

LASALLE, MAY-21-1996

DEAR MR. NEMES,

I THAUGHT THAT YOU MAY BE INTERESTED
IN THE ANNUAL ISSUE OF THE SPAWNER,
FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

YOU'LL SEE A PICTURE OF OUR GROUP ON PAGE 73.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE AN ARTILE BY YOU
ON SOFT HACKLES!, IN THE SPAWNER.

MY FISHING BUDDY SAM BOZIKOVICH DECIDED
THAT HE WOULD LIKE A COPY OF YOUR BOOK
ON SPINNERS.

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A MONEY ORDER FOR
22.00 U.S.

PLEASE SIGN THE BOOK TO SAM

YOURS TRULY

Georges Gaudreau

817 RADISSON

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LASALLE, APRIL 22 - 1996

SYLVESTER NEMES
P.O. BOX 3782
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U.S.A.

DEAR MR. NEMES,

AS I MENTIONED IN MY LETTER
ORDERING 3 COPIES OF YOUR BOOK "SPINNERS"
FOR OUR MEMBERS, QUITE A FEW MEMBERS
WERE NOT PRESENT, BUT THE WORD GOT
AROUND!

I HAD A CALL THE NEXT DAY FROM
ONE OF OUR MEMBERS NAMED GERARD BOURBONNAIS
ASKING FOR A COPY!

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED MONEY ORDER FOR ONE
COPY.

I THOUGHT THAT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN
AN ARTICLE ON SOFT HACKLES IN A YEARLY
ISSUE OF A QUEBEC MAGAZINE CALLED CHASSE
ET PÊCHE.

THE ARTICLE IS SECOND RATE, BUT THE
MESSAGE IS STILL THERE!

BEST REGARDS,

Georges Sandreau
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MR. SYLVESTER NEMES
P.O. BOX 3782
BOZEMAN, MONTANA 59772
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DEAR MR. NEMES,

FIRST, LET ME THANK YOU ON BEHALF
OF THE SENIOR GROUP OF THE M M M, FOR THE BEAUTIFUL
SIGNED COPY OF YOUR BOOK "SPINNERS".

I READ YOUR LETTER AT OUR TUESDAY
GATHERING. UNFORTUNATELY, WE DID NOT HAVE A
FULL HOUSE, BUT WE WILL READ THE LETTER AT
OUR NEXT TWO MEETINGS.

AS YOU CAN SEE BY OUR CHRISTMAS
PICTURE, THE GROUP IS STILL GROWING.

THREE OF OUR MEMBERS ACCEPTED YOUR
OFFER OF SALE AT 20.00 + 2.00 FOR POSTAGE.

IF YOU SHOULD CHOOSE TO SIGN THE BOOKS
IN THEIR NAME, THEY ARE:

ÉMILE LARIVIÈRE.

JEAN-PAUL GRISÉ.

CLAUDE BOIS.

THEIR RESPECTIVE BOOK WOULD HAVE MORE
VALUE, AND, IT MAY GET OTHER MEMBERS TO ORDER
COPIES, WHICH I WOULD DO WITH PLEASURE!

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED, MONEY ORDER FOR
SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS, U.S.

PLEASE SEND THE BOOKS TO MY ADDRESS, AND I
WILL SEE THAT THEY GET THEIR COPIES.

THANKS AGAIN!

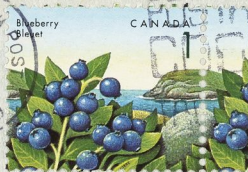
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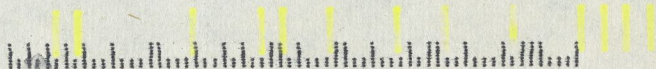
Delicious Apple
Fruitful Apples



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MARCH-20-1994

SYL NEMES
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DEAR SYL,

RECEIVED YOUR MATERIAL SOME WEEKS AGO, AND I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT WRITING TO THANK YOU SOONER.

I WAS WAITING TO MAKE A COPY OF THE COVER OF JOHN VEWIARD'S "FURTHER GUIDE TO FLY PRESSING" (1980) AND OF ONE OF THE PAGES INSIDE OF THE BOOK. HERE'S WHY:

WHEN I RECEIVED YOUR FLIES AND NECKS, I WAS VERY PLEASED, SINCE THEY WERE EVEN BETTER THAN I HAD EXPECTED, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WHEN I SAW YOUR CARDS, A FLOOD OF NICE MEMORIES CAME BACK.

IN 1955, I WAS TRANSFERRED FROM A BREWERY IN OTTAWA, TO DOW BREWERY IN MONTREAL, (LATER CALLED OKEEFE) WHERE I WORKED AS BOTTLING FOREMAN, THEN SUPERVISOR, AND, EVENTUALLY, SUPERINTENDENT UP TO MY RETIREMENT IN 1985.

IN 1955, WHILE ON THE FLOOR IN THE BOTTLING SHOP, I USED TO SEE A SALESMAN GO IN THE ENGINEER AND MAINTENANCE OFFICES.

I WAS INTRODUCED TO HIM, AND HE GAVE ME HIS CARD. LATER ON I COLLECTED ALL THE CARDS THAT I COULD FROM THE MAINTENANCE OFFICES!!

I NOW HAVE, OF COURSE, A GOOD STOCK OF THEM, AND AM SENDING YOU A COUPLE THAT YOU CAN KEEP.

