to be quite a contrast with the methods of my friend Charlie Brooks.

Am setting out to tie a supply of these critters, and intend to give them a fair trial this season.

Was wondering if you might be making another trek out this way in the autumn. If so, would it be possible for me to arrange a time when I could come by and watch you cast a soft hackle in the Firehole, Madison or some other spot you might be?

And maybe take a few photos?

Would appreciate this if it can be arranged.

Looking forward to a meeting, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Dan

Daniel P. Abrams



Dick Anderson  
110 N. 5th St.  
Madison, Wis. 53704

Nemes Sylvester  
10824 Hendricks  
Crown Pt., Ind.

Dear Syl,

Happy New Year--I seem to be a bit late for Christmas.  
Anyway, how did your trip out west go? I hope to get out that way before next summer. I'm working part-time to make a couple thousand bucks. That should get me there. I'm also sending out application forms for working with the Nat. Park Service, the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Think of all that trout water!

It might interest you to know that for Christmas I got a 4-piece Phillipson flyrod for backpacking, along with some parachute dry flies, all from John Rogers' place. Would you like to try out the gear on a pack trip sometime? I also got a subscription to "Fly Fisherman" magazine.

I'm sending you the flies you asked for this summer. The two large flies with the quill legs are stone and may imitations. You might want to copy the patterns in the sizes for the water you will use them on. The stonefly would be too small for out west as the mayfly would be too big for northern Wisconsin. The double-hackled brown flies ("brown widow" after the prototype "black widow" and "virgin widow" which were black and white, respectively) are great imitations of both stone- and mayflies. And the little caddis flies are fine fish-takers anywhere.



I make the caddis with legs by wrapping a body of sponge on the hook. The sponge end papers in a woman's permanent wave kit are just perfect for the pink bodies and for padding to shape flies. That's not a "Polly" Rosborough technique, but it makes the best caddis imitation I've ever used. The dubbed caddis is good, too, but is not nearly as effective. Of course, all the nymphs are weighted.

Well, so much for the special flies. I also enclose two weighted Hare's Ear nymphs. You like? Rosborough would blush with envy. But I think you will have better luck with the nymphs with legs ( they're old-fashioned, but successful. ) than with PR's originals, even. The problem with the quill-legged flies is that they take about a half-hour to tie, apiece. If they have hard, flat backs or humpbacks, then they take even longer.

When are you going to visit us here? Next time you plan to fish in the state, drop in. Chances are, I'll try to invite myself along, but maybe you'd like to fish the Mecan River and the other fine waters around Wautoma, where I could play the guide. But don't show up here on opening day. That Saturday I lock myself in my room and hide under the bed. This state is just an open-air madhouse on opening day of trout season. I try to shield myself from association with such lunatics as would go fishing so early in the season.

Or care to try the Wolf? Peshtigo? We can backpack along those two. We can walk the tracks along the Wolf. We can fish water that sees maybe a half-dozen fishermen a season. But there aren't any steelheads in the Wolf, I'm afraid, and I'd probably way outfish your wets and nymphs with my dries. But you'd have some fun, I'm sure.

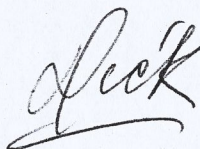


When I get a job as ranger in Grand Teton Park, and have scouted the water sufficiently, I'll call or write you. Maybe we can find a way to have you spend one of your business vacations at my pad in Jackson Hole, and fishing all over Wyoming. You wouldn't even need a license, if I wore a uniform.

By the way, I'd be happy to tie a big deerhair mouse for you sometime. Then you could catch some of those lunker native browns on the Brule. Then by John Rogers' standards you would be a compleat angler.

I'll try to keep in touch with you better, but school and work have kept me from having much free time to write. Again, Happy New Year to you and your family.

