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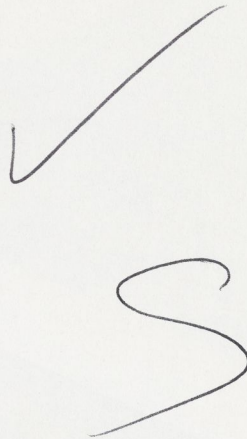
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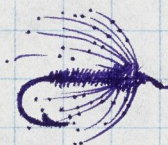
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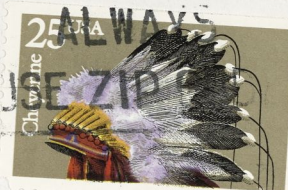
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Dear Syl,

Thanks for sending the notice of your pre-publication offer on "Soft Hackled Fly Imitations". I'm enclosing my check for \$22.95 to reserve a copy. Please inscribe it to me.

I'm also looking forward to receiving your soft hackle flies and I'm pleased that you liked my minnow flies.

Best regards,

Keith

February 25, 1991

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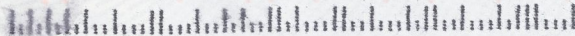


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Dear SYL,

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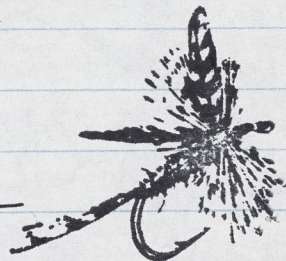
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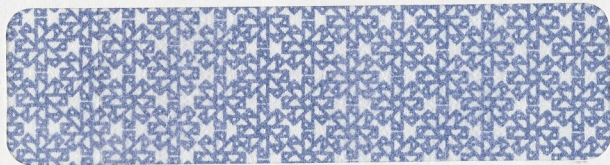
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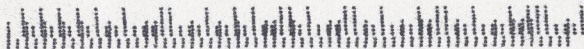




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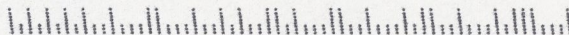


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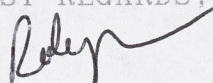
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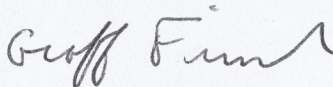
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Dear Mr Nemes,

Enclosed is a check for one copy of Soft Hackled Fly Imitations, shipping costs for the book and 5 #14 Syl's Midges. I would also like to purchase a copy of your 2006 book, Spinners. Please let me know how much that book is and I will send you another check.

I would appreciate it if you could sign your name in the book. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,



Geoff Frisch

Dear Mr. Nemes

I saw that you re-printed the Soft Hackled Fly. I would purchase one of the limited editions of The Soft Hackled Fly. I saw it in the Flyfishing magazine book + video reviews. I would like to know the cost.

my address is WENDELL FERRIS
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Wendell

answered May 1

Dear Mr. Nemes

I would like to thank
you for your prompt reply.
I am ordering a limited
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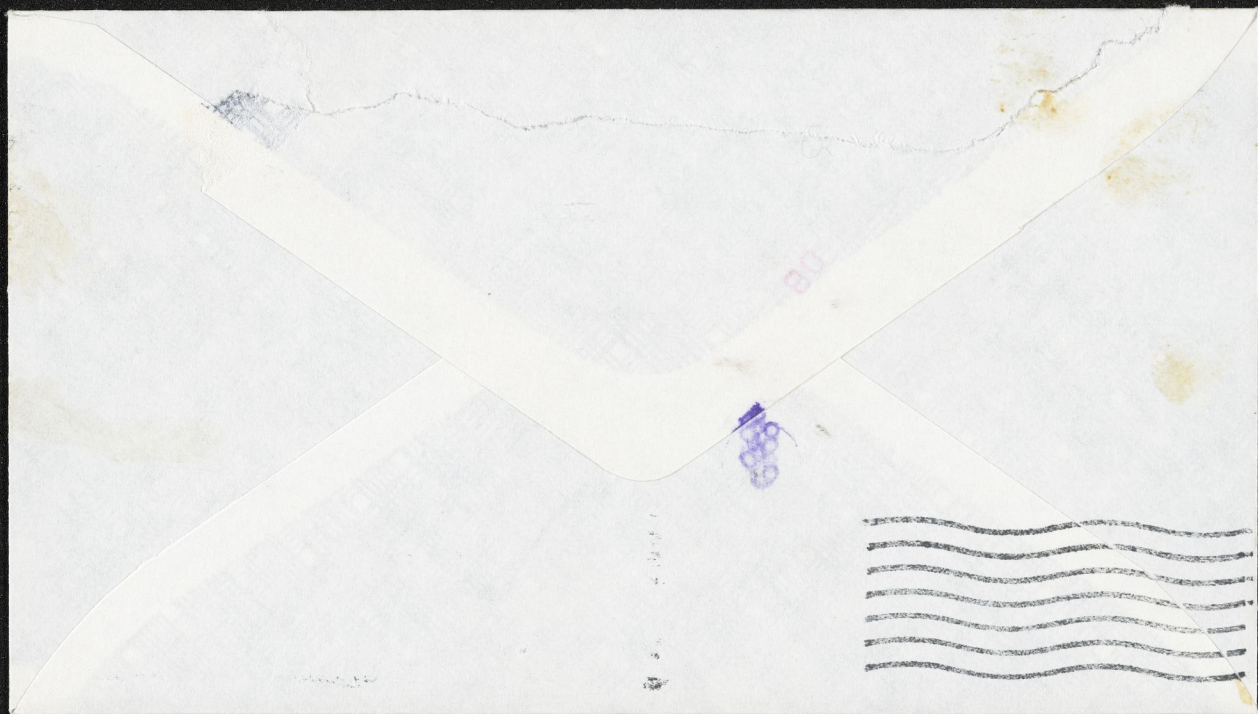
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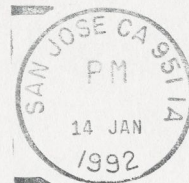


