

Merlin J. Johnson, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.



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10-3-03

Dear Sylvester,

I enjoyed your visit with us on the Missouri R.
Also I enjoyed seeing you tie trees, mallard coddies,
and the soft hackles.

I'm enclosing 3 pictures - you bussing Linn at
the Oasis, you and Will Colson at the Oasis, and you
and Gordon Saccombe and Will in front of the ranch
house.

Dont forget to send the book I ordered.

Best regards,
Merlin

Stephen C. Johnson
Financial Consultant

Private Client Group

33 W. Monroe Street
Suite 2500
Chicago, Illinois 60603
312 269 5152



5-12-93

Dear Mr. Nemes,

Enclosed is payment for the limited edition of "The Soft-Hockle Fly Caddis". I'll look forward to visiting with you again and meeting you on a trip to Montana.

Sincerely,
Steve Johnson

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

11 February, 1998

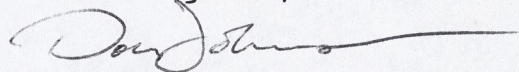
Dear Mr. Nemes,

I am writing to determine what your fifth book relating to fly fishing is titled. I own "The Soft-Hackled Fly", "The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict", "Soft-Hackled Fly Imitations", and "Spinners" and was unaware that there was a fifth until I noticed the paragraph on the back portion of the slipcover to "Spinners". Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated as I thoroughly enjoy your work, am somewhat of a soft-hackle fanatic myself, and would like to finish out my "Nemes Collection" by purchasing this title.

I would also like to purchase a few of your personally-tied patterns. If you would be so kind as to forward a price for about a half-dozen or so I would be grateful. These patterns are for my private collection and are not for resale, if that makes any difference.

Your attention to these matters is greatly appreciated, and if you ever find yourself passing through North Idaho it would be an honor to meet and possibly wet a line with you. Thank you for taking the time to peruse this. Take care.

Best regards,



Don Johnson
70 Burke Canyon Road
Wallace, ID 83873
(208) 556-1007

5/19/90

Dear Mr. Pencer,

Enclosed is a check for a copy
of your book, "The Soft-backed
Fly". Thanks for your contribution
to a fine sport.

Sincerely

Jim Hansen

515 Lost Horse Rd.

Hamilton, MT.

59840

USPS

May 23

4 January 1976



Dear Mr. Kerner,

Since it has not been
my good fortune to meet
you as the "Soft-Hackled-Good
Fairy" of the stream I must
enclose a \$10 check for
a dozen of your flies. I
should like an assortment
in order to copy them in
my own insect fashion.

It is a wonder that our
paths have not crossed though
I too was born and raised
in Ohio, Lima in Allen County
to be exact. I was fortunate
to have a fly fisherman for

a father and me fished many
in fact all of the streams
mentioned in your delightful
book. I just finished the
book - enjoyed it immensely.

In your travels you must
fish the only natural trout
stream in Ohio, the Mad
River near High Point
Bellefontaine. This summer
while fishing the small
clay banked stream ^(my son & I) we
were walled in by huge
corn fields. The farm was
one of my father's old farms
a man 90 years old (he re-
membered me fishing there
as a lad in the 40's. I
was fishing a tiny 10g.

(a line too old to cut the mustard)
Leonard (40 years old) and
hooked a brown which was
too heavy for me to set
the line size 20 midge
I had on. The rod merely
bent double, sprang back
with a bit of a set, as
the TX tipped and fish
each went separate way.

Say it, there are large
trout in that tiny stream.
They lie schooled together
like salmon waiting the
gate, always near the
gray clay which is carved
like a subaquatic pueblo.
The upper stretch of the
stream is owned by a

Oh, but most farmers allow
access across their fields,
Locals rarely bother with
the trout but seek the
equally sporty smallmouths
in the slightly warmer pools.

Well, I digress, as they
say. Thank you in advance
for the flies, thank you for
the enjoyable moments
sharing your story.

Walter Fletcher Jones


Sylvester — Enclosed is m.o.

Please send me autographed
copy of your tome "The Soft-headed
Lily Addict along w/ 3 4 lines.

Would you please send to my
office address;

Sent
Nov 2
V.S. Post

Bob Julius
90 Ingham County DSS
930 W. Holmes Rd
LANSING MI 48910

Thank you
Bob 

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Jacoby
4519 Haywagon Way
Ellicott City, MD 21043



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the 'F' stamp rate



Syl Nemes
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Bozeman MT.
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BOSTON

Please send me a signed copy of
Soft - Nacked Fly Imitations.

Ship To:

Fred Jacoby

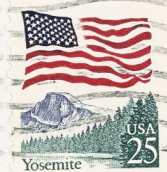
4519 Haywagon Way

ELLICOTT CITY Md. 21043

Enclosed is a check for \$22.95.

Thank you
Fred Jacoby

John M. Jazwa
2727 Chadwick Court
Westlake, OH 44145



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Bozeman, MT 59772



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February 4, 1990

Syl Nemes
P.O. Box 3782
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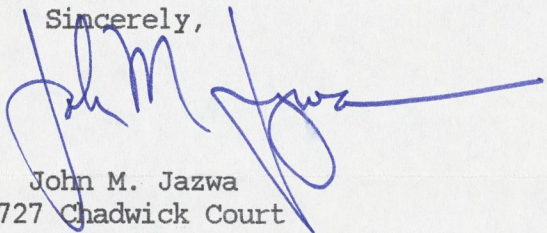
Dear Syl,

I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of your book. I will definitely take you up on it!