Your trout-nappin', back-packin' buddy,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



DEAR SIR

SEND YOUR BOOK

"THE SOFT-HACKLED FLY  
ADDICT"

\$18.20

Postage 1.25  

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JAN 19, 1982

DEAR MR NEMES

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED  
HEREWITH A CHECK FOR  
18.20 TO COVER COST  
OF YOUR BOOK "THE  
SOFT HACKLED FLY ADDICT"

I HAVE ENJOYED YOUR  
ORIGINAL BOOK "THE  
SOFT HACKLED FLY" I HAVE  
NEVER FISHED YOUR FLY  
BUT I AM MAKING PLANS  
TO TRY IT IN MICH  
E. MONTANA THIS YEAR

SINCERELY YOURS

ROGER ARTHUR  
1121 LOVELL COURT  
ELK GROVE ILLINOIS  
60007  
312-893-1317



3/3/83

Dear Sylvester Nemes;

I got your flyer in the mail the other day. I'd be glad to order a copy of your new book with flies!! I don't envy you having to tie all those flies as I'm weary after 3 of any one pattern.

I've been fishing soft hackles off and on since I obtained your first book but I'm never sure I'm doing it right. Hope to see you in Montana!!

Good Fishing

Bob Amundson

Robert R. Amundson  
121 La Verne Avenue  
Ventura, California 93003

UPG  
MM 7



Savage Forge  
P.O. Box 75  
Clear Lake, Wa. 98235



SYLVESTER NEMES  
90 AUTHOR'S MAIL "FLY FISHING HERITAGE"  
P.O. Box 3782  
Bozeman, MT 59712



2 gang  
for lightning  
kitchen

of water in pen than  
switches.  
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Sabre

775.

26 Yds.

4"

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Savage Forge

P. O. Box 75

Clear Lake, Wa. 98235



8/12/87

Sylvester Names  
Chicago, Ill

Dear Syl,

I can only hope this  
letter will find you.  
My previous efforts cover ten  
years and prove that the  
art of mail forwarding  
is a thing of the past.

I met you on the  
Brule River back around  
1969. I was 20 then.  
We fished for steelhead  
and lakeruna browns and  
did tolerably well; I recall  
a totally Tom Jones feast



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by a campfire on the river.

A year later I was working my way around the country and pretty much kept moving until I finally settled here in Washington in 1976. I'm the blacksmith in the Village of Clear Lake, very near the Skagit River.

I forge edgetools for woodworkers of every stripe. It's a good life - better since I've come to be able to take time off to fish - an all-too-recent development. But what the hell, the fish waited for me.



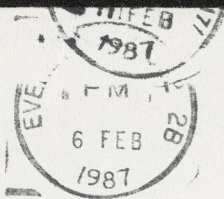
I'm finding them every  
place I look. There's  
still lots of fine native  
cutts, Dollies and 'boms.  
Searun fish, too. Plenty  
fishing the year around.

That's all I'm telling  
'til I get a response -  
My luck tracking you down  
has ~~be~~ been lousy.

Congratulations on  
your success as an author.  
Your recognition is  
obviously well deserved.  
You've created a whole  
new class of fly fishers,  
apparently single-handedly.  
Fondly,  
Dick Anderson



Savage Forge  
P.O. Box 75  
Clear Lake, Wa. 98235



Please forward to: Sylvester Nemes - % Authors' Mail  
PO Box 3782 ~~Stackpole Books~~  
Bozeman, MT ~~Cameron & Kelker Sts~~  
59712 ~~PO Box 1831~~  
~~Harrisburg, PA 17105~~



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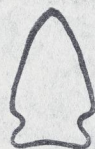
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Savage Forge  
P. O. Box 75  
Clear Lake, Wa. 98235



Feb. 6, '87

Sylvester Names  
c/o Stackpole Books  
Harrisburg, PA

Dear Syl,

I came across one  
of your books in a  
sporting goods store in  
Mount Vernon a couple days  
ago and finally I've  
got another line on your  
whereabouts (no pun intended).  
After I moved out here



I dropped a card to your former Crown Point address, but I reckon you were long gone from those parts by then (1976). Remembered you saying you were considering Seattle as a base of operations, but found you not there also.

you once wrote me a letter (1970) describing in detail your fishing the Wind River and Madison in Wyoming and the Clearwater in Idaho. Must have inspired me, 'cause five months later I was



starting work for the  
"Forest Circus" in Pierce,  
Clearwater County, Idaho.