CLIFF JAUDRY WAS A GENTLEMAN, LIKE YOU. AN OUTSTANDING FLY-TYER, WHO WAS FOR FORTY YEARS THE CHIEF FLY-TYING INSTRUCTOR FOR THE MONTREAL FISHING AND HUNTING ASSOCIATION.

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AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE PHOTO-COPIES, JOHN
VENIARD HAD HIS NAME FOR THE CANADIAN AND
U.S.A. PATTERNS.

CLIFF DIED A FEW YEARS AGO AT 95.

I HAVE NOTHING BUT NICE MEMORIES OF ALL
MY MEETINGS WITH HIM.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

SYL, I HOPE THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN TOO MUCH OF
A NUISANCE DURING THE LAST YEAR.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

BEST OF LUCK AND GOOD HEALTH TO YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY.

SINCERELY

Georges Andreau

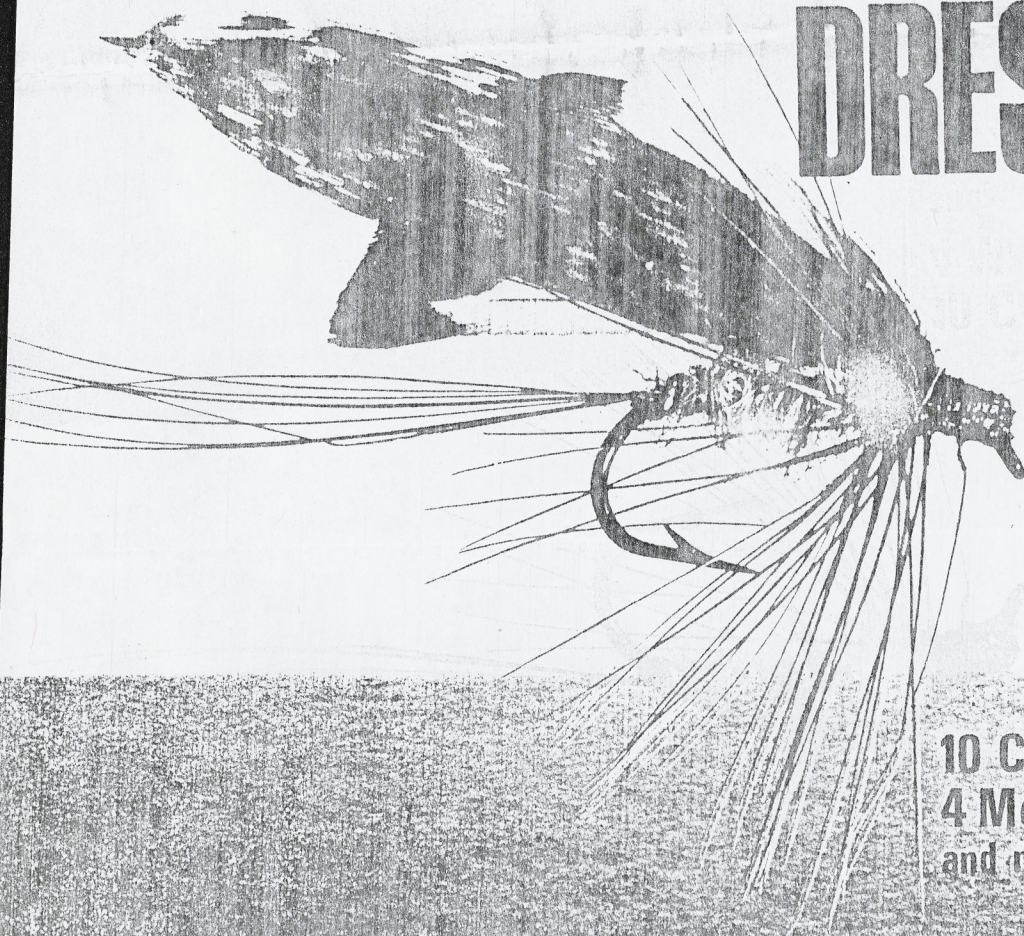
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P.S. I NOTE THAT BOB MARRIOTT'S 1994 ^{CATALOGUE} LIST
ALL OF YOUR SOFT HALLS!
ABOUT TIME!

John Veniard's FURTHER GUIDE TO FLY DRESSING



10 Colour Plates
4 Monochrome Plates
and many drawings

1964-1965-1972-1975-1977-1980

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CANADIAN AND U.S.A. PATTERNS

*Sixty illustrated in colour
between pages 80 and 81*

*Patterns for the Coloured
Plates supplied by
Mr. C. G. Joudry of Montreal*

JUNE - 25 - 1996

MR. SYLVESTER NEMES
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DEAR SIR,

FIRST, THANK YOU, FOR YOUR PATIENCE
IN HANDLING SO MANY SEPARATE REQUEST FOR
COPIES OF YOUR BOOK ON SPINNERS.

WITH THE MAIL SYSTEM THE WAY THAT IT IS
I AM NOT SURPRISED THAT I GOT SOME PROBLEM
WITH ONE BOOK THAT I DID NOT AS YET RECEIVED.

THAT IS THE ONE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE SIGNED,
TO YVES FROM SYLVESTER NEMES.

WE RECEIVED SIX BOOKS OUT OF SEVEN ORDERED.

AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE PHOTO-COPIES, THE ONE
FOR YVES BEAUREGARD WAS ORDERED ON
APRIL - 29 - 96.