Concerning another matter, I'm considering moving out your way, and a fly fishing friend of mine from Jackson, WY said he'd never move to Bozeman because he thought it was too darned windy. I wonder what you think about that, and any ideas you might have about where a fellow could move out there and still make a living while fishing and skiing.

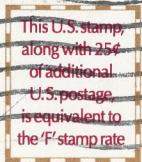
Thank you again for your offer, and I look forward to receiving your new book. If you can offer a selection of the new flies, please include them and let me know what I owe you.

Sincerely,



John M. Jazwa
2727 Chadwick Court
Westlake, Ohio 44145
(H)216-892-1179
(W)216-941-8100

MILT. JENKINS
1445 W. OLIVE ST.
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BOZEMAN, MT. 59712

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S.L.U. UT. 84123

SYL:

ENCLOSED FINE A CHECK FOR
\$ 22.95 FOR YOUR NEW BOOK "SOFT
HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS."

CONGRATULATIONS!!

THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING ME AND
PUTTING ME ON THIS PREFERRED LIST.

AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

MILT JENKINS

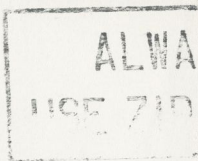
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R JOGONIK

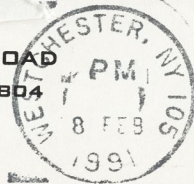


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Dr. R. B. Jogodnik
Dr. Sean Bell
Dr. Penny Nemzer

2/8/91

Dear Syl -

looking forward to the new
Book - you can send it to my
office address above -

Thanks -

R. Bell

*Rich -
Syl Nemes sent me
two of these - thought
you might like one.
Keith*

Syl Nemes
PO Box 3782
Bozeman, MT 59772

February 1, 1991

Dear friend of the Soft Hackle:

You may have heard I have been working on a new book on soft hackles since my retirement here in Bozeman, Mt. Now, after three years testing new patterns and one year writing, **SOFT HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS** is finished and will be published sometime in April by me and my wife, Hazel.

This is the most advanced and perhaps the most enlightening of the three books I've written on the soft-hackled fly because each pattern was designed to be used during the rise of certain trout insects. There is a midge, pale morning dun, four baetis, two tricos, callibaetis, green drake, mother's day caddis, mahogany dun, rusty spinner, and freshwater shrimp. There are also six soft-hackled patterns for eastern waters designed by a good friend of mine who fishes in the Catskills most of the year. If I've left out your favorite hatch, there is a chapter on designing your own soft hackles to help you match the hatches in your own backyard.

All of the new imitations are as easy to tie as any soft hackle, still basically a two part fly of body and bird or hen hackle. You will see all of the flies in color, photographed, as well as painted by James Marc, fine artist from California who also happens to be an avid fly fisherman. Included are all of the new dressings and tying and fishing instructions on most of the great trout water in Montana and Idaho.

SOFT-HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS also has an introduction by Dave Hughes, himself a proponent of the soft-hackled fly.

The 6 x 9 inch, 120 page book is bound in fine sail cloth and will retail for \$27.95. I'm writing you with a pre-publication offer of \$22.95 ppd. This means you will be first in the country to receive your first edition copy, autographed by me, long before the book appears in stores and fly shops, if you send your payment now.

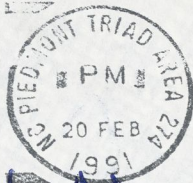
Thanks for your previous purchases, phone calls and letters. Now, there is quite an army of followers and believers in the soft-hackled fly.

Sincerely,

Syl Nemes
Syl Nemes

*Keith Fulcher gave me
this - we met in Montana
at Bud Kelly's shop to the
west of Bozeman
new 2nd flg*

R. Johnson
5842 Stoney Glen Loop
Greensboro, NC
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Sybil Nemes

P.O. Box 3282

Bozeman, MT

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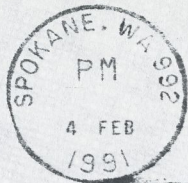
Dear Mr. Nemes:

Please send me a copy of Soft
Hackled Fly Imitations as soon as it
is ready as I want to tie some of
your flies for the Spring season.
Thanks!

Lik Johnson

Rick Johnson
5842 Stony Glen Loop
Greensboro, NC
27409

Dr. & Mrs. Byron Johnson
Rt. 3, Box 544A
Spokane, WA 99223



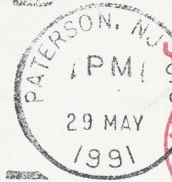
Syl Nemes ✓
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Enclosed is \$22.95 for your new
Boat - Thanks -

Byron Johnson
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Spokane, Wash.
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Johnnie Johnston



FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Mr. Sylvester Nymes.
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NJ. 07432.

DEAR FIEND MISER FARTY,

HI git yu buk, san chu Hit hees vari fin.
Op alwil fry hof tru widow Ok. Mine udder fiend gav chuck mony
has peasant. Luck i ham dee poison dat has same, hav yes, OK.
HI wood lick four two wolk hear fortith son hin Otel.