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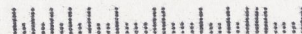
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January 12th, 1992

Dear Mr. Nemes,

I have recently completed reading both the "Soft Hackled Fly" and "Soft Hackled Fly Imitations". I very much enjoyed both books and have found that you have been able to codify and put to print about a valuable weapon in fly fishing.

Prior to reading your books this winter, I had designed and successfully used flies similar to the ones outlined in your book. I always thought of them more as a wet fly, if the imitation I happened to tie was to be fished as a dead or drowning mature fly, or as an emerging fly halfway between nymph and hatched insect.

Some of the more successful imitations were merely a dubbed body of hares mask with matching tail and hackles of burnt orange from a golden pheasant, or olive from dyed hen neck, or dun colored also from dyed hen. I also fished black, brown and cream colors to lesser success. These flies ranged in sizes 14 to 20 and are fished in the same manner you described in fishing soft hackle flies. I was never quite sure if I was imitating a nymph emerging or an adult caught in the film, as I've taken trout feeding during specific hatches (mayflies, caddis', blue wing olives) and when there was no apparent hatches. Other successful imitations I've fished are flies tied on different "bends" such as a caddis bend or swimming nymph bend sold by Tiemco in sizes 12 thru 18. These would be tied with short mallard tail and hackle and dubbed bodies of the various colors above often with a fine gold or silver ribbing. Sometimes I added a peacock herl thorax. These are also fished just below the surface as you would a soft hackle fly and have proven very effective.

So when I read your books, I was enthusiastic upon seeing that so much time had been spent on this important area of flyfishing that other writers seem to have been "dancin" around.

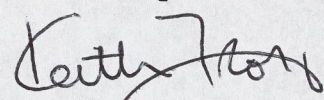
At any rate, I have tied a number of the flies you covered and have had a chance to try a few on a river here in California named the Stanislaus in the foothills of the Sierras. I did quite well with the waterhen bloa imitation only I substituted mallard dyed blue dun for the hackle and tied it a bit longer than you show. The rainbows loved it in either size 16 or 18. Another fly I did well with was the partridge and yellow with a fur thorax in size 14. Both flies were fished as you suggested and caught trout. The partridge and yellow also did very well in fast pocket water. I don't know how a rainbow managed to spot and take a fly moving that fast but he apparently was waiting just outside the fast, whitewater and spotted it rushing by. It is amazing how quick they are.

page 2

Actually the real reason I'm writing is that I am trying to convince myself that I needn't carry around the massive number of flies that I normally do when I go out, and pare myself down to one set or "genre" of flies. May never happen. I do enjoy fishing with dries when they are feeding, and also fish nymphs quite often. I suppose that if I carried less, I could squeeze in an extra sandwich and apple for lunch so I could stay out and fish longer. But, we all need a break during a day on the stream.


Keep up the good work, your area of reasearch is very important and I believe more of us will find how effective and much fun fishing soft hackle flies can be.

Sincerely,



Keith Frost

Keith Fulsher
5 Hayes Drive
Eastchester, N. Y. 10707



8/20/90

Dear Syl,


It was great meeting you at Bud Lilly's this past June. I wish we could of had a little time on the river together.

I'm enclosing a couple of the Thunder Creek flies set up the way I do it for collectors. Take them out and give them a try. If they don't work, I don't want to know. I would be pleased to have a couple of your flies to go with your two books, and I hope you will consider this a fair exchange.