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU,

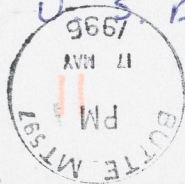
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TO SYLVESTER NEMES
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MONTANA 59772
U.S.A.





MAY-10-1996

MR. SYLVESTER NEMES
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U.S.A.

DEAR SYLVESTER,

WE RECEIVED THE PARCEL WITH THREE BOOKS
LAST FRIDAY.

AS USUAL IT WAS DELAYED AT THE CUSTOMS.

WE HAD A SMALL GET-TOGETHER, AND WE GAVE
THE MEMBERS THEIR BOOKS.
THEY WERE VERY PLEASED TO GET SIGNED COPIES.

ONE MORE MEMBER REQUESTED A COPY,
IF YOU CHOSE TO SIGN IT, LIKE THE OTHERS,
HIS NAME IS HERMAN HINDELANG.

HOWEVER
ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND ~~COPY~~ FOR 22.00 U.S.

SINCERELY,

Georges Gaudreau

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May
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LASALLE, APRIL-29-1996

MR SYLVESTER NEMES
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BOZEMAN, MONTANA, 59772

DEAR MR. NEMES,

SUNDAY, APRIL-28-1996, WAS A BEAUTIFUL
WARM, SUNNY SPRING DAY,

REALLY, ONE OF THE FEW NICE DAYS THIS
SPRING.

AS CHANCE WOULD HAVE IT, THIS WAS THE ANNUAL
"OPEN HOUSE" DAY AT THE M.M.M. MAIN CENTER.

I WISH THAT I HAD BROUGHT MY CAMERA!

WE HAD TWO BOOTHS WITH OUR TYERS, TYING SOFT
HACKLES, AND ONE TYING SPINNERS.

OTHER TYERS WERE MAKING SALMON, BASS AND OTHER
FLIES.

OUTSIDE, ON THE LAWN, INSTRUCTORS WERE TEACHING
FLY CASTING.

ON THE SECOND FLOOR, SEMINARS WERE HELD ON
VARIOUS TYPE OF FLY-FISHING.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE M.M.M., MR. YVES BEAUREGARD
WAS SHOWN YOUR BOOK ON SPINNERS, AND ORDERED
A COPY.

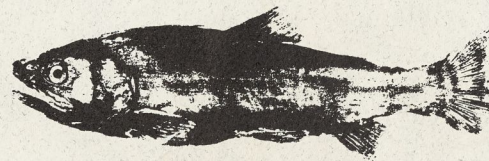
PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED MONEY ORDER FOR ^{\$}22.00 U.S.
FOR HIS COPY.

IF YOU CHOOSE, IT COULD BE SIGNED BY YOU, TO
HIS NAME, YVES BEAUREGARD.

THANK YOU
GEORGES GAUDREAU
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John Gierach
4073 Ute Highway
Longmont, Colorado 80503
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March 9, 1992

Syl,

I just wanted to thank you for your help with the spring creeks. Ed and I have reservations on DePuy's and Nelson's in the first week of June. Chances are we'll stay with Dave Carty if only because he's finally finished building his house and is eager to show it off. But let's get out and fish together, or at least have a drink.

Yours,

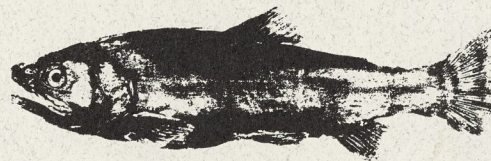
John

have eyes
no dim -

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John Gierach
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January 10, 1994

Syl,

Thanks very much for the hen necks. They're exactly what I need and should keep me in soft hackles for a couple of seasons.

If you get a chance, try these flies. The bead chain eyes are cold blued so the color doesn't wash off or chip off like it does with paint. They're not otherwise weighted, so of course they're environmentally safe. I've had good luck with them as search patterns in mountain trout lakes and as caddis emergers.

Thanks again and keep in touch,



~~203 255 3467~~

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PAT CARROLL

MAXINE
ATHERTON

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Pinehurst

NC 28374

W. Gould
159 Main St
Calais, Me 04619

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is 16.95 plus
1.25 handling for your
book "The Soft Headed
Addict"

Thanks
Bill Gould

ANTIQUE DECOYS

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Kennebunkport, Maine 04046

SHFA July 30

PAUL GRAYSON
171 SCHEIDLER APTS
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DEAR SYL -

AS PROMISED IN FEBRUARY HERE ARE
SOME WOODCOCK WINGS. THE LOOSE FEATHERS
CAME FROM THE BACKS, I INCLUDED JUST A
FEW IN CASE THEY ARE USEFUL. YOU HAVE
PROBABLY ALREADY NOTICED THAT THERE ARE NOT THE
PROFUSION OF FEATHERS I SPOKE OF IN FEBRUARY.
I SWEAR THIS YEAR'S BIRDS HAVE ARMOR FEATHERS.

I READ ERIC PEPER'S COLUMN ~~IN~~ IN FIELD &
STREAM ON S/H'S AND THE REPRINT OF ZAHNER'S INTRODUCTION
IN FLY FISHERMAN. I DON'T CARE WHAT ZAHNER
SAID NEMES IS A HOUSE HOLD NAME. HAVE YOU
DONE ANY MORE WORK ON THE NEXT BOOK?