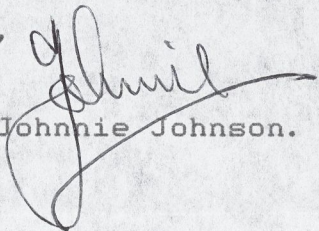
kiN reaGard,

Manuel.

P.S. Hi tiP preedy gud Yesss.

My very best wishes to you, success with you new great book,
on my type of fishing, from way back. The first fish I took
on fly, as a very young boy, was on a Partridge and Orange.
They have always had a space in my flybox ever since. Hope to
see you during the summer or in Denver at the tackle show.

Kind regards,


Johnnie Johnson.



With Compliments

Regards & Best Wishes.

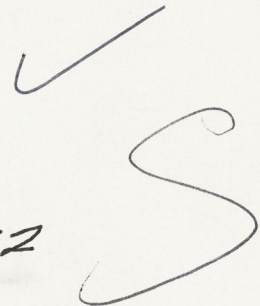
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2/14/91

Dear Syl:

Your new book
sounds exciting please
send me one:

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C.D. Judy
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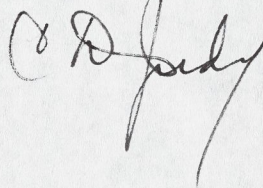
24 April, 1991

Dear Mr. Nemes:

Please send 2 autographed copies of Soft-Hackled Fly Imitations and flies to me at the address below. One copy is for me and one is for a raffle at a meeting of the Washington Fly Fishing Club. I'll get your book a little free publicity. Enclosed is a check for \$59.90.

C. D. Judy
4800 Fremont Ave. N. #208
Seattle, WA 98103

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. D. Judy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "C. D." and the last name "Judy" clearly distinguishable.

JAN - 4/91

Gentlemen

Kindly send me a copy of "The Soft -
Hacked Fly" Enclosed is a ck. for \$20⁰⁰

your advertised price in Fly Rod & Reel (Jan/Feb)

thank you Doug

DOUG JOHNSON

755 96th AVE SE.

Bellevue WA 98004

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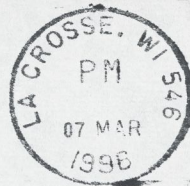
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Mr. Richard Johnson
3019 Green Bay Street
La Crosse, WI 54601-6958

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Mr. Syl Nemes
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Bozeman, Mt. 59772

Syl Nemes
PO Box 3782
Bozeman, MT 59772
406 587 8301
Jan 16, 1995

Dear Fly Fishing Friend:

Well, I'm writing you to tell you about my new book, SPINNERS, the first book dedicated solely to adult mayflies. I spent three years collecting, studying and identifying spinners (with the help of an entomologist from Montana State University). The book records dates of appearance, molting and mating habits and colors, shapes and sizes of nearly 40 species. There are more than 30 new spinner patterns which are quick and easy to tie from readily available materials. A new winging method (the most difficult part of tying a spinner as you know) is described using only hackle fibers which are divided, flattened and pulled with wetted or waxed thumbs and forefingers. (No difficult figure 8's.)

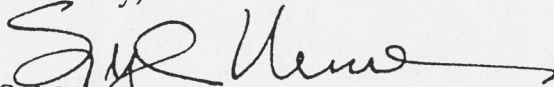
New patterns, like Syl's Gold Plated Spinner™ and Syl's Gold Tail Spinner™ are highly productive during a spinner fall and are also very effective during the hatch of duns. There are also dun/spinners with the body of spinners and wings of duns to be fished anytime, and doubles, two small flies tied on larger hooks for better visibility and better hooking.

The book is 6 x 9, with 157 pages of black and white text and with a 16 page color section featuring some rare macro photos of spinners including one just molting out of its dun skin.

The book features fine vellum binding from Dekker Book Binding in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and should be ready to mail before the end of January. This milestone book will retail for \$34.95, but I'm writing you with a pre-publication offer of \$30.00, post paid, which means you'll receive your first edition, signed copy long before the book will be available in stores and fly shops, if you send your check now. You will also save several dollars.

If you want to find out more about the book, please call me at 406 587 8301. You can also charge the \$30 to your Visa or Mastercard credit card.

Sincerely,


Syl Nemes

March 7, '96

Dear Mr. Nemes:

Check enclosed - please send copy of your new book "Spinners". I've been "hooked" on soft-hackled flies since your first book The - Soft Hackled Fly way back in 1975 or 1976.

I am looking with anticipation to your
new book.

Sincerely,
Richard Johnson-

John C. Jones, D.D.S.
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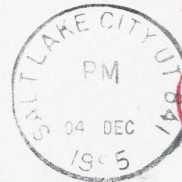
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Sylvester Keweenaw

P.O. Box 3782

Bozeman, MT 59712



R. T. Johnson
345 Howard Ave
New Haven Ct.
06519

Dear Mr. Nemer,

Enclosed is a check for Soft-Hackle
fly Imitations.

Thank you
Bob Johnson

USPS
DLR

April 10, 1990

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

Dear Mr. Nemes:

From your recent ad in the Classifieds section of the March 1990 issue of Fly Rod & Reel magazine I would like to order a copy of The Soft-Hackled Fly along with a dozen soft hackles tied by you. I am enclosing a check for \$ 29.95 as you request in your ad. My address is

Dr. Robert E. Jungman
1416 Shelor Drive
Ruston, Louisiana 71270

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Jungman

Robert E. Jungman

USPS Apr 18

John M. Jazwa
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Westlake, Ohio 44145



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P.O. Box 5092, Hamden, Connecticut 06518

Established January 21, 1961

January 1, 1991

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Housatonic Fly Fisherman's Association. Although we have approximately 450 members in 13 states, our dues alone can't support all the activities that have made our club successful. We need your help. Our main source of revenue is a raffle at our annual banquet, which will be held on March 16. Our speaker is Ed Jaworowski, nationally known writer and fly fisherman.

