

Library Thoughts from the Professor Vol. 2 Chapter 5

This month I will be reviewing a book and a DVD from the Library. Hopefully I am back on track and will try to get you a couple more over the next few months.

The first review is a DVD named **Jack Dennis Tying Salt Water Flies with Jimmy Nix**. I will tell you right off the name is somewhat deceiving in that it sounds like Dennis and Jimmy will be tying together but that is not the case. Jimmy does all the tying and that is all you need as he knows his stuff. The DVD includes brief sections of fishing for the species for which the fly has been tied which you can choose to view or fast forward through. I also have to warn you that this is a two volume set so the time to view it is considerable (about 2 hrs) but well worth it if you are going to be going after various salt water species. In just the first volume you have patterns like the Baited Breath, Bonefish/Redfish Bunny, Epoxy Fly and a number of others. It also talks about a few tools need for saltwater tying. There are a few new techniques and materials that are keyed to saltwater patterns. Oh an important part of this is the use of epoxy both 5 min and 30 min which you will need to become proficient at if you want to tie salt waters. If you are going south and are going after different species then this would be an excellent DVD to watch. It covers Tarpon, Redfish, Bonefish, Barracuda, and Snook and even a few more. Now this won't be the end all for all flies but I think you would be in good shape if you tied a few of each to put in your box. Now I will say that some are somewhat complicated but nothing any fairly seasoned tier could not accomplish. Many are really simple

patterns that even a beginner could handle.

The next review that I did was a small book (159 pages) called **Fly Fishing Small Streams by John Gierach**. This is a book that I picked up hoping in some small way that it was going to give me some special technique or secret that would make it easier and me more successful fishing small streams. It did not quite give me that magic wand but it did provide good insight and a picture into the uniqueness of small streams that we may be overlooking. It includes all the usual crawling on your hands and knees and keeping your rod tip and for your body from casting shadows on the stream. It also talks about a low profile and walking softly up on the banks all old and wise tenants. He also talks about different rod sizes and fly lines to match to the rods and how you need to change some of your thinking. What it probably does best is to relate techniques and flies used on big water to the small water. Additionally it talks about casting and fishing techniques on the small waters and what seems to work best. He points out that often those little waters that are nearby sometimes hold bigger fish and you are driving right by what could be some very fun and rewarding fishing. **That's all for now so.....**

Tight Lines
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