When your new book is ready Syl, let me know. I just as soon purchase it direct as through a book store. My wife and I will be in West Yellowstone for a couple of weeks in mid Sept. or a little later. I enjoy fishing the Madison for that fall run out of Hebgen.

Best regards,

Keith



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CALCULATION SHEET

Reading through the third book I had some thoughts I wanted to follow-up on:

- 1) I would like to obtain a copy of the "Allegheny Angler" since I fish so much in Pennsylvania. Could you provide the name of Tuttle Bournes shop in Bedford NY and possibly a phone number?
- 2) It would be great to have a slipcase for the three volumes as they are all the same size. They could then rest proudly in the bookcase in between usage. Since you are a publisher I am confident you can do this ... and for collectors, etc., you could sell all three as a set in the slipcase. Please consider.
- 3) Most valuable in the book for me was the discussion regarding the Rusty Spinner, into the White-with-Rusty Edge Hen Hackle. I enjoy fishing spinner falls more than any other type of fly fishing. I guess here in the East they are more reliable than dun emergences, and since they occur mostly near dark, the larger browns will feed on them in the slower water. And not that many guys bother to fish the Trico Spinner Falls in July & August so I have more water to myself. Anyhow I'd like to take you up on your offer for a modest supply for me to experiment with in my tying over the winter months. There is really no one here in the East who sells anything other than Metz Hen necks. Can you give me some leads as to who in the west could supply the Herbert White-with-Rusty Edge, and Dun and Honey Dun Hen necks you refer to? I know John & Craig at Blue Ribbon Flies who have supplied me with Hoffman Hen necks as well as Hungarian Partridge, starling, etc. But these of course are not the shade I am looking for. Please advise. Or are you, "Mr. Soft Hackle" in any position to sell any now or in the future??

Looking forward to your reply,

John Fleisch

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John D. Fleisch
124 Sentinel Court
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11-17-91

Sly,

I've just finished reading my copy of "Soft Hackled Fly Imitations". Great job! I've got copies of your other two books in the series. For several years now I thought I was the only guy on the Beaverkill fishing Soft Hackles and was thrilled to find out about the "other" guy, Tedd Ward. Using the basic color combinations from the first book, I have done well on both the Beaverkill and the Willowemoc in the Catskills. Even early in the season, when most guys are fishing weighted nymphs & stonefly patterns on the bottom, I'll frequently fish a soft hackle pair "a la split-shot style" and lift from the bottom. It's surprising how many fish I can pick up on a relatively slow day with this technique when other fishermen aren't doing ditty squat. Of course these are both great caddis rivers and my partner has converted me to the "LaFontaine Series" of Antlion patterns. And they do work well. Still, I carry my soft hackles, and they seem to do well during non-hatch periods. Two patterns in particular, Partridge ad Yellow, and the March Brown Spider excel over all others early in the season. The Partridge ad Yellow I believe imitates the yellow stonefly nymphs (sizes 10-12) and the March Brown Spider imitates any of several early season mayfly nymphs/emergers including the Pull Gordon, Hendrickson, and of course the Stenonema family becoming more active this time of year (March Brown & Grey Fox).

This year I have experimented during hatch periods with "Tender Rigs" of a compara-dun as the point fly, and a matching soft hackle as a dropper. On almost all occasions while fishing to March Brown, Grey Fox, and Sulphur (Ephemerella Dorettia) hatches, the largest fish took the soft hackle in preference to the compara-dun. For your collection, I have enclosed a sample Sulphur Soft Hackle pattern I have been using for several seasons. It is tied by Nick Nicholas (of Blue Ribbon Flies). He sells them at Slate Run Tackle Shop in Pennsylvania where he works in the spring time. As Sulphurs are so prevalent in Pennsylvania, needless to say this pattern is a gem:

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28 March, 1995

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
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Mr. Nemes;

I appreciated your note regarding the possible inclusion of *Soft Hackled Fly Imitations* in our next Countrysport catalogue. If you would please send us a review copy of the hard-cover book, we will include it in our product reviews for the next catalogue.

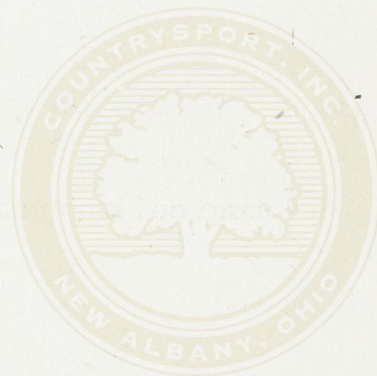
I have found your writings very interesting, and incorporate some of the techniques you discuss in my everyday fishing. Hope the season is off to a fine start in Bozeman!