We are asking for your support by donating a fishing or sporting item as a prize for our raffle. All gifts are displayed with the donor's name, and they are listed in the Housatonic Quill, our club newsletter. Also, you will receive a letter of thanks.

The raffle proceeds support some worthwhile activities, including a scholarship fund at the University of Connecticut, fly tying lessons, a yearly riverbank cleanup, Bitterroot egg stocking, and a fly fishing seminar. Over the past year, we have introduced Irwin strain rainbow trout into the river, and after a year in the river, we can claim this program is a success.

Over the last few years, the HFFA has won many awards, including the Federation of Fly Fishers highest club award - The McKenzie Cup. Our club is also an active member of the Federation of Fly Fishers, the Housatonic Valley Association, the Connecticut Sportman Alliance, and the Connecticut Fund For The Environment.

The Housatonic has gained a reputation as one of the finest brown trout fisheries in the East. Help us continue to promote the sport of fly fishing. Please consider our request. If policy or excessive demand make a donation impossible, we have limited funds available to purchase outstanding gifts which are offered at a significant discount.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Johnson
Second Vice President

Please ship all contributions to: Robert E. Johnson
61 School St.
Berlin, CT 06037

*Hope you
can help us out
again this year
Bob*



04/11/97

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

Dear Mr. Nemes,

The combination of advanced wings, a soft hackle, and a modified Glanrhôs style of winging and hackling a fly creates a soft hackle/wet fly that is both attractive and effective. To start, place a standard dry fly hook (straight or down eye) in a vise and attach the tying thread at about the 1/3 point behind the eye. Work the thread back to directly above the point of the hook just as you would on a traditional soft hackle. Initiate a dubbing loop and advance the thread back to within a few turns of the eye of the hook. Fill the loop with a spikey dubbing material, spin the loop and advance to the tying thread and tie off. Trim the excess loop material and start wing/hackle preparation.

For these flies I like to use upland game, hen saddle, or other soft, pliable feather such as starling or hen neck. Start the preparation by choosing a feather that has barbules a little longer than shank length of the hook. Hold the feather with the concave side away from you and the tip pointing to the right. Grasp the tip of the feather and strip all of the downy material off the quill. Next stroke the remaining barbules back until the length of the tip is shank length. Carefully remove all the barbules from the top of the feather (see illustration). With the concave side of the feather still facing away from you tie the feather in so the tip section extends out over the eye on the top of the hook. Only use two or three turns of thread or this area of the fly will get too bulky. Wrap two turns of the hackle material and tie off with two turns of tying thread. Trim the excess very close. The tying off process was done over the extended tip of the hackle feather and has probably left it (the tip of the feather) parallel to the shank out over the eye. Whip finish a head by lifting the hackle tip up and tying the head under and in front of this wing. This will cant the wing up and give a better appearance of an emerging wing (in my opinion). Cut the thread, cement the head and go fish.

Variations include using a different color thread for the dubbing loop than what is used for the head (so the body looks more realistic and the thread blends in better at the front of the fly) and using floss or feather barbules (pheasant tail) for the bodies. Tails can be added or a few fibers of antron can be used to simulate a trailing shuck.

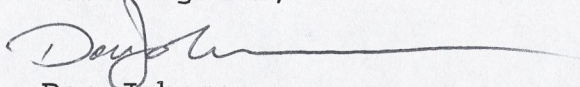
This is an effective fly that was spawned from your **Soft-Hackled Fly Imitations** and the Glanrhôs style you described within. It wasn't until I read the Summer 1995 issue of "Fly Tyer" that I realized I wasn't really tying a true Glanrhôs style wing because it was out over the eye much like the Venables pattern depicted in that issue. I am not 100% positive but I believe the Glanrhôs style leans back over the body or is in a more verticle position, perpendicular to the hook shank. The Winter 1996 issue was also extermely interesting with the Mole fly and the Pont Audemer. I think these are a lot closer to the pattern that I tie in that hackle tips (of some sort) are used and the hook is tied upon in a "normal" fashion, even though the bodies on my flies are not hackled or palmered. I have still been unable to find any information on tying flies like this but I am sure it has been done before. If you have any information or suggestions on how I could improve this pattern, please let me know.

This fly has fooled quite a few fish in Rocky Ford Creek (WA), the Clark Fork (MT), and the Coeur d' Alene and St. Joe Rivers (ID). I tie these in sizes 10 through 16 in colors ranging from cream to black and primarily use hen grouse (Ruffed), partridge, or starling. When using floss I stick with yellow, orange, olive, and purple.

Another addition, not related to the above, is that on soft hackles where there is a floss body and some sort of fur thorax, I tie between 5-10 white or grey antron fibers in directly in front of the thorax before I tie in the hackle. This adds a little sparkle to the fly, maybe simulates a trapped air bubble or wings at emergence, and really enhanced the effectiveness of the flies that I added it to.