HOPE YOUR SPRING AND SUMMER ANGLING
VENTURES WERE SUCCESSFUL. DID YOU RUN
INTO SCHWEIBERT? I MANAGED TO WORK IN
A WEEK OF FISHING ON THE P.M. DURING THE
LAST WEEK OF MAY. I HAD TWO BLANK
MORNINGS ON STRECHES ABOVE BOWMAN'S BRIDGE &
M-37 BRIDGE (NOT EVEN S/H'S COULD HAVE RAISED
A FISH). I REDEEMED MYSELF IN THE EVENINGS
WITH A DRY BOERCHER ABOVE THE JUNCTION POOL
ON THE LITTLE SOUTH. A HARE'S EAR S/H
DID PRODUCE A SMALL STEEL HEAD ON THE
SABLE RIVER WHERE IT EMPTIES INTO THE LAKE.
HAVE ^{you} EXPERIMENTED ANY MORE ON S/H'S
AND STEEL HEAD.

BEST OF LUCK GUNNING FOR DUCKS
AND WHEN I GET SOME MORE 'COCK WINGS
THEY'LL BE DONATED TO YOUR DISCATORIAL PURSUITS.

Yours

Paul Grayson

P. O. Box 3894

April 27, 1993



Butte, Montana 59701

Mr. Sylvester Nemes,
3200 Shooting Star Lane,
Bozeman, Montana 59715

Dear Sylvester:-

When you were in Butte recently you called me on the phone relative to Roger Woolley's book and some of his flies which are now in possession of Ron Shockley in Belgrade, Montana. Both of these items were in my possession for a period in excess of fifty years, and I can not recall ever giving or loaning them to Ron although there is a possibility that I may have done so.

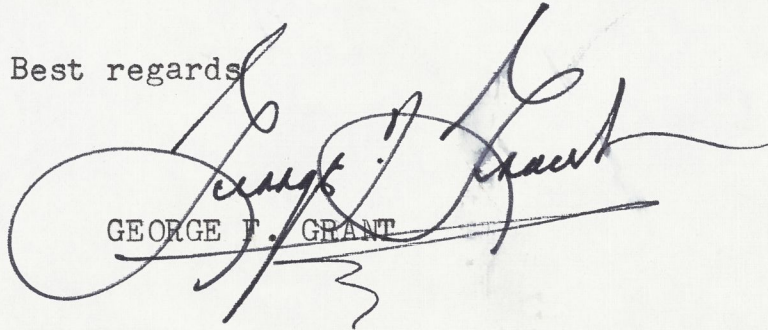
Recently in going through my store of miscellaneous items I came across a small Roger Woolley catalog that I probably received from him about 1932, and it occurred to me that it might be of some interest to you because of your work in connection with the revival of the soft-hackled wet fly, and I am sending it to you for your perusal.

Please accept this as a gift from me. I feel that your interest in this subject makes this item more valuable and interesting to you than it is to me or anyone else. I hope you will find Roger's remarks to be in accord with your own theories. Incidentally, please note on the "memoranda" page my order for the flies that are now in Shockley's possession.

I am now 86 years old and I am disposing of my belongings in an orderly fashion while I am still competent. In recent years I sold my small library to Anglers Art for \$5,000, all of which I donated to the BHRF. It contained many rare first editions and I think it was a good deal for both Barry Serviente and myself.

I hope to be able to come to Livingston in August and if so I may see you there.

Best regards


GEORGE F. GRANT

587-0340

Mr. [Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]

Dear Mr. [Name]:

I am writing to you in response to your letter of [Date] regarding the [Topic]. I am sorry that I have not been able to respond to you more quickly. I have been very busy with [Task] and [Task]. I am sure that you will understand my situation.

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Sincerely,
[Signature]



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- 1- SIGN ON WALL TO ANNOUNCE PRESENTATION.
THE MMM IS THE FRENCH ASSOCIATION "MOUCHEURS
DU MONTREAL METROPOLITAIN"
THE TWO DISPLAY FRAMES ARE OF SOFT HACKLE FLIES.
- 2- WELCOMING JACQUES JUNEAU. I'M IN THE GREEN SWEATER.
THE MAN BEHIND ME IS HENRI LEMIEUX, THE GROUP'S REGULAR
TEACHER.
- 3- A PICTURE OF THE COMPLETE SET OF SOFT HACKLES IN YOUR 3
BOOKS, ACCORDING TO THE TYER, HENRI LEMIEUX
- 4- PRESENTATION OF SLIDES.
- 5- SLIDE OF YOUR FIRST BOOK, BEING REVIEWED.
- 6- GENERAL DISCUSSION.
- 7- HENRY LEMIEUX WITH HIS FRAME OF COPIES OF THE FLIES
IN YOUR BOOKS.
- 8- FRAME OF THE SOFT HACKLES BROUGHT IN BY JACQUES JUNEAU.
- 9- FLY-TYING SESSION.
- 10- USUAL GROUP PICTURE. (MY FRIEND AND I LEFT EARLY)

DEAR SYLVESTER:

I WOULD LOVE TO OBTAIN A PLAIN HONEY DUN NECK (WITHOUT THE EDGES)
COULD YOU RECOMMEND A DEALER?

ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A SET OF SOFT HACKLE FLIES
TIED BY YOU = IRON BLUE DUN, MARCH BROWN SPIDER, SNIPE AND PURPLE,
TUPS INDISPENSABLE, PHEASANT TAIL, AND JIM LENSENRING TIE OF THE
BLACK NAT (MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE). — FOR FRAMING—

IF YOU AGREE, AND WE HOPE YOU DO, PLEASE ADVISE OF COST AND
I WILL MAIL IT TO YOU.