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RE: Color Cards

Dear Mr. Nemes:

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March 25, 1991

Syl and Hazel Nemes
PO Box 3782
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Dear Syl and Hazel,

It was such a pleasant surprise to see you both. Chris and I really enjoyed your company and we can't thank you enough for bringing such a wonderful lunch. I would suspect that many anglers have shared pleasant memories in the "Fisherman's Hut" and we are happy to have one for keeping.

We had good fishing over on the Big Horn and am happy to report that the small soft hackle performed beyond expectations. First, it took fish in a smooth glides where browns were reluctant to come to the surface to take imitations of the midges on top. Then, it came through again in the slack water at the edge of a riffle where many browns were surface feeding, but again, ignored my offerings on top. After more than a half dozen trout, the fly finally expired in a hail of glory when one of the ostrich herls came undone. In its passing I became a believer. All I have to do now is to find some tiny soft hackles to tie some more. I'll always carry them from now on.

I do think we will make a trip into your area this summer and If we do, we will certainly call ahead to see if you are free. I think we will be filming for the tv show on that trip and maybe you could help me give the soft hackle some more exposure. Thanks again.

Sincerely,



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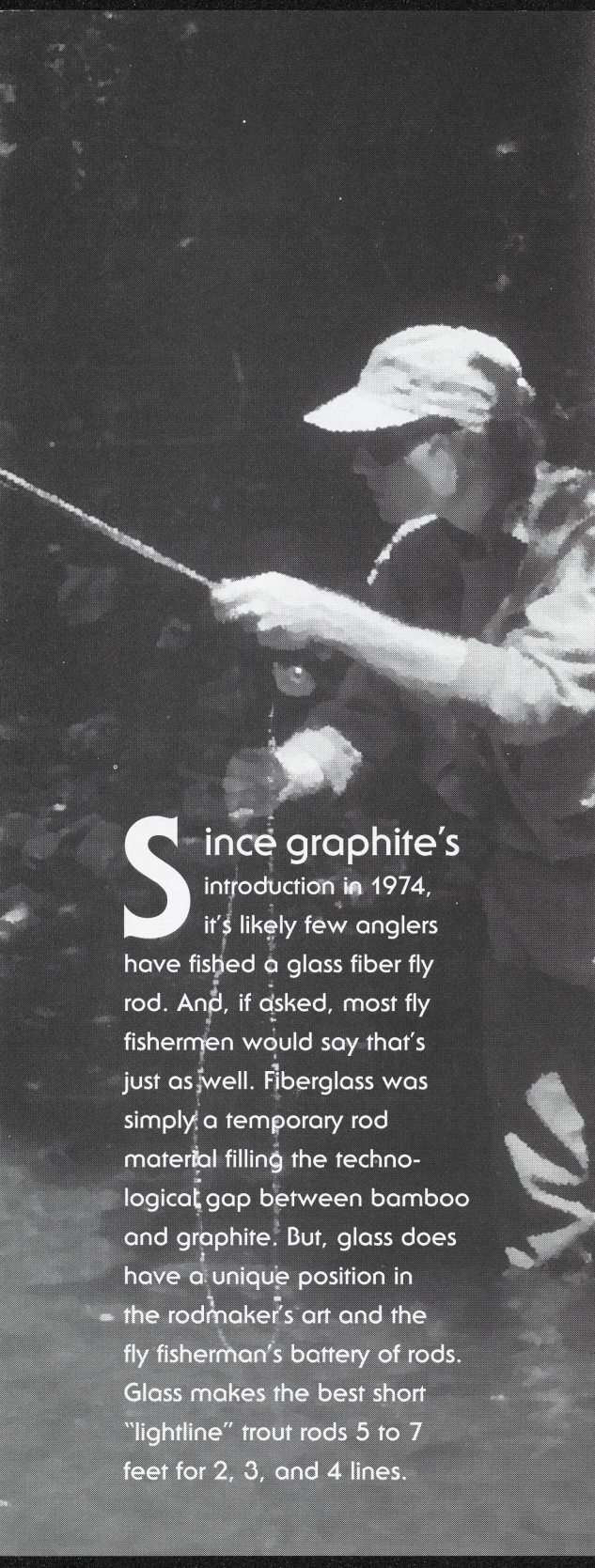
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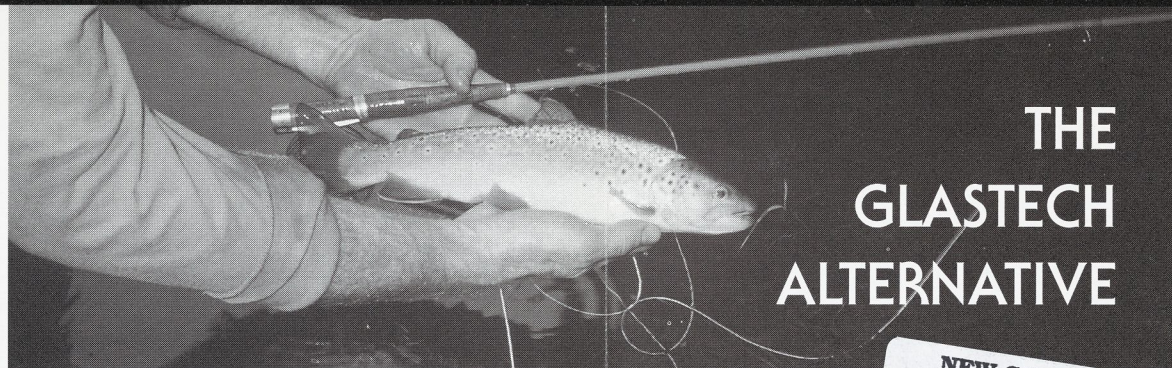
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A SHORT HISTORY OF SHORT FLY RODS