Keep up the great work! I have all your works, except **Spinners** (which I hope to acquire soon), reread them frequently, and always seem to find something I didn't pick up on the previous times I read them. They are getting a little ragged on the edges, but all great reference books do over time and with use. Patina is what I call it. Thanks again for taking the time to read this, I hope the directions are clear and concise.

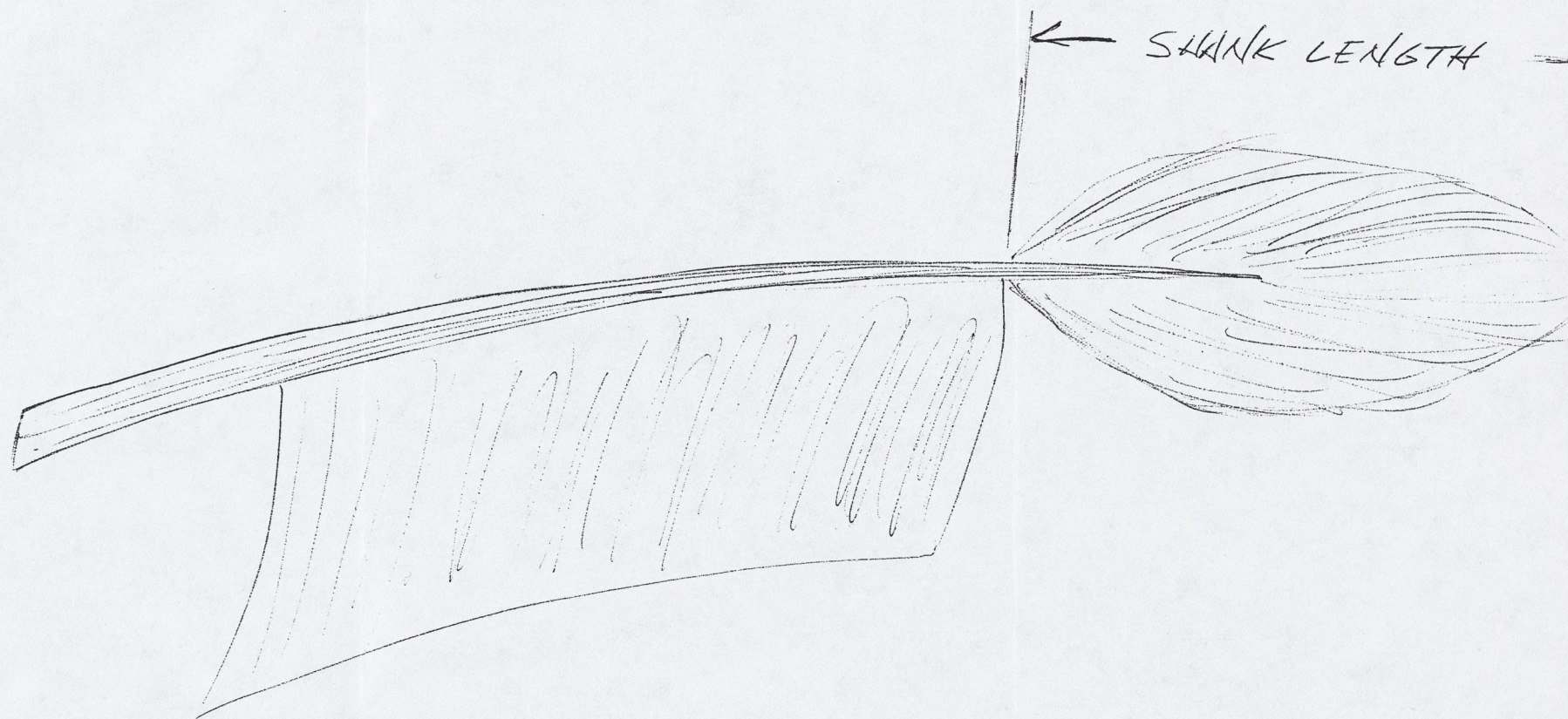
Best regards,



Don Johnson
Canyon Creek Angling Co.
70 Burke Canyon Road
Wallace, ID 83837
(208) 556-1007



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CONCAVE SIDE OTHER SIDE.

18 April 95

Mr. Nemes,

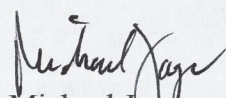
A few days ago I purchased your most recent book, and I enjoyed it very much. I became interested in soft hackled flies after reading your article in 'Fly Fisherman' magazine several years ago, and my advocacy of soft hackles has grown with the addition of your book.

Of the many books on fly fishing that I have read, one of the more interesting to me was one by Jack Atherton, The Fly and the Fish. In it, he describes the overall effect of colors and their combinations to produce a life-like effect in his flies. And they have been effective for me! What I have done that is probably unique and might, therefore, be of interest to you, is that I have combined the use of soft hackles with Atherton's mixture of colors to produce my own collection of soft hackled flies. This collection, composed of the Hendrickson, the March Brown, and the Green Drake, perform exceptionally well during the major hatches on Eastern rivers. Particularly noteworthy is the Green Drake imitation. Aside from the slight variations in body material and ribbing from those materials that you recommend in your book, I hackle the fly with soft hackle from the back of a male ring neck pheasant. These feathers are large, they're marbled, and they're tipped with green. When spun around the shank of the fly and tied slightly back, they produce an effect that looks amazingly similar to the wings and legs of the Eastern Green Drake. Furthermore, these hackles are fairly stiff and add some buoyancy to the fly.