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VERY BEST

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NOV-15-1993

MR. SYLVESTER NEMES,

DEAR SIR,

ON NOVEMBER 6TH 1993, THE REGULAR GROUP OF THE MONTREAL FLY-FISHERMEN HAD AN ALL-DAY PRESENTATION ON THE SOFT-HACKLE FLY.

MR. JACQUES SUNEAD, A WELL-KNOWN FLY-TYER, WRITER, ARTIST MADE A SUPERB PRESENTATION, IN THE MORNING WITH A WELL RESEARCHED ON THE HISTORY, AND IN THE AFTERNOON ON FLY-TYING.

OUR OWN GROUP, THE SENIOR MEMBERS (READ OLD!) WERE SO IMPRESSED THAT WE ARRANGED TO HAVE HIM FOR AN ALL-DAY SESSION ON DECEMBER, 16, 1993.

I HOPE TO HAVE A FEW PICTURES OF THAT SESSION TO SEND YOU; I'M SURE YOU WILL BE PLEASED.

MY REASON FOR WRITING; I WOULD LOVE TO GET A HEN NECK IN A FINE HONEY-DUN HACKLE AS MENTIONED IN YOUR THIRD BOOK.

PLEASE SEND ME THE NAME OF A DEALER WHO HAS THEM. OR, BETTER STILL, IF YOU HAVE ONE TO SPARE, MAIL IT TO ME, GIVING ME THE PRICE AND I WILL SEND YOU A MONEY ORDER BY RETURN MAIL.

MOST OF THE TYERS HERE HAVE NOT STARTED USING HEN NECKS.

YOURS TRULY

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DECEMBER, 26, 1993

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U.S.A.

DEAR SYLVESTER,

FIRST, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO WISH YOU
AND YOURS, SEASONS GREETINGS, AND VERY BEST FOR 1994.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE HONEY DUN NECK;
I HAD TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON IT DURING THE TYING
SESSION OF OUR GROUP!

I THOUGHT THAT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN A
FEW PICTURES OF OUR ALL DAY SESSION ON "SOFT HACKLES"
WITH JACQUES SUNEAU, A QUEBEC AUTHOR, NATURALIST,
ARTIST AND FLY-TYER.

THE MORNING WAS TAKEN-UP BY A PRESENTATION OF
SLIDES ON THE HISTORY OF SOFT HACKLES, UP TO THE
PRESENT TIMES; EXTREMELY WELL DOCUMENTED.

THE AFTERNOON WAS WELL-SPENT ON TYING
SOFT HACKLES.

A FULL DAY WELL ENJOYED BY EVERY BODY.
THE PICTURES ARE NUMBERED ON THE BACK.
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SEND THEM BACK.

May 14, 1991

Dear Syl -

The book (signed, prepublication copy) which I ordered was literally destroyed in the mail - I enclosed it in its full package so you could see it. I decided to return it First Class as I am so excited about getting my copy =

It appears that the package must have been mashed in the handling equipment -

Regards -

RICHARD GORANSON

3200 W. METALINE PL.

KENNEWICK, WA. 99336

new
sent
1st
May
16.

Dear Mr. Nemes,

Concerning the hackles that
you have listed in the book,
the fly shops in my area are
in short supply of hen hackles
of this quality. I was wondering
if you had some for sale, if
so can you contact me at
717-427-4081 - call collect or
my address is

Anthony R. Galvin Jr.
R.R. #1 Box 66A
Weathers, PA 18255

Ans
junt 22

Thank-you
Tony Galvin

28 December 1975

Dear Jim & Warren:

One of the many great things about fly fishing for trout is that you can change your stripes whenever and however you want and not be burdened with the onus of considering yourself (or of being considered) capricious. It is all a part of the great and liberating fun to subscribe first to one school and then to another, as the spirit moves. As you know, I have in recent years come close to considering myself a member of the Halfordian band of dry fly purists, not militantly, of course, but with conviction. This letter is not to herald a sudden departure from those ranks but to share with you a discovery, or perhaps I should say, an intimation of other worlds.

The first glimmer came from an article in the late season issue of Fly Fisherman by Sylvester Nemes entitled, "The Soft Hackled Fly." Something about it suggested that it was a sound piece and that I should get his book when it was published. When I saw the book advertised in a catalog I marked it as a nice Christmas present and left the catalog open at the proper page on the kitchen table. Sure enough Santa got the message and the book was under the tree Christmas morning.

I read it yesterday afternoon, and tied some of the soft ~~hunkahnd~~ hackle flies last night. This morning I dug back into some of the books I have and I have come upon references that almost convince me that adherents to the soft hackle school have the position in the fly fishing world held by John the Baptist in the history of Christianity: they promise great things to come. Enclosed are half a dozen for your judgment and use at an appropriate time.

They make no attempt to match a hatch but intend to convey to the trout the notion that they are alive and good to eat. They are named not after an insect but after the material and the color. Thus you have two Partridge and Oranges, two Partridge and Yellows, and two Partridge and Greens. Nothing could be simpler, and according to Nemes nothing more effective. For some reason I believe him. Anyway, the names sound quite British. They should be fished across stream and a little up with just enough slack line to prevent drag and to allow you to mend the line when the current bellies it out. But I need not labor this. Check the article out if you don't remember it and it will tell all.