Only fifteen years ago two famous fishing authors wrote that “streams, such as the upper AuSable in Michigan and the spring creeks...are best friends with the small rods. This type of angling requires short, accurate, delicate casting with a light line...rods 5'6" to 6'6" are more efficient” for this kind of fishing.

At this time rodmakers in the United States and Great Britain offered 79 fly rods from 5' to 6'10" (“Scientific Anglers AFTMA Line Weight Recommendations for Fly Rods,” 1976). Forty-two were lightline models so unique that names like “midge” and “flea” were coined, hinting at their special

character. One glass rod designer offered 14 models from 5' to 6'9" for anglers wanting the “accurate” and “delicate” presentations of the 3 and 4 lines. Yet, only five years later in 1981 less than 25 short rods were made. And today things are about the same, but now the popular lightline rods are longer—7'6" to 9'0"—and short fly rods under 7 feet are rarely seen on trout streams.

What prompted these changes between 1976 and today? Were the longer, graphite rods more “efficient,” “accurate,” and “delicate” than the shorter bamboo and glass rods? Was there simply a successful marketing strategy afoot that got everyone hooked on the longer graphite rods? Why do we see so few short graphite fly rods?

The honest answer is: graphite entered the rod-making industry and allowed the design of fly rods longer, lighter, and more powerful than anything possible in bamboo or glass. Lightline models eventually hit the market and they too were longer. But, graphite’s traits precluded making short fly rods capable of casting the light 2, 3, and 4 lines.

At the same time, writers Leonard Wright, Joe Humphreys, and Lefty Kreh, thrilled with the new longer rods, criticized short ones for not satisfying their style of troutng (longer casts and better on-water line control). In their articles the short rod came off as a mere toy. Other writers, like Arnold Gingrich, Lee Wulff, Doug Swisher, Carl Richards, and Ed Shenk kept the short rod alive, touting its virtues of aerial line control and casting accuracy, and always reminding us it was just plain fun fishing one.

THE SHORT GRAPHITE FLY ROD

The very attributes of graphite making it so perfect for longer rods—its fiber stiffness and speed of recovery—create problems for successfully working out the complex tapers and patterns for an efficient, easy casting fly rod in the 5' to 7' range. (The same applies to true ultralight spinning rods.) And even though there are short graphite rods 6'6"–7' that will cast a 3 line, the results are not comparable to the standards set in the custom glass rods offered by Neumann, Cummings, and Peak in the 70's. Unfortunately, when graphite replaced glass because of its wider range of application, the baby was thrown out with the bath water—both glass and

the short fly rod were set aside. And now, to compound the problem, the wrong material continues in use for the short fly rods that are available.

PROBLEMS WITH THE SHORT GRAPHITE FLY ROD

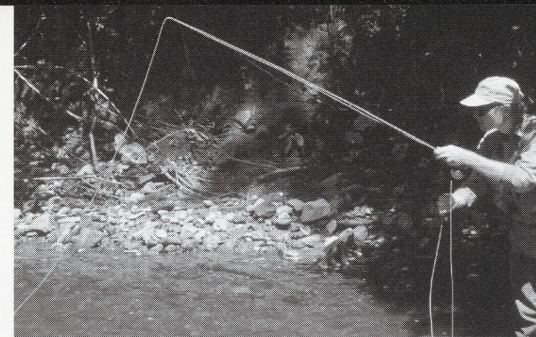
Given graphite’s stiffness, designing an efficient, easy casting, short fly rod requires a drastic reduction in present tip diameters. Scaling down from say a standard 3.5/64ths tip like that found on a 7'9" lightline rod, to a smaller 2.5 or 3/64ths tip for a 5'6" to 6'9" rod results in extremely fragile tips more prone to breakage. Graphite manufacturers aren’t willing to do this, or can’t, because of fiber constraints. Also, the finer tipped steel mandrels needed in forming such shafts would more easily suffer wear and tear, resulting in dips and twists in the fragile tips of the finished blanks.

