

Reviewing some more of our library wealth and this time I reviewed 2 DVD and 1 CD.

Let's start with one of the DVD's. The DVD is called **Tips From the Traveling Fly Fisherman**. This one features Jack Dennis, Mike Lawson and Gary LaFontaine. A lot of this takes place on the Henry Forks and Western Rivers and includes tips on casting including practice casting techniques and techniques relating to how to strike and when to strike when a fish takes the fly. There are tips on how to prevent wind knots and equipment recommendations, windy day fishing and nymphing. This DVD gives you tips on what the best time to fish and some of the most amazing underwater shots for that time and some nice fish. The kicker is that the entire video is quite long and it is an older video with quite a bit of talk time. Additionally there is a sad note to this video in that it addresses Gary's contracting ALS and it includes a memorial.

The video itself has one large attribute which is it is broken down into 11 different sections and you can choose to watch those that you want and exclude others. Overall I would say it's a pretty good video but if you are going to watch all of it you are going to have to set aside a goodly amount of time as some of it deals with the camaraderie between these 3 men.

The next item I perused was a CD called the **Realistic Fly Tyer pattern**. Obviously these are patterns created and tied to realistic represent the bug or item in question. Now before you get yourself in a panic and say I would never go there, it's not that bad. Yes there are patterns that I wouldn't personally try on my best and most delusional day. There are however some patterns that I would reasonably attempt and a couple that I could see making some changes to and then tying. There are even a couple of whimsical patterns there just to make

you smile. What's most important is that each pattern has a basic set of directions and pictures and a second file that takes up the whole computer screen and is very much like a power point presentation. The graphics and instructions are most effective. So if you have every wanted to give some realistic a try this would be the tape for you. I would note that I had trouble opening two patterns. One of them was the folder with Jan Muisers and the other Johan Put. It may have been by computer so you may or may not want to check those out.

They say you save the best for last. Well I don't know if it is the best but it is a classic. The last one is the **Lee Wulff Master collection**. These are classic shows from the 60's and up through the 80's. It includes, Lee, Joan and Curt Gowdy. It includes Tuna Fishing, Tarpon fishing, Salmon Fishing and of course trout fishing to mention a few. The title says it is 14 of his best films. I don't know if it's his best but I can tell you that I enjoyed them. I was amazed at the quality of the sound and the video given when these were done. Of course some are in the narrative mode since it was so long ago. But I still picked up a few tips on fishing. Watching Lee and Joan catch trout and salmon on featherweight outfits is enough reason to watch these. Seeing Lee make one cast with a three fly rig and catch 3 trout weighing in at a total 17 lbs on a 6' 1 3/4ounce rod is amazing. Follow that up with Joan catching a 10lb salmon on a 6' rod or better still Lee catching one on a 3' tippet rod. In between all of that it is interesting to see Lee tie up flies with no vise while shooting the breeze with Curt Gowdy. Again the shows run about a 1/2 an hour each so you will need some time but they are most enjoyable. And as with the other one you can pick and choose what you watch.

Tight lines
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