Moved to Washington  
in '75 and since '77  
I've been a blacksmith  
in this village by the  
Skagit River. That's right,  
a blacksmith. By the  
Skagit. I'm a specialist  
forging woodworking tools  
by hand for the best  
clientele any artificier  
ever had. They keep  
me so busy I have  
virtually no time to



fish, but (aside from  
that) I ~~love~~ the work.  
you must visit soon.

The book cover ~~said~~ you're  
living in Montana - no  
doubt Western Montana -  
that's only a day's drive,  
90 minutes by air, a  
long nap on the train.

Steelhead season is on,  
best part starting now.

Some dandy local lakes  
open all year - flies only  
for trout and Atlantic  
Salmon.

A very good friend  
of mine is also a



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fan of yours. I told  
him I knew you and  
he gaped and gasped  
"you know Sylvester Nemes?  
you know him? You  
know him?" Kept doing  
that before telling me  
how famous you are now.  
Couldn't happen to a  
nicer guy - Congratulations.  
No surprise to me, though;  
your letter has inspired  
my lust for fly fishing  
every spring since 1970.  
It rests between two  
USFS maps of Central Idaho  
in my fly-tying box.  
the envelope is nearly shot,



but I treasure it as  
much or more than I do  
the Wood Duck skin you  
sent me or the Jungle  
Cock neck I've cherished  
since those days.

We must talk, get  
together, write or all  
of the above, please.  
Phone is (206) 856-4018.  
Can't wait to hear from  
you.

Best Love Always,

Dick Anderson  
(remember - we fished the  
Brule River in Wisconsin?)



1<sup>st</sup> June 87

Dear Mr. Nemes:

Please find enclosed cheque in the amount of \$29.95 as payment for your book 'Soft Hackled Fly Addict' together with a dozen flies as advertised in 'Flyfishing' magazine.

Send to:

Don Anderson

P.O. Box 956

Mills WY 82644

Sent June 13

Thanks

Don Anderson



DENNIS L. ABRAMS  
P.O. Box 142 Calls Hollow Rd.  
Stony Point, New York 10980  
914 / 354 - 7290

1/14/82

DEAR MR. NEMES,

I WAS MOST PLEASED TO SEE YOUR AD IN FLY  
FISHERMAN FOR "THE SOFT-HACKLED FLY ADDICT" &  
WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE AN AUTOGRAPHED COPY.

YOUR ORIGINAL BOOK WAS MY FIRST BOOK ON  
FLY FISHING IN A LIBRARY THAT NOW EXCEEDS 150 VOLUMES.  
I HAVE RE-READ "THE SOFT HACKLED FLY" MORE TIMES  
THAN I CAN REMEMBER & USE SOFT HACKLES  
FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF MY FISHING.

I CONSIDER THE MARCH BROWN SPIDER MY  
BASIC FLY, I DON'T THINK I HAVE FISHED ONE  
DAY IN MY CAREER WITHOUT TRYING THE MARCH  
BROWN SPIDER ON OUR CATSKILL STREAMS.

I HAVE HAD SOME OUTSTANDING SUCCESS WITH  
THE PARTRIDGE & GREEN. THIS PAST SEASON  
PROVED EXCEPTIONAL FOR THE PARTRIDGE & GREEN  
FOR THE FIRST 3 WEEKS OF THE SEASON ON  
THE NEVERSINK RIVER. OPENING DAY PROVED  
TO BE IDEAL, 38 OF 45 FISH ON THE  
PARTRIDGE & GREEN. SECOND DAY 32 OF 36  
FISH ON THE PARTRIDGE & GREEN. THERE ARE OF  
COURSE EXCEPTIONS. I COULDN'T KEEP MYSELF IN  
FLIES FOR THE FIRST COUPLE WEEKS, BETWEEN  
WHAT I USED & GAVE AWAY.