Present design strategy maintains standard tip diameters (3.5 or 4/64ths) and establishes a faster or slower taper from there. Tapering a faster rate over the shorter shaft produces a fast-tipped, stiff-butted rod with too much power to cast the light lines (a 5 usually works better). The normal casting tempo for average loop definition is extremely fast, and not even the very best casters can keep up, for long. The lightning fast recovery cycle is just too wasteful of the angler’s energy, making these rods inefficient.

Designing for a larger, less damageable rod tip and tapering slower to a smaller butt diameter, results in the other common problem with short graphite rods: a stiff tipped, soft butted rod with a parabola flex profile (in the geometrical, not rodmaking sense of the term). And the deficits of such rods are notorious: lowered vertical line levels, insufficient butt power for pressuring larger trout, and wind-resistant, inaccurate wide loops. Tighter loops are impossible (when desired), because the lower limit of every loop is set by the low tip position within the rod’s extreme full flexing arc. The relatively thick tip simply drives the flex too far into the butt.

Whatever way you turn, you’re just exerting too much effort with these rods to get even a mediocre showing from them. A properly designed glass or cane rod will cast itself, smoothly, with tight loops if you want them, and no sine waves.

In other words—efficiently.



THE SHORT GLASS FLY ROD

The fly rod is a tool designed for casting a fly, controlling the line, detecting the take, setting the hook, and playing and landing the fish. These are a fly rod’s basic functions. But selecting a rod involves more than its just performing a job. Each of us is after a certain kind of fishing experience. Streams, seasons, and personal tastes vary, and so do fly rod lengths, actions and materials. Together these provide us with the raw material for fashioning that unique, special fly fishing experience.

Given these criteria, what is the domain of the short lightline glass fly rod? What are its virtues? Its limitations? Why choose it rather than the new, longer lightline graphite rods?

These are some of the questions I asked myself years ago and am now answering with Glastech Rods. I can’t prove here that short fly rods 5 to 7 feet have a niche all their own and perform the basic rod functions well, or that glass is the best material for them. I can, though, briefly note the features of the short fly rod—how it can add a whole new dimension to your trout fishing—and hope this makes sense to you and coincides with what you want in a trout fishing experience.

The fly rod extends, duplicates, and magnifies hand movement. This basic concept explains not only some of the short rod’s positive features, but its technical challenges as well.

The short fly rod “extends” less into the air and thereby gives superior aerial line control, allowing clearance of overhead foliage. Casts are finished off closer to the water, resulting in less “divebombing” of the fly and more delicate presentations. On small creeks, canting the rod off vertical (casting sidearm) keeps you away from the opposite bank and out of trouble; and it’s obvious that a less “extended” rod waving around scares less trout. But since it

“extends” less out onto the water, the challenge for on-water line control is one of searching out alternative approaches and casting positions for better drag-free floats and longer drifts, concerns forcing you to think in creative ways.

The short rod “magnifies” your casting errors less than a long one. For a comparable stroke there’s less tip travel, less time for the error to develop. The short rod offers better accuracy on streams and in situations where this is a premium; for example, on small streams where feeding and holding lies are reduced in size, or on spring creeks where trout set up in prime hatching channels and won’t budge two inches for a wayward fly. Yet, the short rod won’t give as much distance for the same stroke with a longer lever, it won’t “magnify” as much. Distance with the short rod means a snappy, straight-path casting stroke, along with shooting and hauling line—essential new skills to learn.

And finally, it’s the fun of playing and landing the trout that qualifies the short rod as one of the great tools invented by man. The short rod transmits vibrational energy better, so you have better communication with the trout. She seems to pull harder, and yet, the shorter lever gives you greater control. The pure sensation of the trout’s pulsing vibrations up the fly line and into the hand gives a thrill like no other stream fishing experience: it’s the kind of high that keeps the short rod man choosing his little rods even where the longer rod might perform easier. Writing about his fascination with the little rods, Arnold Gingrich summed it up best: fishing the short fly rod is simply “the most fun you can have standing up.”





March 29, 1995

Syl Nemes
3200 Shooting Star Lane
Bozeman, MT 59715

Syl,

After all these years of having got hooked on soft hackles by you, I think it's about time I write you.

You may remember me - the guy behind the counter at The Fisherman's Fly Shoppe in Evanston, Illinois, who you haggled with over fishing gear back in the late 70's (see picture on last page of catalog - I had a full head of red hair then, the barre now hides very little.) Back then at the time of your first book, we sold quite a few copies, along with lightboxes made by you. And if memory serves me right, I sold you my last glass rod, a Swisher/Berkeley Stream Specialist 7'6" #5-6.