For me, the most exciting thing about it is Hills conviction that the Dunne Fly of Dame Juliana Berners has survived all these many years as the Partridge and Orange! And that it was not until Halford and the nineteenth century addiction to the dry fly that it lost favor. The references I mentioned above that I have been able to check support that contention.

I hope the flies prove effective for you. You can be sure that the first fly I cast in '76 will be a Partridge and Orange. Even if it doesn't take a fish it will add immeasurably to the game to have it on. Five hundred years and still swimming! That's an impressive record.

Best always.

Jim Dribble

Warren: Thanks so much for the flies, both the real ones and those on the tie. Thanks too for the Martini recipe. It is vintage Harter. And the "Beaver Damm." Even Davis would admire it. I'm not sure Cornell would appreciate either the recipe or the poem, but I hope you sent them to him anyway. April 2 marked on my calendar. My Christmas '75 project is far behind schedule, as usual. It should be ready by April anyway. Don't think you will need it before then.



MADISON, WI.

AUG. 10-95

DEAR SYL,

AT LONG LAST I'M FULFILLING A PROMISE
MADE TO YOU OVER THE LAST 2-3 YEARS.....
THAT IS A COUPLE OF HUN SKINS. UNFORTUNATELY,
WHEN I SKINNED THEM I DIDN'T INCLUDE
THE HEAD OR MUCH OF THE NECK AREA.

I CLOSED MY RENTED BOZEMAN HOME
IN MAY, SPENT A SHORT TIME FISHING AND
THEN HEADED BACK TO THE MIDWEST. THE
WEATHER HERE HAS BEEN HOT AND EXTREME-
LY HUMID.... AMPLE REASON TO MIGRATE WEST.

SOON I'LL RETURN TO MONTANA FOR
FALL ~~TO~~ ANGLING PLUS DAYS FLUSHING A
FEW BIRDS.

YOUR BOOKS ARE A GREAT PLEASURE.
SO ALSO THE PRIMITIVE SOFT HACKLE "GEMS"
I'VE TRIED TO CREATE.

DO HOPE TO VISIT WITH YOU STREAMSIDE
OR AT ONE OF YOUR TYING SESSIONS.

SINCERELY,

Lee



Zoe Rutherford
Winchester, WI 54576

MALLARDS

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DECEMBER-22-1992

SYLVESTER NEMES
PO BOX 3782
BOZEMAN, MT 59772

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DEAR SIR,

FIRST OF ALL, SEASON'S GREETINGS, AND
BEST WISHES FOR GOOD HEALTH AND SUCCESS IN
THE COMING YEARS.

THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME YOUR FIRST
AND THIRD BOOKS; THEY ARE MAKING THE ROUNDS
OF THE TABLES, AND ARE SUBJECT OF MUCH INTEREST
AND DISCUSSION AT OUR THURSDAYS FLY-TYING SESSION.

I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO MAKE MYSELF
A BELATED CHRISTMAS GIFT, AND AM SENDING YOU
A MONEY ORDER FOR \$95.00 U.S. FOR A COPY OF YOUR
LIMITED EDITION OF "SOFT-HALKLED FLY ADDICT",
IF STILL AVAILABLE.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A FEW SAMPLE FEATHERS
AS OFFERED BY YOU IN YOUR THIRD BOOK, TO SHOW
OUR FLY-TYING MEMBERS.

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON,

SINCERELY,

Georges Gaudreau

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Mr Nemes,

4/2/84

Please send me 6 copies of your book,

"The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict." Please ship
4/23/84 U.S., I would appreciate you
honoring my ship date.

Thank You,

Cal Jr.

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Apr 23
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23

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H. Gifford
Box 413
W.N.P. Wyo.
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Syl Nemes
2400 Buchanan #201
San Francisco, Cal
94115

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Dear Syl

May 31st 84

I hope first off, that you have as much trouble reading my writing as I did yours. Thanks for sending along the book and the flies. I enjoyed the book. I really liked the section on materials. And the color prints of different hatches. Its good to see the color and type for yourself. Better than a written description. Anyway, good book!

I gather from what I've read and heard that you probably love the Madison river as much as I do. I don't like being the bearer of bad news, but you would find out soon enough. The park super. opened the fishing season two days early this year. So people could get in a couple of extra days. Run-off is on and everything is high and murky. The Fishhole above New Pree was the only stream in decent shape. It was crammed, lots of fish. All small. The 25th, I went down to hole no. 2 and walked down into the beaver meadows. It was considerably changed. May rather must have been a large ice jam. Water and ice did a lot of damage. The river flood plain had grown over

for years. It was swept clean, trees uprooted, new channels cut. New lockwaters. I will ~~then~~ have to wait until the river goes down and clears up before I can determine what damage has been done to the river ~~last~~ fall. A lot has changed. Evidently, nothing has happened like this for many years. The meadows ~~are now~~ are in very new shape. New growth, grass and plants, is just ~~about~~ starting.

I will try to determine the extent of the damage and the cause and let you know more. If you are now going to be here before fall, when you can see for yourself.

I'd like for us to meet sometime. If only for coffee and a talk.

My telephone number in the park is 344-7961. My friends call me Hoppy. I'll drop you a line when I know more about the river.

Thanks again,

Hoppy Gifford

Hoppy

Box 413

Y.N.P. WYO.

82190.