I TIE WITH BOTH GRAY & BROWN HACKLE ON  
THE PARTRIDGE & GREEN.



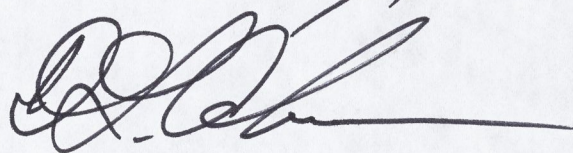
DENNIS L. ABRAMS  
P.O. Box 142 Calls Hollow Rd.  
Stony Point, New York 10980  
914 / 354 - 7290

The Gray Hackle proved most effective.  
Fish Come readily to a strip Retrieve,  
during the Caddis Emergence periods each day.

I saw no other Fly Fisherman come near the  
Success I had during the early season. And  
because of the unique conditions this spring,  
Bait Fisherman were catching nothing at  
all. In fact I think I managed to  
convert a few to the Fly Rod & gave away  
a bunch of Partridge & Greens, to get them  
started.

Oh! Fish were Browns & Rainbows, to  
14"-15" class.

Again let me say how much I  
enjoyed your first book & how much I am  
looking forward to this new one.

Sincerely,  




G. ARENAS  
6400 GREEN VALLEY CIR, #304  
CULVER CITY, CA 90230.

Dear Sir,

I would like to receive a  
copy of your book "The Soft-Hackled  
Fly". I'm enclosing a check for  
\$ 18.95 (Field & Stream, June-90).

Sincerely yours

G. Arenas

COSANGELES, JUN-15-1990.

USPS  
JUN 23



Dear Sylvester James,

Enclosed is a check for  
\$18.95 (includes "2 postage")  
for the closing 1975 work,  
the Soft-Husked Fly.

Please send the book  
to: Dr. Richard J. Auletta  
5740 Crownleigh Ct  
Burke, Va 22015

USPS Thank you.

Aug 11

Anna M. Auletta



GILBERT APFELSTADT  
5917 PLAINVIEW DR  
EVANSVILLE IN 47712

29 September 1990

Sylvester Nemes

Dept. FS

P.O. Box 3782

Bozeman, MT 59772

My check for \$18<sup>95</sup> (16<sup>95</sup> + 2<sup>00</sup> shipping)  
is enclosed. Please send me one  
copy of your book, The Soft-Hackled Fly.

Thank you,

Gilbert C. Apfelstadt

P.S. If you maintain a mailing  
list, after December 1, 1990  
my address will be changed to:

Gilbert C. Apfelstadt  
5815 Plainview Drive  
Evansville, IN 47720

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Oct 4, 1990



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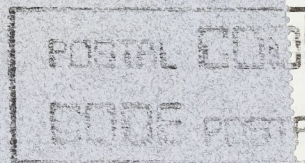




Tom Adamchick

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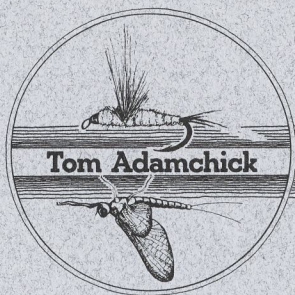
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Syl Nemes.  
PO Box 3782  
Bozeman MT  
59772







Tom Adamchick

48 Brooke Avenue Toronto Ontario M5M 2J8 (416) 485-4960

8/5/91

Dear Syl,

I enjoyed two of your presentations at the Izack Walton Forum here in Toronto last month.

Naturally I'm eagerly awaiting the arrival of your new book Soft Hackled Fly Imitations

I've enclosed a money order for the pre publication price of \$22.95 plus \$2.00 S+H.

Thank you again for the great sessions.

Yours truly  
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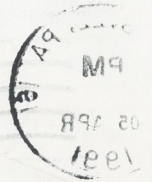
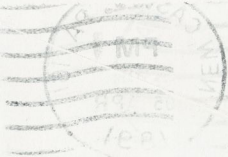
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