I've stayed in the fishing business since then, manufacturing a pedestal, parallel clamp vise called the Troutfitters Vise (with some help from Doug Swisher) and then running the fly fishing department and the Orvis Midwest Fly Fishing Schools at the Chicago corporate store, 1986-1990. Glastech Rods, only now starting to click, was a project 4 years in the get going. The catalog can fill you in on the details.

The reason for writing is that I feel somewhat guilty for having been started in this soft hackle thing by you, but never having thanked you for the introduction. It was a delayed reaction though. Back then in the 70's when you proselytized their merits, I was immersed in the books of your contemporaries, Swisher-Richards. The simplicity and effectiveness of the soft hackles only hit me years later. About the same time I gave up on graphite, switched back to cane temporarily, and then back to glass - as a backlash to the high-tech, yuppie angling era of the mid 80's. I guess I was searching for "a kinder, more gentle" approach to my trout fishing.

And then I met a fella up near LaCrosse, Wisconsin, who fished with only 4 flies: a Brown Hackle Peacock, a Grizzly Hackle Peacock, and battered, no-hackle (caddis case looking) versions of each. On Timber Coulee and the other LaCrosse area spring creeks he was, and is, just deadly. And he has a whole old-timey system of fishing them. Lightning fast hand-twist and all.

What I really found interesting was that he and his father never heard of you or Leisenring. They just came upon some cheap store-bought flies once, used them, found out they work, and kept using, and then tying them for their local fishing in Timber Coulee and its branches (Rullands Coulee, Bohemian Valley,

Spring Coulee, and Berge Coulee Creeks). Since this is the largest spring creek drainage in Wisconsin, if not the entire country, that added some icing to this interesting cake.

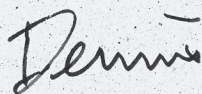
To make a long story shorter, I resurrected your book, bought used copies of Leisenring and the Sports Illustrated book by Hidey, and haven't looked back yet. And of course, I've added your other two books to the kit bag too (I always carry them along on fishing trips for lunchtime dessert).

Other stories could be told. Dennis Graupe is the guy up near LaCrosse, at Coon Valley. I learned a lot from him that I haven't read anywhere. I've caught many a tough trout with flies and tactics from your books. And I've devised some interesting soft hackle patterns of my own for our Wisconsin spring creeks. You know them: Black Earth, Mt. Vernon, the Big Green, Castle Rock, et. al. I hope you did fish them before leaving the Midwest. I know you were partial to Michigan trout water.

If you wish to correspond, I'll leave with a question: Any thoughts about what rods work best, or better, for soft hackles? Do you have some personal preferences? Are there any "objective" standards that can be applied in this area? And what about lines? (I like lines as much as I do rods.) Do you still use silk? What about the Triangle Taper?.....

I, of course, have an educated bias on the subject of rods. Maybe you would like to share a thought or two on the subject? If so, I'll be sitting up here on Black Earth Creek waiting for a letter from Mr. Soft Hackle. If not, then at least I've said a long overdue thanks, and you can be off to put another peacock plume in your fishing hat.

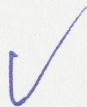
Very Best Regards,



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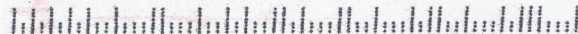


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Dear Syl:

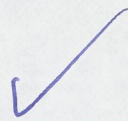
I've received your letter questioning the payment for The Soft Hackled Swing. The editor intends to use The Soft Hackled Swing as a partial page feature, the pay for which is \$300.

I hope this is acceptable to you. If not, please let me know.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Slaton", is written below the "Yours truly," line.

Slaton White



2/17/91

DEAR MR NEMES

I THANK YOU FOR WRITING ME. I WOULD BE MORE INTERESTED IN A LIMITED EDITION BOOK.

ALSO I AM SENDING YOU TWO FLIES THEY ARE OLD PATTERNS THAT I CONVERTED TO A SOFT HACKLE PATTERN MAY BE SOMEBODY ALREADY DID THIS

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Syl,

*Thanks for your quick reply , If I see you on the stream
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Regards

Steven French

Earl Franklin
907 Bristol Court
Alpharetta, GA 30022
770-497-0285

Dear Syl:

Tom Pappas recently got your autograph in three of my books for which I am very grateful. I really appreciate your writing, and the effort to bring these beautiful flies into public view.

My second request is to the heart of it, which is that, while I have had little trouble tying the soft hackles, fishing them successfully has been another matter. Thus, I asked Tom to inquire as to your interest in engaging for a half day or so of instruction, and perhaps, passing a pleasant time. I don't know if you do this, but I am willing to pay outright, or buy lunch, dinner or whatever.

I am planning on being in Sheridan (MT) from July 24-31, so I can come north fairly easily. I am taking my son to Scotland June 21-July 1, and will call on my return to get your reaction.