Finally, I realize that it's been some time since you published your latest book, but in it you offer to those without access to them a sample of rusty-edged hen hackles. Should that offer be good to this day, then I'd appreciate a sample. Thank you.

Best wishes for fishing success during the upcoming season.

Warm regards,



Michael Jaye

Michael Jaye
240 Dodge St.
Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027

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The Crest of Quality

November 3, 1978

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
10824 Hendricks
Crown Point, Ind. 46307

Good Morning, Sylvester:

Irrepressible angler Mel Leven has told me something of your past history, how you first met in Idaho, of your later successful tome titled "The Soft Hackled Fly", etc.

On a tip from Mel, I'm sending you a Cortland 444 Sink-Hed Rocket Taper (30 ft. tip) in the WF6F/S weight for your nymphy fishing. At your convenience, we'd be very interested in your report of performance.

All success!

Cordially,

CORTLAND LINE CO MPANY

R. F. Jennings
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R. F. Jennings
Director Public Relations

RFJ:lh
encl.- Forecaster

cc: Mel Leven

MR. IVOR JONES,
"NETHERBY,"

88 CLYDE TERRACE,

SPENNYMOOR,

CO. DURHAM.

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The Crest of Quality

October 30, 1979

Mr. S. Nemes
Apt. 1604, 400 El Randolph
Chicago, Ill. 60601

Good Morning, Syl:

Thanks for your letter of October 25. As I was unable to find a record here of the particular 7 weight line I had sent, will appreciate your advising - and I'll try to come up with a 4 or 5 in the same thing.

The Marvin K. Hedge and the English "HERON" fly lines sound interesting. It was a long time ago but I can remember when the Marvin K. Hedge tapers were cutting quite a swath in the fly casting world.

We just took on a new agency in Syracuse, N. Y. (Sage Marcom, Inc.) and they will need time to show what they can do. I'm enclosing a sample of their work (with which we were well pleased).

Will await your further word on the line I sent.

Cordially,

CORTLAND LINE COMPANY

R. F. Jennings
Director Public Relations

RFJ:lh
encl.

P. S. We could have been in West Yellowstone about the same time - we stayed overnight at the Westwood Lodge (Sleepy Hollow was full) on September 26th.

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The Crest of Quality

December 5, 1978

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
400 E. Randolph, Apt. 2518
Chicago, Ill. 60601

Good Morning, Syl:

Thanks for your letter of November 29, and the fly line in question is being re-shipped to above address. Sounds like you had a real ball during your stay in Montana (and all on the soft hackles)!

I was interested to learn that Grant-Jacoby, Inc. once had the Berkeley account. Was this a fairly recent change, and who is the present agency ?

Happy that we have been able to track you down at your present "lair" - and we trust that our Cortland 444 Sink-Hed Taper will live up to its advance reputation in your capable hands.

All success!

Cordially,

CORTLAND LINE COMPANY

R. F. Jennings
Director Public Relations

RFJ:lh

cc: Mel Leven

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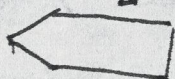
DEAR SYL —

DURING OUR CONVERSATIONS
AT THE SWOFF CONCLAVE
IN L.A. I MENTIONED A MATTER
I'D BEEN USING ON MY SOFT-
HACKLES. (I'M THE PATIENT ONE
WITH THE BEARD) OVER DRINKS
AFTER WHITLOCK'S PROGRAM
I SAID I'D SEND YOU SOME—
SO HERE IT IS. I BUY FOR
ABOUT \$1 50 A YARD AT A
GIFT WRAP SHOP. IT'S NOT TOO
DURABLE, BUT WORKS WELL
EVEN WHEN A BIT CHEWED.

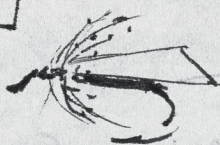
I CUT IT IN ~~THIN~~ STRIPS,
CUT A POINT ON ONE END,
TIE IN THE POINTED END AND
FOLD IT LIKE A KING'S RIVER
ODDIS WING, THEN TRIM THE
END AT AN ANGLE.

I'VE INCLUDED AN EXAMPLE.

BEFORE TRYING



AFTER



THANKS FOR YOUR
HELPFUL HINTS AND A
GREAT BOOK.

Rich Jenne

MR. SYLVESTER NEMES
3200 SHOOTING STAR LANE
BOZEMAN MT. 59715

DEAR MR. NEMES:

PER A CONVERSATION WITH TOM
PAPPAS, I HAVE ENCLOSED
\$700 FOR 3 LIMITED EDITION
BOOKS, EACH NUMBER 180 AND
THREE 1ST EDITION, 1ST PRINTING
BOOKS WITH A FLY TIPPED IN.

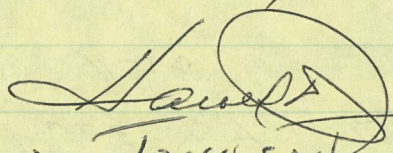
I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE
YOUR PERSONALIZING THE REGULAR
FIRST EDITIONS TO HAROLD JOHNSON
AS WELL AS WRITING IN THE
TYPE & SIZE OF THE FLY YOU
TIP IN. FEEL FREE TO WRITE
ANYTHING ELSE IN ALSO.