Dear Mr. James

MAY 29,
~~1983~~, 83

In response to your ad in the latest, "Fly Fisherman" I am accepting your offer of "The Soft-Hackled Fly Gddiet" and three flies tied by you. I tie my own flies and would like to refine some of my own soft-hackles. Working for the U.P.S. here in Yellowstone Park I am able to fish the whole season in the park. I fish a wide variety of water here, and have done very well overall with a pencil ear soft-hackle. Also did very well with a partridge and orange on the Gribble during the brown drake hatch.

I've noticed that the regular nymphs I have been tying lately are heavily influenced by the soft-hackles. They work. I would appreciate it if you would sign my copy.

Thank you

W.H.G.

William H. Gifford

Box 413

Yellowstone Natl Park

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July 23, 1982

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
901 S. Plymouth Court
Chicago, Ill. 60605

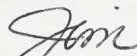
Dear Mr. Nemes :

I am interested in purchasing a copy of The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict as mentioned in the OWAA newsletter. I am attaching a check for \$10.17 which was the cost cited as the trade discount for your book.

I have enjoyed your initial volume on soft-hackled flies and I am looking forward to this recent work which I will be doing a review on in my outdoor column.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Yours truly,


James H. Gilford
Outdoor Editor

*Shipped US mail
July 27*

Union Lake, Mich.

July 12, 1982

Sybil Mermes
Chicago, Ill.

Sybil - I am writing this in order to get
a question straightened out in my mind
in regards to your book
"Soft Hackled Fly - Addict"

On page 99 where you are discussing
the question of which soft-hackled fly is
best you say that in water with high
populations of caddis you would fish
a thorax pattern, ~~and~~ intimating the
thorax patterns more closely imitate caddis.

On page 108 - it says that silk bodies
are fine for caddis and that thorax
patterns are better for mayflies.

In as much as we do not have too
many mayflies coming off around here
due to pollution, dredging, elimination
of weeds etc - I would like to know
for sure which patterns best represent
caddis.

(over)

Also I have enclosed \$2.00 for which
I would appreciate if you would send
me a couple of thoraxed flies for samples

I don't know just how thick to make the
thoraxes - Thanks.

A stamped - addressed envelope also
enclosed for your convenience.

Good fishing.

Lloyd George

flies and letter
Sent July 15

The Fly Fisherman's Library

P. O. BOX 2863 T.A. / SPOKANE, WASHINGTON 99220
(509) 747-5918

January 25, 1982

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
901 S. Plymouth Ct.
Chicago, IL 60605

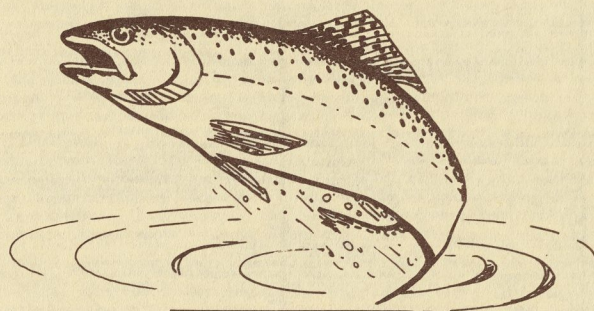
Dear Mr. Nemes:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$18.20 for one autographed
copy of "The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict."

Yours very truly,

Vernon E. Gallup

Vernon E. Gallup



Sam Esterbrook, ~~20~~ 206 699 5454
PO ~~621~~ 61453

Vancouver Wash
98666

Dear Sir:

Please send me
one copy of
"The Soft-Hackled Fly
Addict"

Sincerely

Roger Grobe

9404 Sprucedale Dr.

Fushing

Mich. 48433

Enclosed \$ 18.20

Union Lake, Mich.
Feb. 22, 1987

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
Chicago, Ill.

What is the price of your ^{new} book
"Soft Hackled Fly Adhst."

I have the other book as was
real impressed and tied up
several of the flies. - however I'm
not at all sure I'm getting
them sparse enough - I would
like to know if I could
purchase some of your ties.

I am not a trout fisherman
but sure go for gills and had
quite good luck last summer
using the soft hackles +
small jigs - the jig on bottom
on two hackles tied on six
to eight inches above on
two lb. test line - ultra
light rod.

give price

J. George
4821 Avonlea

48025 Union Lake Mich

Union Lake, Mich.
Mar. 4, 1982

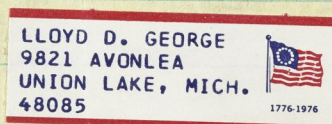
Sylvester Nemes
Chicago, Ill.

Attached find Chk # 5324 (good) in the
amt. of \$21.95 split up as follows

Book "The Soft Hackle Addict"	—	\$16.95
1st class postage		3.00
And I hope two (2) of your soft hackle	✓	2.00
flies Size 12 that you would		
recommend especially for lakes.		
		<u>Tot. \$21.95</u>

The check is good so please
do not hold up order on that acct. Thank you

P.S. I would also like the flies
to check against my own ties
to be sure I'm doing right.
Also I'd appreciate the autograph.



SHELBY R. GIBBS
3101 AVALON PL.
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77019

January 20, 1982

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
901 S. Plymouth Court
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Nemes:

I see your advertisement on Page 92 of the January/
February 1982 issue of Fly Fisherman.

The ad is a little puzzling to me. I make the following assumptions:

1. The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict is a new book.
2. It contains all of the information in the Soft-Hackled Fly plus more.

If these assumptions are correct, I would like the book. I enclose a check for \$18.20. If they are not correct, please write me and tell me what the facts are.