Many thanks again,
Earl Franklin

11/22/82

Dear Sir -

In the December issue of
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addict" is reviewed. Please
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Aug 21

John J. Fedeguin
R.D. #3 Box 329
Slippery Rock, Pa.
16057

Dear Mr. Nemes,

I am an avid fly fisherman
& fly tyer. I have enjoyed
tying & using your soft
hackled flies very much.

As to date, I have accum-
ulated an extensive fly
collection tied by well known
fly tyers from all over the
country. I would be very
pleased to add a fly tied
by you to my collection. If
this is possible please let
me know cost, postage, etc.
I will be anxiously
awaiting your reply.

March 13, 1982

Sylvester Owens
901 S. Plymouth St.
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Dear Sir:

Please send me a copy of your
book, The Soft-Hoeked Fly Addict
I have used these flies with great
success here in my part of the
Greenery. Thank you, and please
find check for \$18.20

Sincerely yours
Richard W. France

R. W. FRANCE
PO I Box 173
HAMILTON NEW YORK 13346

DONALD M. FEIGLEY, JR., D.D.S.
141 SOUTH TENTH STREET
QUAKERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 18951

3/8/82

Dear Mr Nemes,

Enclosed is a check for \$18.20
for a copy of your new book,
The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict.
I am looking forward to receiving
this as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Don

ROBERT M. FEDORE
622 CEDAR ST.
Box 483
BEAVERDALE, PA
15921

Dear Mr. Nemes,

Please send a copy
of your new book as advertised
in *Fly Fisherman*. I really
enjoyed your first book and
think the patterns are great.

Thank you,
Robert M. Fedore

ALAN R. FRIED, M. D.
LIVINGSTON MANOR, N. Y. 12758

9/17/81

Sylvester Nemes
Chicago Ill,

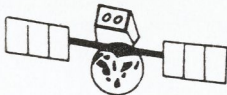
Dear Syl:

Enclosed find check
for \$16.95.

Please send your new
book. I enjoyed the
first -

Thanks,
A. Fried

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DEAR SYLVESTER:

PLEASE SEND ME COPY OF
SOFT-HACKLED FLY ADDICT
AND THE DOZEN SOFT HACKEL FLYS

THANKS
Keith

SEND TO:

Sent July 20

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January 11, 1982

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

Dear Mr. Nemes,

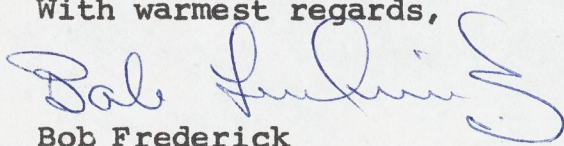
Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$ 19.45
for an autographed copy of "The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict."
During my teen years in the early 1940's, I used to meet
Jim Leisenring fishing the Little Lehigh in Eastern Penn-
sylvania.

After no-fishing years through the 50's and 60's, I reintro-
ced myself to fly fishing and tying.

I enjoyed your initial book very much and tied several dozen
soft-hackles last winter. Late May in 1981, during a four-
day trip to Marinette, Forest and Florence Counties in
Wisconsin, I brought to net and released over 100 brookies
and browns, all taken on soft-hackles.

Looking forward to reading your new book.

With warmest regards,


Bob Frederick

Prescott, AZ.
June 25, 1990

Mr. Nemes:

please send a copy of "the
SOFT hackled fly" address on
the check is current.

thanks.

E. C. Moenchinger

801 ROSSER ST

PRES COTT, AZ. 86301

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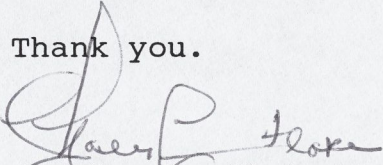
Mr. Syl Nemes
P. O. Box 3782
Bozeman, Montana 59772

Dear Mr. Nemes:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$20.00. Please send me a copy of your book, The Soft-Hackled Fly, as advertised in the July/October issue of "Fly Rod & reel."

I would appreciate receiving the book as soon as possible.

Thank you.


Charles L. Flake
30 Niblick Club
Cody, WY 82414

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Oct 30

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Sylvester Hennes
Dept F.S.
P.O. Box 3782
Bozeman, Mont. 58712

Please send 1 copy of
the book "The Soft-Hacked
Fly". This is a Jones gift
for W.H. Freeland but is
to be sent to the following
address;

Mrs. Carol Bonham
3818 Rue Flambeau
Indianapolis, Ind. 46220.

Check in amount of \$8.95
is enclosed. Future catalogs,
etc, should not be sent
to Mrs. Bonham.

Thank you,

Yours truly,
Alpha H. Freeland

U.S.P.S.

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