ALSO PLEASE RESERVE NUMBER
180 OF YOUR NEW SPINNER BOOK
SO I CAN HAVE A MATCHING SET

THANK

OVER

✓
THANKS ALOT FOR THIS
OPPORTUNITY, I REALLY
APPRECIATE IT!


HAROLD JOHNSON
6631 E. KELLOGG
WICHITA KS

67207

Chuck Jackson
12706 N.W. Burnham Dr.
Lig Harbor, WA. 98332

Ahoy Friends,

Got your book, Fly and feathers. Thanks so much. Having my priorities in proper order I am now tying soft hackles and am in the process of reading your recently received book. Great Book!!

The flies I have sent for your enjoyment are in the "Syl Glasso" style. The 7th fly I designed I've decided to name Syl's Fancy. It gives me untold pleasure to do this for special people in my life.

My reading caught up with Syl Memes in late 1980's via "Soft Hackle Flies" and life hasn't been the same since. And that my friend you may consider a compliment.

I'm looking forward to meeting you - soon!!!
Your son Eric is sending me his catalog and also 8 morehen wings. Is there such a thing as too many??? ☺

Must get down and get this to UPS and as I go, I go thusly — get um all located and I'll come help you with the round up!

Sincerely,
Chuck



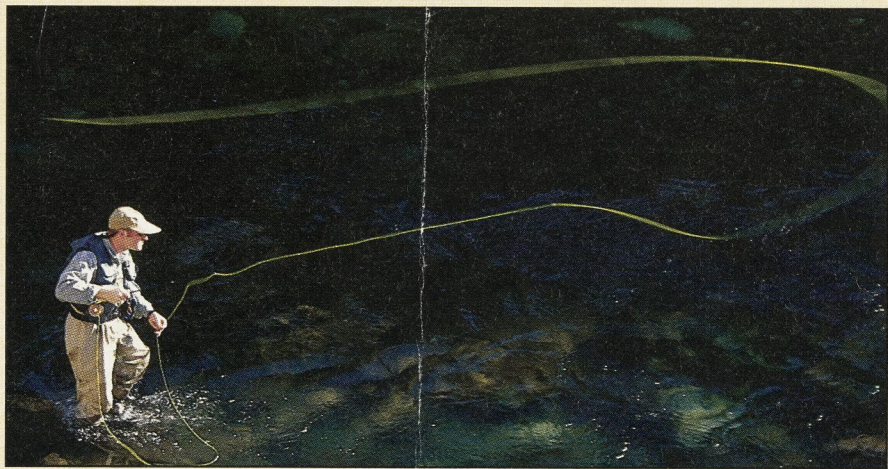
Mike Jacobs
Hawkeye Fly Tyer
203 E 1st St
Monticello IA 52310

Syl -

Thank you very much for sending me the books. I haven't had a chance to read through them yet, but I'm ~~g~~ sure I'll greatly enjoy them once I get the chance.

Take care of yourself. Maybe I'll get the chance to see you out on the stream in MT. Someday.

Tight Lines
Mike



The best fly fishers, like this one on Idaho's Payette River, spend far more time studying the water and moving into position than they do casting. Constant random casting or noisy wading

only spook unseen fish.

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MARCH • 1998

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JOHNSON POST ANGLERS
"THE CLEAN WATER CLUB"

176 WASHINGTON ST.
WARWICK, R. I. 02888



Lylester Nemes
981 S. Plymouth Ct.
Chicago, Illinois 60605

48 Arthur Street
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888
January 26, 1982

Dear Lues.

On March 28, 1982, our organization is planning its 14th annual fishing show known as, "The Wonderful World of Fishing." The program consists of fishing films produced by Paul Hukonen, a nationally renowned sporting enthusiast and inbred fisherman.

Along with the films, we will run a series of raffles for fishing equipment and supplies.

We hope to expand our fund-raising efforts in a new direction by asking for donations of a sampling of products from many local and national manufacturers. Realizing the current economic situation as it is, we would appreciate any representative quantity of your product no matter how small it may be.

We will, at the time of presentation, make known the fact of this donation from your company.

With your donation we will be able to promote your quality equipment and stimulate public interest in the sport of fishing.

Yours truly
Bill Johnson, President

~~For my friend~~

for ~~that~~ my good old
friend Mike
~~Mike~~
Cef

For ~~my~~ friend
For my ~~friend~~
For my special friend.
Mike. Special
because you were
~~with me~~
for miles ~~to~~
followed me
on the bank

August 23, 1982

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

Dear Mr. Nemes:

Yes, I would love to have an autographed copy of your book. As of this year I have become a wet fly fanatic; I still do not fool many Browns with the "wets", but the Rainbow and I have established a new rapport since I started wrapping starling and partridge around some Mustad 3906's this season. (I won't even mention our Vermont Brookies, since they will clobber almost anything.)

Enclosed find my check for \$19.45.

Sincerely yours,

Brian Joyce

BRIAN JOYCE

37 PERRY ST. #3

BARRE, VT. 05641

TEL: (802) 476-5964

Martin Jaffe
1959 N.E. 181 Street
N. Miami Beach, FL 33162

SEPT. 13, 1982

MR. SYLVESTER NEMES:

SHIP-1 EA. "THE SOFT HAETLE FLY ADICT"¹⁾

\$18.20 TOTAL

Per. check enclosed

Truly Yours

Martin Jaffe

P.S. I have your first book. Very Good!