Do not tell anybody, but I want you to know that I caught a trout on Dermot Wilson's Itchen water last spring on a killer pattern that Al Troth recommended. It is a partridge and peacock with a red butt. I tied it myself.

I have a friend who said he broke off many a big fish fishing soft-hackled flies in the Madison inside Yellowstone in the late summer of 1980.

If you have some favorites that you don't mention in the book, I would appreciate your giving me the benefit of your choices. I would also like to know if there is experience on which flies work best for bass and panfish.

Sincerely yours,

Shelby Gibbs

Shelby R. Gibbs

SRG/em
Enclosure

Edward Graham
121 No. Broadway #11-K
White Plains, N.Y. 10603

Nov. 24, 1981

Syvester Nemas
901 S. Plymouth St.
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed \$8.20 for one copy of
"The Soft Hatched Fly Addict". Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Edward Graham

B. L. GAMBLE
P. O. BOX 463
LIVINGSTON, MT 59047

May 23, 1982

Cartridge Press

Gentlemen

Please forward me a copy of Syl Nemer
"The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict."

Enclosed is my check for \$18.20

Sincerely

Burt Gamble

Dr. Solomon Gross
DENTIST
1807 WILLIAMSBRIDGE RD.
BRONX, N. Y. C., N. Y. 10461
—
TALMADGE 3-1829

August 18, 1981

Mr. Syl Nemes
901 So. Plymouth Court
Apt. 204
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Syl:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$16.95 for a
copy of your new book "The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict".

I would also like a listing of the items that you
have for sale. (FLIES)

Sincerely,

Solomon Gross D.D.S.
Solomon Gross, D.D.S.

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Enc.

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MR. NEMES,

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Ken Gerry

mailed Mar 30



Wm. Stebbins

Saw your ad in "Fly Fishing"
magazine —

Please send me "Soft-Hackle Fly addict"
and one dozen flies —

Including check for \$29.95

Boob & flies
mailed
May 13

Albert Gretz
S.R. Box 19
Olinburg, Pa 15764

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James L. Gott

JAMES L. GOTT
620 OAKWOOD AVE.
ROSELLE PARK, N. J. 07204
Jan. 17, 1982

Dear Mr. Names,

Enclosed \$18.20 + ¹⁶1.25 = \$19.45
for an Autographed copy of "The
Soft-Hobbled Fly Addict".

I enjoyed your first book very
much and have a lot of good times
with the soft hobbled flies I have made.
Some time ago I saw an ad in
EFM for the sale of your flies and
meant to send to you for some, but
got busy and did not. Is it possible
to get a few samples now? Please
let me know what they will cost.
(over)

Also please autograph the book to me.

Thank You very much for
a fresh look at things.
a fellow angler,

Jim Gott.



John Gierach
4073 Ute Highway
Longmont, Colorado 80503
303-823-6966



September 15, 1991

Syl,

Before I forget, Knox Burger can be reached at 39 1/2 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012. Phone: 212-533-2360. As I said, he's done a real nice job for me.

The day after I saw you at the show some friends and I hiked up into the Indian Peaks wilderness area where we got snowed on, blown on and caught cutthroat trout and shot some ptarmigan. Ever tie with ptarmigan? I'll stick a few feathers in. They make real handsome soft hackles.

Keep in touch,



Ciderhouse

*John having
prayer for
Owen
Mearry*

Sylvester Nemes
Dept. FS
P.O.Box 3782
Bozeman, MT 59772

September 12, 1990

Dear Mr. Nemes:

Please send me a copy of your book, "The Soft-Hackled Fly." Enclosed is a money order for \$16.95 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling. I understand that this is the cost.

Thank you,

Nick Gordy

Nick Gordy
3847 Montgomery NE #931
Albuquerque, NM 87109

USPS Sept 15



Señor Sylvester Nemes
P O Box 3782
Bozeman, MT 59772

Señor Nemes,

It was very enjoyable speaking with you on Easter Sunday. I will henceforth remember the correct pronunciation of your name; going back to its roots; phonetically "Nemesh".

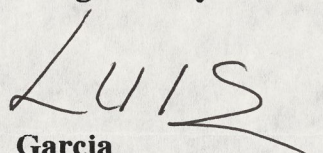
Enclosed you will find a money order for \$75. It will cover the cost of a signed photograph and 4 flies tied personally by you for my fly collection.

When ready please send the signed photograph and flies to the following address.

Green Mountain Mail Center
ATTN: L A Garcia
767 South Xenon Court
Lakewood, CO 80228

If you happen to find yourself in the Denver Metro area anytime please call me. I would like to show you the way I framed your flies for my collection. Everyone that has seen my collection really likes it.

Muchas gracias y linias tirantes,


L A Garcia
11 April 1993

*6 Flies & photo
0585 way 4*

Hello Mr. Nemes

I was online at the Feather-Craft Fly Fishing Catalog site. They said that I could get a signed copy of "Six Months in Scotland" by writing to this address, also to mention Ed's name & you with include a salmon fly "Salar's Nemesis" with the signed copy for \$29.95
Enclosed please find a check for \$29.95

Thanks
Bob Glover

Robert C. Glover
5608 Greenly Ave. NE.
Albuquerque, N.M. 87111-1845

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this
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p.s. if the offer is no longer valid please destroy the check. I would also be very interested in buying some of your flies if you sell them.
Thank you so much for all you have contributed to the sport & to fly tying. I have your series of soft-hackle fly books & love tying them & even more fishing them.

Thanks again
Bob

800-659-1707

Mailed July 25