M.J.

1-18-82

DEAR MR NEMES:

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR
\$18.00 FOR THE SOFT-HACKLED
FLY ADDICT.

W.R. Judd
716 BRAFFERTON DR.
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15228

BOB JULIUS
3418 FOREST RD
LANSING, MI 48910



Sylvester Nemes
901 S. Plymouth Ct.

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Chicago

NEMES

2400 BUCHANAN' #201

SAN FRANCISCO CA 94115-1912

P.J.'s 25168.:

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PANTS:

ONE PIECE:

John
W. Jones

6384
C. J. Jones
135mm

7/8/87

Sylvester Nemes

PO Box 3782

Bozeman, MT

59772

Dear Mr Nemes:

Please send a copy of your book
and 12 Flies as advertised in Flyfishing for
October '87. Check enclosed. Thanks.

Scott Jordan

Mailed
July 14

SCOTT W. JORDAN
7010 ELNA NE.
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87110



John C. Jones, D.D.S.
Practice Limited to Oral Surgery
560 S. STATE, SUITE F
OREM, UTAH 84058



Sylvester James
Dept FS
P.O. Box 3782
Bozeman, Mont. 59712

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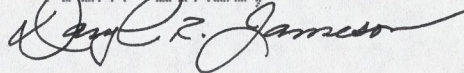
DEAR SYL

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND MY CHECK FOR \$29.95 FOR YOUR NEW RE-ISSUE OF "THE SOFT-HACKLED FLY" ALONG WITH A DOZEN SOFT HACKLES TIED BY YOU AS ADVERTISED IN THE NOV/DEC "FLY ROD & REEL".

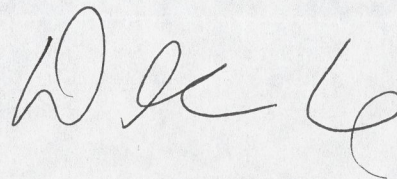
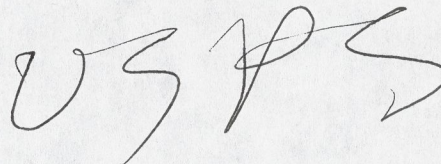
I ALSO INCLUDED A SNAP SHOT OF YOU AND ME TAKEN DURING CONCLAVE. REMEMBER...I'M THE ONE WHO GAVE YOU SOME PEACOCK HERL TAKEN FROM OUR BIRDS ON THE FARM IN KLAMATH FALLS, ORE. IN TURN YOU TIED A SOFT HACKLE FOR ME. IT CONSISTED OF GREY THREAD...PEACOCK HERL...PARTRIDGE HACKLE...AND SMALL AMOUNT OF MUSKRAT DUBBING. THE HACKLE WAS TIED UP OVER THE TOP AS A WING SO AS TO IMITATE AN EMERGING CADDIS. FOR THE LIFE OF ME, I CAN'T REMEMBER THE NAME YOU CALLED IT.

ANYWAY, HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR STAY HERE IN EUGENE FOR...CONCLAVE 90...EVEN THO WE WERE HAVING A HOT SPELL AND THE FISHING WAS SLOW. I HOPE TO MAKE IT TO WEST YELLOWSTONE THIS SUMMER FOR CONCLAVE 91 AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

TIGHT LINES,



DARYL R. JAMESON
3277 KEVINGTON
EUGENE, ORE. 97405





Mar 23, 1977

Mr Sylvester Nemes
10824 Hendricks
Crown Point, Indiana
46307

SHFA
July 31

Dear Mr Nemes:

Please send two
dozen of your soft-backle flies as
advertised in Fly Fisherman. Size 12
would be good, mixed patterns. Thanks,
check enclosed.

Sincerely,

Scott W Jordan
7010 Elva, N.E.
Albuquerque, N.M.

87110

P.O. Box 21, 3rd St.
Benton, Penna. 17814

Sylvester Penna

GHA

July 31

Sir:

Enclosed \$10.00 for one dozen of your
soft hackled flies. Traps - snipe, purple
pleasant tail etc.

I have your book and enjoyed it
very much - when I saw the illustrations
of your flies it brought back memories
of one of the great outlaw type characters
that used to stalk the Lehigh River here
in Penna. He shot grouse and fished for
trout - not for sport - but for payment
by the resort hotels in the area.

At the time I fancied myself as a
pursuit (Wing Fly snob) as were most of the
young men on the river at that time.

Oh! This man would catch fish
when no one else could - including some

pretty fair minnow fishermen.

I got to know him well and one day he showed me his flies. They all looked the same - like your grouse and orange - the only difference in them was body color the hackle was all body feathers of the Ruff Grouse.

I enjoyed your look and it brought back memories of those long ago and happy days on the Letice River - and of the above mentioned man perhaps the greatest trout fisherman that I have ever known.

Sincerely

Robert Johns

PLEASE SEND DOZEN

SHFA
July 31

SOFT-HACKLED FLIES TO

ROBERT L JOLY
TWIN BIRCHES
CARLAND, MAINE 04963

6-10
6-12

Bob Joly



8/7/90

Please send me
copy of your book
"The Lost Hackle Fly" to

John C. Jones, D.D.S.
Practice Limited To Oral Surgery
560 S. STATE, SUITE F
OREM, UTAH 84058

Enclosed \$18.75.

Thank
